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Message from Our President

Welcome to the new academic year. The start of term saw the arrival of the School's new Headteacher, Mr Ed Goodall, who joins us from Dr Challoner's Grammar School. We wish him well as he settles into his new role and look forward to working with him closely.

The 2023 edition of The Borlasian magazine was published over the summer and can be read [here](#). As ever, it provides an impressive summary of all the School's activities over the past academic year.

We were delighted to welcome back many alumni to the [Old Borlasian Club Annual Dinner](#) on Saturday 7th October.

Several other events will take place between now and the end of the year: the Club's Annual General Meeting on 5th December (please get in contact if you are interested in joining the committee!), the annual Old Borlasians Carol Service at All Saints' Church in Marlow on 14th December, and the President's Sherry Party for the School Staff on 15th December. I look forward to seeing some of you at these events.

Best wishes,

Gregory Lim (OB 1997 - 2003)
President



Message from Headteacher

Greetings, Old Borlasians, wherever in the world this edition of the newsletter finds you. Approaching the end of my first term at Borlase, I can tell you that there is truth in the warning that was given prior to my start that the first year of Headship is "like drinking from a fire hydrant" but I'm thoroughly enjoying the role and pleased to be clinging to the mantra, "so far, so good." Over the last 8 weeks I have been delighted to be inducted into the unique culture of the school including the Performing Arts Day for Year 7s in their first week and the Performing Arts and Societies Fayres which are a testimony to all that goes on beyond the regular curriculum. As well as visits to plays, Keats' house, and to Washington and New Orleans for certain Year 13s, we have also welcomed students from our partner schools in Ávila, Spain and Saarburg, Germany maintaining a truly international flavour. Meanwhile, Chapel assemblies (just another thing in a long line of "firsts" for me this term) have reflected on topics from the creation of first impressions, the responsibilities that come with privilege - echoing lines from the first Headteacher I ever worked under - mis- and dis-information and the character of the All Blacks.

It has been a pleasure to meet a number of returning Old Borlasians whose time at the school has dated back from 3 to 70 years ago; I hope that I will be able to meet many more of you at the events which will celebrate the 400th anniversary of the school's founding next year.



Save the Dates

The Old Borlasians Carol Service, All Saints' Church, Marlow
December 14th, 2023

Old Borlasians vs Current Students Annual Cricket Match
June 28th 2024

Open Day at School & Old Borlasian Dinner in the Evening
June 29th 2024

Borlase 400 Family Summer Music Festival
July 13th 2024





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Calling all your interesting Memorabilia!

For the above event we would LOVE to be lent some interesting mementoes you may be sitting on from your time at Borlase – individual items we may not have!

Do you have an old school report, printed orders, interesting detention letters (!), awards or certificates, a cup or medal or anything that tells part of the Borlase story tucked away somewhere? You may have some photos taken at school of buildings and people in the 20th century or earlier! If you do, we would love to hear from you. Have a rummage and let us know by contacting icains@swbgs.com.

Celebration Dinner!

On the evening of June 29th we will be holding the Borlase 400 Celebration Dinner and Ball at the school. All Old Borlasians (Staff and students) are invited to join the Borlase Community from all round the world to celebrate 400 years of Te Digna Sequere as we gather to celebrate this incredibly special year. We would be delighted if you would join us!

Guests will have an opportunity to visit our 400-year exhibition, revealing our journey through history in Marlow and to celebrate with us at our spectacular Borlase 400 Celebration Dinner designed by a local, ex Borlasian chef and influenced by the recipe book of Lady Borlase of Bockmer House, home of Sir William Borlase in 1624 when the school was built.

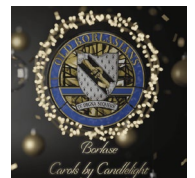
More details to follow before Christmas – we will send you the link for booking. However, if you know you would like to attend and would like to reserve a table for 10, or indicate names who would like to attend we would note this in our planning. There are 400 places and absolutely thousands of Old Borlasians.

Sponsoring the Events

We are seeking sponsors to support our events to create the most memorable experience for all our guests. If you would like to know more about how you or your company can be a Borlase 400 Sponsor and partner us this year, please contact icains@swbgs.com or kaymountfield@swbgs.com – we would love to hear from you.

Old Borlasians Carol Service, All Saints Marlow

Our Old Borlasians Carol Service includes the 'Old Borlasians Choir' and is a special service for members of our Old Borlasians community. Doors open at 6.15pm, mulled wine and mince pies will be served by the Friends of Borlase inside the church from 6.20pm and the service will begin at 7pm. To sign up to join us for this candlelight service please click [here](#).



Borlase 400 – Join us to celebrate! June 29th 2024

In 2024, our school celebrates its 400th anniversary. On Saturday 29th of June, members of the school community - past and present - from all over the world, plus VIPs from the local community will gather to celebrate this incredibly special year.

We would like to invite you to join us! Guests will have an opportunity to visit our 400-year exhibition, revealing our journey through history in Marlow and to celebrate with us at our spectacular Borlase 400 Celebration Dinner.

More details to follow!





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Borlase visit by Cherie Booker, niece of Ken Snakehips Johnson (OB 1929–1931), Band Leader and Dancer

On the 19th July, just a few days before the end of the summer term, we were delighted to welcome Cherie Booker to Borlase.

A few years earlier the School had received a letter from Cherie who lives in the USA saying that she was the niece of Ken Snakehips Johnson and was interested in learning more about her uncle and the time that he spent at Borlase as a pupil in the late 1920s. Furthermore she was planning a visit to the UK in the near future and was very keen to visit Borlase as part of her trip.

Her letter was passed on to me as I had some knowledge of Snakehips as my father had been at Borlase with him and remembered him well. Some years ago my father had helped provide information to a journalist who was writing a biography about the famous dance band leader and also to the BBC for a programme about him. I began communicating with Cherie by email and I sent her various published items of interest about her uncle but the Covid pandemic then got in the way of her planned visit to the UK and it was a few more years before finally she was able to make the trip.



I collected Cherie from her hotel in Henley and brought her to School. In West Street she gave a sharp intake of breath as I pointed out to her the dedication plaque to Ken Snakehips Johnson on the frontage, the first tangible evidence of her uncle's life at Borlase. For those that do not know about him, Kenrick Johnson lived in British Guyana and was sent to England to further his education. His family hoped he would become a doctor but it was music and dance that were his great interest which led to him forming a very successful West Indian dance band in the late 1930s. The great tragedy was that he was killed in an air raid during the Second World War while performing at the Café de Paris in London.

His cremated ashes were immured in the School chapel so it was natural that we paid a visit to see the chapel and the wall plaque that honours him. A tour of a few parts of the School ended in the Stuart Lever Room where Cherie could inspect the collection of school memorabilia which includes a storyboard about Ken Johnson and various photos of his time at School. She enjoyed chatting with those present over coffee and learning more about the very special School where her uncle had spent a few years far removed from his family. Our welcoming group included Kay Mountfield, Seth Miall Head of Music, Ilona Cains School Development Director, Greg Lim our President and two senior pupils.

Cherie thoroughly enjoyed her Borlase experience and we marked her visit by making her an honorary member of the Old Borlasian Club. After leaving School I completed the tour by driving her around some of the delightful Chiltern villages on our way back to Henley.

Tony Compton
(OB 1957–1964)





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Borlase's Tom Dean Reigns Supreme In Japan

At the 2023 World Aquatics Championships in Japan, Tom Dean walked away with a staggering four medals, grabbing GOLD in the men's 4x200m freestyle, silver in the 200m freestyle and bronze in the 200m individual medley and 4x100m mixed freestyle relay.

Tom plans to defend his 200metres freestyle title and race in the 200m individual medley in the Paris Olympics next summer. He also hopes to compete in the 100m freestyle and wants to be involved in the three men's relays — the 4x100m freestyle, 4x200m freestyle and 4x100m medley.

Such a packed race schedule will push Tom to the limit but he is setting himself a goal to break the British record for most medals won at a single Olympic Games.

The swimmer is targeting a minimum of five gongs at Paris 2024, which would see him surpass the feat of team-mate Duncan Scott, who won four at Tokyo.

And of course, for his services to sport, Tom was awarded Freedom of the City of London at a ceremony last week. Congratulations Tom – and we wish him every success at the Paris Olympics next year.



Remembrance Service

On the 10th of November, Borlase came together to pay tribute to all those who serve and those who have given their lives for our peace and freedom. A service was held in the chapel, with student speakers and music from our beautiful school choir. It was attended by our Year 7 pupils as well as Old Borlasians. This was followed by a gathering of the whole school on the tennis courts. The names of the fallen Borlasians were read and remembered. The whole school then observed a Two Minute Silence.





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Sir John Borlase Goes for a Wash and Brush up

So, there I was minding my own business at the top of the house in the attic, just quietly hanging about. Well, I wasn't actually hanging, more sitting on the floor dumped in a dusty dark corner behind a load of old pictures and frames. I had not seen anyone for ages, all very quiet up there. A few years ago, some people would come up here and fill the room with smoke and talk about a game called football and complain about working conditions. They don't come anymore but the smoky smell still lingers.

Then one day a couple of people came in and lifted me out of my sleepy corner wiped some of the dust off my face and declared that I could be important. Well, I am, I know I am, I'm John the grandson of Sir William Borlase no less. So they took me out of the attic and hung me up in the old entrance hall which they now call "Reception". The place seemed familiar, and I remembered that this is where I used to live many years ago before someone in their wisdom took me down and confined me to oblivion in the attic.

Anyway, I am now off to meet a lady called Aniko Dioszegi who is going to smarten me up. She is a skilled art restorer,

and I am going to come back to Borlase looking as good as new including my splendid frame. They say I might need some touching up but I am not too sure I like the sound of that. However, I have confidence in Aniko being kind and gentle with me and I look forward to eventually being reinstalled in my commanding position in Reception where I can look down on all the School's comings and goings.

Apparently my 'face lift' is free thanks to those kind School Trustees who are going to foot the bill. Do look out for me later this term and don't forget, "Te Digna Sequere" as Grandad used to say.

Tony Compton
(OB 1957-1964)



A trip Down Memory Lane – Part I – A History of the Cloisters

Perhaps the most recognizable image of Borlase is one of the Cloisters. They were built in several stages during the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. The oldest section is on the eastern side, with the Staffroom (originally a dormitory for boarders that was converted into a Library in Mr Booth's time) on the first floor.

To accommodate the growing number of students in the 1900s, it was decided to build a new Assembly Hall that could be divided into two classrooms. The architect was W. A. Forsyth and the builders were Y. J. Lovell and Son. Building began in the summer of 1909, and the foundation stone was laid with Masonic ceremony by the Earl of Orkney on 13th October of that year. Speech Day of 1910 was held in the new Hall, which had been completed at an estimated cost of £1,522.





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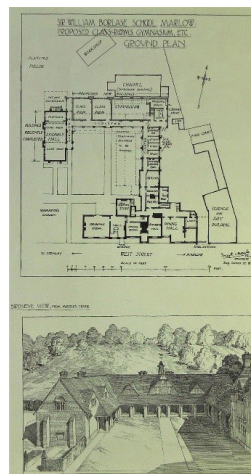
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A trip Down Memory Lane – Part I – A History of the Cloisters Continued

In October 1909, it was suggested that three additional classrooms should be built, joining up the new Assembly Hall with the old buildings, and forming the north side of the Quadrangle. The School had some funds in reserve, but substantial contributions from governors, Old Borlasians and other benefactors were required to meet the estimated cost of £2,645. The most generous donor was Thomas Owen Wethered. Building began in March 1911, and the two new classrooms and the Swedish gymnasium (now the Stuart Lever Room) were ready for use by the start of the September term.

Further donations from C. A. Cripps, Hornby Lewis, Sir George Higginson and the Old Borlasian Club enabled the Governors to crown the new block of buildings with the iconic clocktower, and the new buildings and the old were made more attractive by the addition of the Cloister walkways that we know today.

These beautiful buildings are a lasting testimony to the foresight and generosity of previous generations of Borlasians.



Poetry Corner

THE ARTIST

In a dirty bare-floored room
The artist works his hours away
Armed with canvas brush and paint,
Expressing what no words could say.

Thoughts that in normal life
Stay closed behind a door
Yet when the brush begins its work
The door is closed no more.

Radiant colours, blue and white,
Red, like blood that gushes
Are mingled on the canvas broad
Rough-grooved by many brushes.

M. Coventry. IVa.

AN ODE:—

What I owed to Homework.

It's Physics, Maths and French tonight,
And History tomorrow.
My science notes just look a sight.
Now whose book can I borrow?

The Maths 'tis plain I cannot do
And mother's at a meeting.
If only dad could do it too.
But that is really cheating!

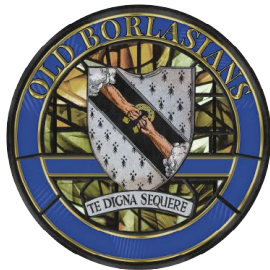
Now as for French 'tis clear to see
I'll never get it right.
It's more like double-dutch to me.
'T will take me all the night.

This homework really is a shame.
I feel in such a plight
For "Take Your Pick" and "Army Game"
Are on T.V. tonight.

So doing homework here I sit
Until I go to bed.
I promise I'll abolish it
When I become a Head.

P. Curtis. IA.





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Designing the Boathouse – The Architect's Tale

It all began with a quick sketch on 'the back of an envelope' as so many projects do. More than twenty years later planning permission was finally achieved for a new Boathouse for the School's Boat Club. In between times a lot of water has flowed under the bridge and with it came much frustration and despair but finally relief with the hard-fought successful result.

Well, after 50 years in practice this was nothing new to me. Obtaining planning permission for any scheme had become harder and harder with Council Planning departments demanding more and more information in the form of specialist reports to support an application. However, I never lost hope and always believed that it was a worthwhile project that should be welcomed in the Marlow community and deserved to get approval. When Borlase Boat Club had to leave Marlow Rowing Club at the end of 2005 a small group of us who had a link with the School and its Boat Club [I was coaching at Borlase at the time] had already started to look at possible sites for a boathouse a few years earlier.

To cut a twenty-year long story short we looked at about half a dozen sites in and around the Marlow area all of them on the lower reach down to Cookham. They all threw up problems either with access, flooding, purchase cost or getting planning permission. During the early part of this process Borlase joined forces with Great Marlow School and the Marlow and District Schools Boathouse Trust was formed to drive the project forward for both schools who would eventually share the boathouse.

My early sketch led to a variety of design proposals in most cases quite developed in detail and submitted informally to the planners. Very soon I was unofficially the project architect, and it stayed that way for twenty years which I had never envisaged and all carried out as pro bono work done in my spare time.

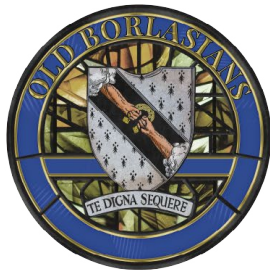
The site that we eventually succeeded with was a last resort. The owners of the field downstream of the Marlow by-pass bridge agreed to allow the Schools Trust to purchase part of it next to the embankment. The boathouse is actually designed as two buildings to reduce the visual impact of the scale and volume of what would be a large building in the Green Belt. We eventually convinced the planners that it was a much-needed facility for the children of Marlow schools and that it would sit comfortably in that open landscape.

At the end of my long career as an architect I see the Boathouse as my swan song [pardon the pun] and I look forward to seeing it finally built and in use giving the same pleasure to children enjoying rowing on the river that I enjoyed many years ago.

The final push is to raise enough funding to make that a reality. Let's hope that is not such a difficult and lengthy task as getting planning permission.

Tony Compton.
(OB 1957-1964)





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A trip Down Memory Lane – Part II

One of the big improvements while I was at Borlase was the funding and building of a small swimming pool. There were a number of fundraising events such as fetes, one of which featured professional wrestling including some of those wrestlers seen on Saturday afternoons in those days.

Prior to the building of the pool swimming lessons were conducted elsewhere. We were marched, en masse, through the town, down past the church to a point before and to the left of the bridge. Changing facilities were scant and the only safety measure, in an often-fast flowing river Thames, were some metal rings on chains attached to the bank. The “lessons”, mostly about how not to drown, were usually conducted by the Games Master, Dai Williams. His somewhat “not taking part is not an option attitude occasionally resulted in him diving in to prevent a boy from drowning.

It was unpleasant, it was cold and, frankly, it was dangerous. Getting dry and back into uniform was difficult before the march back up through the town to school, desperately hoping that it wasn't salad for lunch.

Anyone who was there will never forget the winter of 1962/63. It started, as I recall in November. We had over a week of freezing fog, temperatures stayed well below 32 degrees, Fahrenheit of course, and the trees were encrusted with thick frost. Travel to and from school was slow, trains and buses were either not running or running late. Little did we know that the freezing fog was just the starter before the main course. In late December on a Saturday evening a high-pressure system to the east of the UK ran into a deep low pressure system centred over northern Europe. This created a northerly air flow with gale force winds and heavy snow. I

remember waking early on the Sunday to do my newspaper delivery round to a snowdrift across the bedroom floor where the window facing north had been open.

By the time Christmas Holidays were over and we returned to school transport was operating, albeit with difficulty and often late, but the Home and Colonel's meadows were covered in deep virgin snow. Lunchtime on that first day back was taken up with a snowball fight which became, effectively, Prefects against the rest.

Cross country that year was an impossibility so games periods were spent in the Gym with all the equipment deployed for games like British Bulldog in which one selected player would stand in the middle while the rest tried to get past to the far end. Anyone tagged joined the catchers. The miracle is that no one was hurt, well not seriously.

Those of us still wanting to hone our rugby skills at lunchtime or during free periods (shush, don't tell) would change into kit and boots and go onto the Home Meadow and split into two teams. The object was to kick the ball to gain territory and eventually, when close enough, take a shot at a drop goal.

It remained below freezing throughout January and February and only in March did the snow finally disappear by which time most of the ice slides, especially those terminating at a wall were off limits.

Tony Wootton
(1957 – 1964)

Old Borlasian Club Annual Dinner 2023

The Annual Dinner of the Old Borlasian Club was held on Saturday 7th October. The attendees included Borlase alumni, past and present members of staff, and representatives from the current prefect team. Drinks were enjoyed on the Cloisters Lawn, serenaded by Borlasians Tom and Matt Shaw and their father Adrian, followed by a delicious dinner in the Stuart Lever Room. Puddings were generously provided by Margaret Nixon, Cathie Wells and Julien Bussell. Some Old Borlasians were returning to the School after many years (the oldest attendee started at

Borlase in 1947), and others had travelled from overseas (Switzerland and Canada were mentioned!), so there was a wonderful sense of reunion.

During the course of dinner, the President ‘took wine’ with those who had been at the School under the various Headteachers, starting with Mr W. S. Booth. After the Loyal Toast and the Silent Toast (in memory of Borlasians who had died since the previous dinner), the President and the Headmaster proposed the toasts to The School and to the





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Old Borlasian Club Annual Dinner 2023 ...Continued

Old Borlasian Club, respectively. In their addresses, they each reflected on the strong sense of history as the School enters its 400th anniversary year and the importance of preserving this heritage for future generations (as the School Song puts it: "To keep unsullied its renown must ever be our care").

The President reflected that it was not an inevitability that the School should still exist after 400 years, and Borlase had been threatened with closure at various points in its history. Dwindling numbers of students, financial insolvency and even a Headmaster convicted (perhaps unjustly) of assault and libel all very nearly resulted in the demise of Borlase

School. However, each period of adversity was met with resolute determination from those who loved the School to see it endure, and Borlasians of today owe these individuals a great debt. A rousing rendition of the School Song, accompanied by Pearl Chubb on the piano, drew the evening's proceedings to a close.

My thanks to the Old Borlasian Club committee and the School Alumni Office for their help with organising such a convivial event.

Dr Gregory Lim (OB 1997–2003)
President, The Old Borlasian Club



Where are they now? – John Barry (1948–1954)

As a pupil John joined the Normans House and his main study interests were History, Latin and Music with a particular passion for the violin – John is still an avid player now! John was awarded a copy of Pepys' Diary as a form prize in 1952. He also excelled in athletics particularly the hurdles and was quite a good shot on the School firing range.

His fondness for the School is amply shown in the number of friendships forged during his time here. John especially remembers David Desborough, born within 200 yards of each other and 6 weeks apart. Elementary and

secondary pupils together, they recently made a happy trip to Borlase for this year's Annual Dinner, where they met 2 more contemporaries. Also Tinny Townsend, who was at one time Gold Medal winner and Head Boy. In future years John was destined to take his place as Honorary Secretary of the Old





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Where are they now? – John Barry (1948–1954) ...Continued

Borlasian Club. In Tinny's final illness, around Christmas 2019, they found themselves together in the same ward in Wexham Park. Tony Compton, Hon. Sec. at the time, kindly came to visit John as did Cathie Wells, current Hon. Sec. Quite remarkably there were 3 Honorary Secretaries spanning over many decades in the same room.

On leaving Borlase John entered the Civil Service and worked at H.M.S.O – the Stationery Office at Holborn Viaduct, followed by National Service in the Royal Air Force (Fighter Command – 11 Group) maintaining Chain Home Radar equipment. Thereafter John was employed in local industry in Accountancy and IT.

John and his wife, Andrea, live in Cippenham, in fact they bought the house in 1970 so have always remained

local to the Marlow area. Even though John's schooling days at Borlase are in the distant though happy past, he has always stayed in close contact with the School and is still an active Committee member of The Old Borlasian Club. John joined in 1963 so is in his 60th year of service and was Club

President in 1984 – his desire to support the School as much as possible continues unabated.



Marlow Town Regatta

For those Old Borlasians that may have moved away from the area, many of you may well remember Marlow Regatta as an important forerunner to the world renowned Henley Rowing Regatta.

Boat Clubs from far and wide used to converge on Marlow during the 2nd week in June to prepare for Henley. Quite often the rowing was of an extremely high standard with many crews battling out very tight finishes.

But, in 2001, Marlow Regatta moved to a man made lake at Dorney in order to help expand and attract a larger number of international competitors.

The Dorney Lake Project was financed and built by Eton College, who saw the need for having a dedicated stretch of water for rowing. Due to increasing river traffic on the Thames, training was becoming increasingly difficult and at times dangerous.

Marlow Rowing Regatta continues to thrive at it's new home but what of Marlow Town Regatta? It remains an important part of the town's summer calendar of events but with greater emphasis on younger crews providing invaluable experience for their future rowing careers.

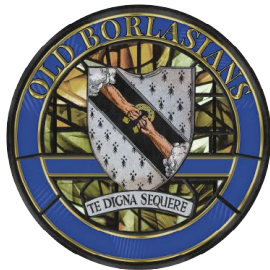
Borlase crews feature prominently over this weekend and the full list of Boat Clubs, that competed this year, can be found below:

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| Claire's Court | City of Oxford BC | Falcon RC |
| Great Marlow School | Guildford RC | Headington School |
| Henley RC | Magdalen College | Maidenhead RC |
| Marlow RC | Norwich RC | The Oratory School |
| Radley College | RGS High Wycombe | Sir William Borlase School |
| Stratford-upon-Avon RC | Surbiton High School | Winchester College |

There is very much a festive feel to the Town Regatta coinciding with the annual Higginson Park funfair and dragon boat racing on the Sunday that has raised thousands of pounds for various charities over the years.

The 2024 Marlow Town Regatta will be held on Saturday 15th June.





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Obituary

DUNHAM, R. Ivor

October 17th, 1928 – November 11th, 2023

It is with much sadness and love that we announce the peaceful passing of R. Ivor Dunham of Fanny Bay, on November 11, 2023, at the age of 95.

He will be lovingly remembered by his wife of 72 years, Jean Dunham (nee Broomfield); his three children, Jackie (Michael), Andrew (Cheryl), and Shirley (Todd); his five grandchildren, Gregory (Kelbree), Sharon (Jared), Michael (Rachel), Claire, and Gareth; and his five great-grandchildren, Shae, Franny, Ivor, Felix, and Hudson.

He is predeceased by his mother Ivy and his grandson Phil.

Born in Bourne End, Buckinghamshire, in 1928, Ivor studied and graduated as a mechanical engineer. Early in his career, he worked at a tube fitting company, which would foreshadow his future forays into hose and fittings. In 1949, he met Jean Broomfield, a young comptometer operator, and a 74-year bond was created.

Ivor and Jean were married on March 10, 1951. A few years after marrying, and after starting a family of their own, both Ivor and Jean decided to immigrate to Canada in the hopes of better opportunities. Upon the family's arrival in 1957, and with his previous experience in tube fittings, Ivor was able to find work selling hydraulics at Dietrich Collins. During his time there, Ivor recognized the opportunity to become his own boss and, in 1967, established Green Line Sales Ltd in Vancouver, British Columbia. Ivor was also an active member of the community. In the same year that Green Line was established, Ivor founded the Richmond Cricket Club in cooperation with the City of Richmond.

After retiring, Ivor and Jean found themselves in Fanny Bay on Vancouver Island. Here, Ivor enjoyed a wide variety of activities and continued to remain an active member of his new community. He was a founding member of the Comox Cricket Club and continued to play until the age of 74. He also helped to form the Fanny Bay

Cops community watch program as second in command and was a member of the Ships Point Volunteer Fire Department. He enjoyed hobbies such as gardening in his greenhouse, travelling in his motorhome with Jean, photography, and birdwatching. He enjoyed daily walks with his dogs and making home movies with his video camera and computer – mostly of his growing brood of grandchildren and great grandchildren.

So much of our Dunham family identity here in Canada is owed to Ivor and Jean and their decision to take a chance all those years ago. At the age of 95, he has been such an integral part of our family tapestry that there was a time where it felt like he might be around forever. He will be so greatly missed.

We are very grateful for the compassionate care and kindness provided by the staff at Qualicum Manor in Qualicum Beach, British Columbia.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Nature Trust of British Columbia.

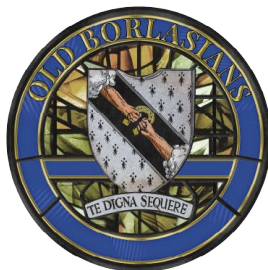
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OBC Members £15
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