



The Hill *Beyond*



MICHAELMAS 2022



Front cover: Top School and Chapel 1931. Above: Top School 1906.



Letter from the Headmaster

I'm very excited to be writing a note in the first edition of a publication to Hillians for some time. I have been at Kingham Hill for fourteen years and do not recall a consistent publication during that period. I very much hope this helps you feel more in touch with the school and each other. You do not need to be at Kingham Hill for too long before you appreciate the importance of its unique heritage and extraordinary alumni.

It's an interesting and exciting time for the School. Nick Seward, the recently departed Head, has left the school in an extraordinary place with record pupil numbers, record academic results and a staff team committed to the development of the pupils in our care. We are currently recruiting for his replacement to join us in September, 2023 and I am told that the field of applicants is very strong. The intention is to appoint the new Head by Christmas so, as long as things run smoothly, there should be more news on that soon.

As you can imagine, I am very grateful to Nanci Austin for her amazing work in reconstructing the Hillian network over the last few years and it is always a pleasure to meet new alumni and hear stories of what life on the Hill used to be like and the antics you all used to get up to when you were pupils here. If you have not come back to visit for a while (or ever) I very much hope you feel able to. There are a number of opportunities for this but the key annual event is Chill on the Hill. The date for that this year is Saturday 27th May 2023. It would be wonderful to meet you there, or to see you again.

Editorial

When I started working at Kingham in April this year, one of my first questions was 'Why is the Hill and Beyond not in circulation anymore?' and then, 'Can I please reinstate it?' To my delight, I was given the opportunity to put the wheels in motion and relaunch our Hillian newsletter.

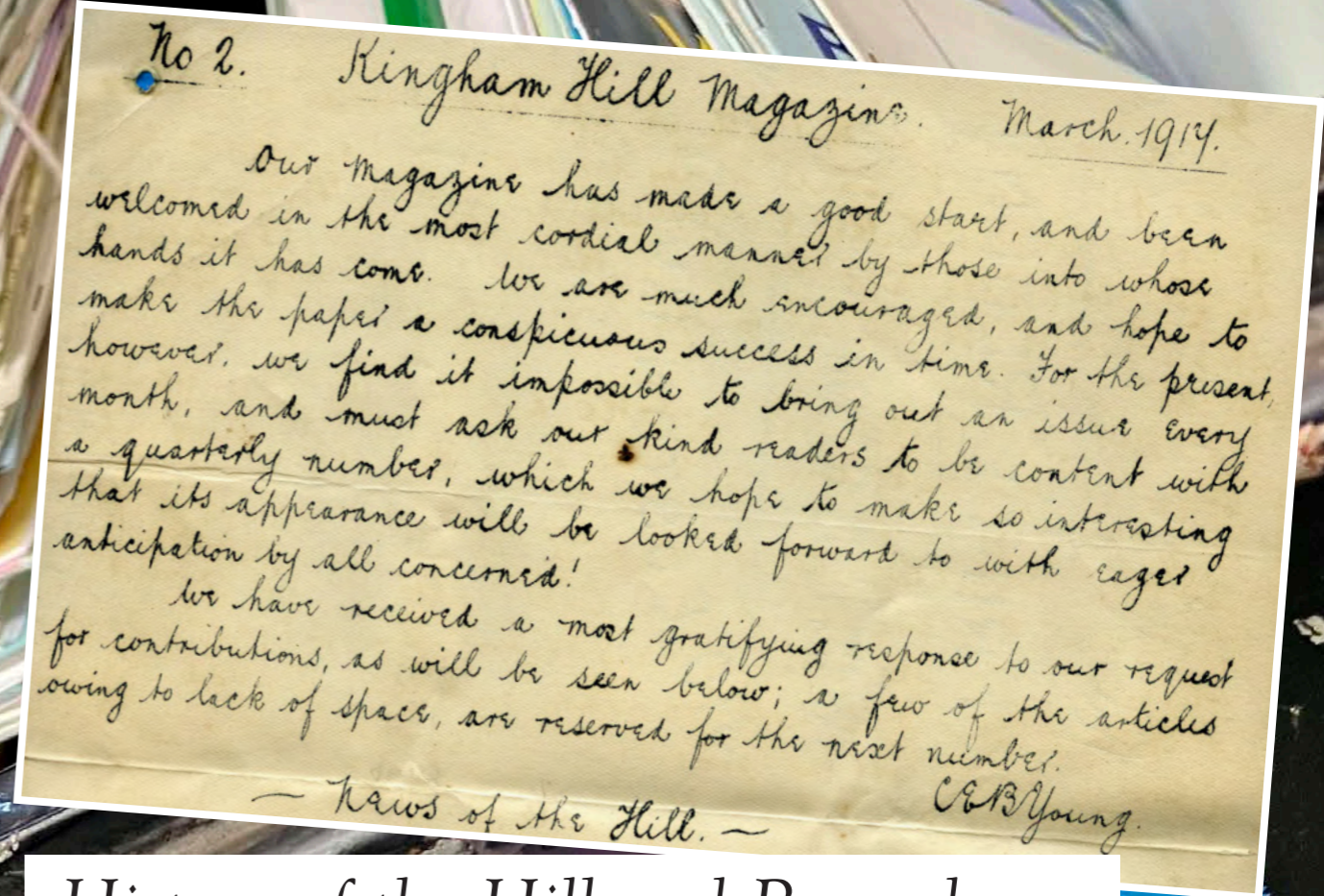
As I began putting it together, I quickly realised that perhaps the reason that the magazine was no longer needed is because the majority of information is now sent in emails or found on social media. But I think that Hillians would like to have news of Kingham Hill in one place to keep as a record for the future, so I ploughed on and sent out a call for help (and for your current news) and the response was brilliant. To all who filled in the Google form I sent, updating us on your news, thank you!

I hope as this first edition goes out it will encourage more people to share but more importantly, to keep in touch with us here on the Hill.

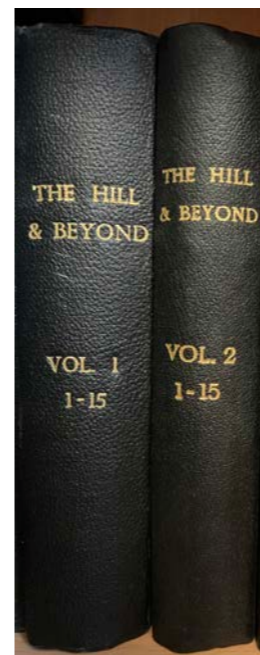
Kingham Hill has such an extraordinary history and I am looking forward to sharing snippets of this with you as well as hopefully reuniting you with fellow Hillians from your time at KHS. If you are reading this then I am hoping you are as interested as I am!

Of course, there isn't a publication without your news and updates so please keep sharing your stories and if you want me to include anything in particular please do let me know by emailing me at development@kinghamhill.org.

Jemma K



History of the Hill and Beyond



We have records of School magazines from as early as 1914. The first few editions we hold in our archive are handwritten by CEB Young. These and others are available to view on the Alumni section of our website at www.kinghamhill.org.uk/alumni/archive. An extract from the first edition includes a message from the Warden which is still very relevant today (the bit about Hillians disappearing)!

“Congratulations to those Old Boys who have made the effort to produce a more attractive and informative magazine, “The Hill and Beyond”. Anything that is done by the Old Boys’ Association to keep Old Boys in touch with the school and one another, deserves our support. A strong Old Boys’ Association is something that every school should have and particularly our own. It is always sad when a boy who has been here for five or six years, or even more, simply seems to disappear and little or nothing is heard about him again.”

For decades the School magazine included an 'Old Boys' section for news of Hillians. Then in 1965, the K.H.O.B.A (Kingham Hill Old Boys Association) introduced 'The Hill and Beyond' as a dedicated magazine for alumni. We recently spoke to Bill Mayes (Sheffield, 1945-1951) who was its editor and he is delighted that we are starting again.

The School Today

The School is in a good place. During Covid (in 2020-21) our pupil roll took a dip to 315 pupils. We recovered the following year and have continued to grow. We are at a record number of 367 pupils this year and pushing the limits on our class sizes and boarding beds. The School is deliberately small and our overall maximum growth as (outlined in the strategic plan) is 400.



367 Pupils

45% Girls 55% Boys

45% Boarders 55% Day

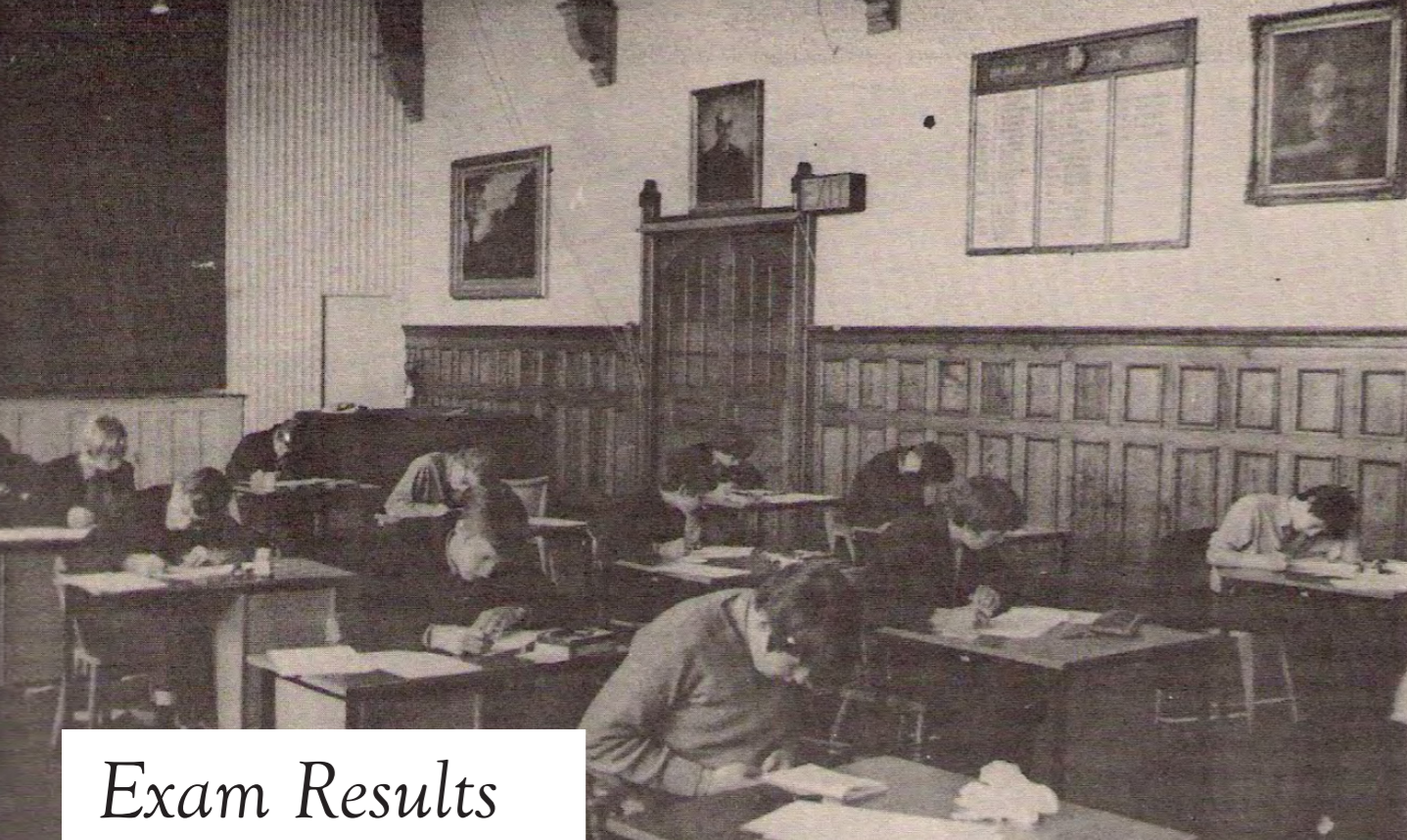
8 Boarding Houses 4 Day Houses

81% British Pupils 19% International Pupils

35% 1st-3rd Form

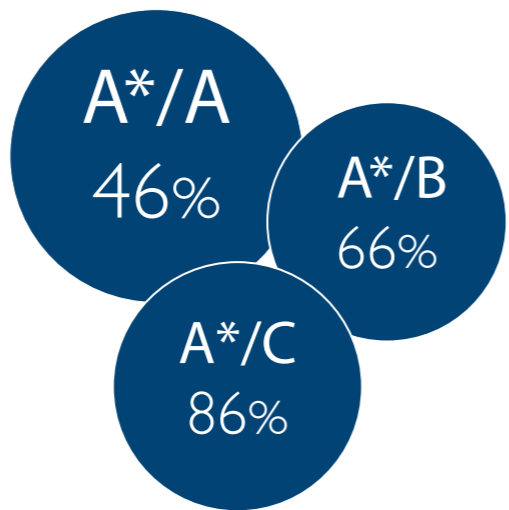
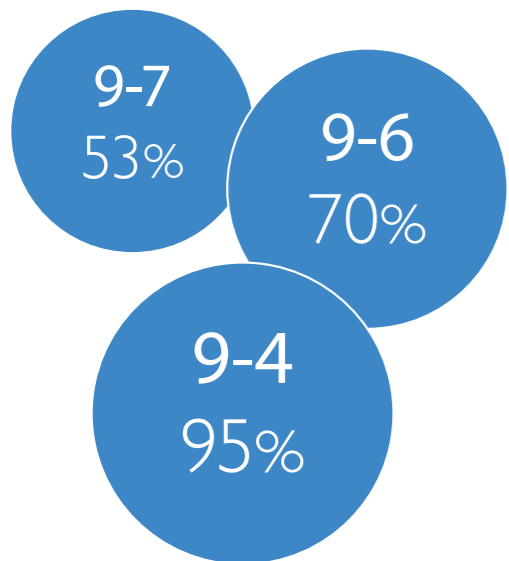
35% 4th-5th Form

30% Sixth Form



Exam Results

After two years without public examinations, this year pupils, parents and teachers had all been awaiting results with an extra degree of trepidation. We were delighted to report that this year's leavers secured an excellent set of results, with over a quarter of A level grades awarded at A* or equivalent. Our GCSE pupils also achieved an excellent set of results. Well over half the grades awarded were 7-9, and nearly a quarter (23%) of pupils achieved 7 or above in all their subjects.



The Kingham Hill Crest



From blazers to swimsuits, school bags to sports kit, the Kingham Hill Crest can be seen everywhere - but do you know the history behind the design?

Following a recent Hillian Committee meeting, Nanci Austin interviewed Hillian Simon Briggs (1946-55) (bottom, left) about the origin of the Kingham Hill logo.

Simon confirmed the logo was designed in late 1937...and we can confirm the findings in a letter from the Warden in a Hill magazine from that year. Simon explained that the cross in the centre of the logo is the Christian heart of the school. The hammer and book represent industry and education; the wreath sportsmanship, and holding it all together at the top is the crown - unity. The pale blue and dark blue colours represent Oxford and Cambridge University, perhaps suggesting they are goals to which pupils should aspire.

It certainly helps when looking at the logo, to know of its history and the true meaning behind it allowing pupils today to wear the crest proudly on their uniform today!



KINGHAM HILL MAGAZINE

Warden's Letter.

THE cover of our Magazine bears for the first time the new badge and motto, which have been approved by the Trustees. The thoughts and efforts of many, both boys and masters, have contributed to the design, centred round an idea which for the past two years has been growing in our minds; and we are grateful to the Somerset Herald, and to his colleagues at the College of Arms, for their skill and pains in producing the final form. But in the very writing of these last words we realised that the final form is not yet cast; the "completeness" which we seek here is still to be worked out, and must ever lie ahead.

For the true device by which the Hill will be known in years to come—as in the past—may be discerned, not printed on paper, but graven in individual hearts, and woven into the fabric of our common life; and against the golden background of all the happiness of this place, the Cross of Christ must stand central and foremost, symbol of that divine "charity, which is the bond of perfectness," and in which all our manifold activities may rightly find their inspiration. "Ye, being many, are one Body in Christ": let each member perform his due part, that the life of Kingham Hill may be worthy of our inheritance, and that we "may grow up into Him in all things, Which is the Head, even Christ."

Improvements on The Hill



Many major improvements have happened on The Hill over the last decade. A new science and maths building, new library, new sports hall and performing arts space (converted from the old sports hall). Along the way, there have been smaller projects that have really added to the life of the school - one of the favourites with pupils and staff is the outdoor classroom behind Severn and Greenwich (see next page). So do come back and see the old place for yourselves! Some already have and you can read about their visits later in this newsletter.



Outdoor Classroom

With the support of parents, alumni and friends, the Kingham community, led by Hillian Nick Holmes, raised funds to bring the enthusiasm of Donald Thomas McKinlay Service (pictured below, top left) to a new generation of pupils at Kingham Hill School. The outdoor classroom was officially opened in the summer of 2022





Assault Course

Remember crawling through the tunnels behind Severn and Greenwich and the anticipation before attempting to jump that giant wall? Maybe you remember the course behind Top School and the view over to Chippy. You may have moaned about having to participate at the time, but we're pretty sure that you felt a sense of achievement and teamwork when completing the course.

Sadly, the pupils at KHS haven't had access to an Assault Course for the last few years. A group of Hillians from the 1980s, with inspiration from The Rev (Shepton) have gotten behind an initiative to upgrade and reinstate the Assault Course behind Top School To find out more and how you can support this project [please click here](#).



News of Hillians

We recently sent an email to all Hillians on our database, asking them 'Where are you NOW?' Here is a selection of the news that they shared (in no particular order) -

Micheal Tadman (Clyde 1962-1968) - Living in London where he was born and lived since 1963. Mike is now retired but volunteers as a guide in St Paul's Cathedral, London. Mike's family is growing and he has 5 grandchildren, his mother is the grand age of 100 (one of the last to get a letter from the Queen. Mike has been married to Chendy for over 50 years!

Peter Bateman (Sheffield 1972-1975) - Living in Lyndhurst in the beautiful New Forest

Roy Mylan (Teacher - Chemistry and Computing, House Tutor in Bradford then Plymouth, 1979-1986) - Living in Charlton Horethorne near Sherbourne Dorset. Recently retired as Deputy Head at Chilton Cantelo School (now closed down) in July 2016. Married to Sue (April 1994) and have 2 daughters, Emma (26) and Anna (24) both teachers, now enjoying life as a 'Man of Leisure'. Recently visited the Hill for a Stratford House teachers reunion in the summer.

Chris Lambrianou, (Norwich 2001-2005) - Was Head of House during his time at Kingham and is interested in coming back to play 'old boys' football and cricket matches.

Paul Cherry (Plymouth/Norwich 1979-1984) - Living in Guisborough, North Yorkshire. Has been in the Army for 22 years. Now works offshore around the world.

Bryan Shaw (Plymouth 1961-1962, Bradford 1962-1966) - Now living in Newport,

Robert (Bob) Boyd (Staff 1970-1975) - Has lived in Belper, Derbyshire since 1996. Coaches athletics at Repton School and Amber Valley and Erewash Athletic Club.

Godfrey Nicholson (Staff 1973-1988) - Retired, living in Mirfield, West Yorkshire. He moved there with his wife just over two years ago. Godfrey's daughter has had her belated graduation celebration in the summer (having been delayed by Covid), and his son is starting his third year at Sheffield University. Godfrey also joined us for the Stratford House reunion in the summer.

David Russell (Norwich 1968-1975) - Lives in Cirencester. David has recently retired from the aviation industry having served in the Royal Navy, airline industry and latterly with the UK Civil Aviation Authority. David works closely with some of the pupils at Kingham in a mentoring capacity.

John Wheatcroft (Bradford 1982-1983) - Lives in Kenilworth, Warwickshire. Today John owns his own business, Computer Solutions based in Kenilworth.

Alastair Ball (Plymouth & Clyde 1952-1959) - Lives in Poundbury, Dorchester, Dorset. Alistair is looking forward to resuming his annual trip to Perth, West Australia in January after the Covid lockdowns.

Craig Nutter - (Bradford BH18 - 1973-1979) - Married and living in Cowes, Isle of Wight.

Derek Kenneth Graham Dodwell (Plymouth & Durham 1951-1959) - Lives in Heacham, Kings Lynn and has recently moved house.

Tony (Jock) Norton (Bradford 1950-1954) - Tony was married in 1961, has 2 daughters, 4 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren. Sadly, Tony was widowed in 2019. After having spent most of his adult life rallying and racing cars, to International level in Formula 3, he started to learn to ride motorbikes in 2020. When suggesting names for this publication Tony commented "Over the Hill"? Never!"

Jeremy Watt (Greenwich 1965-1973) - Jeremy is now retired. In his working life he was a teacher, local government officer and civil servant. He is currently living in Hampshire. Jeremy commented that 'One of the great things KHS gave me was the gift of life long friends'. The Foster brothers (Julian, Greenwich 1965 - 1972; Adrian, Greenwich, 1967 - 1974 and Fabian, Plymouth and Norwich, 1969 - 1976) and their families have played a hugely important part of my life since I left The Hill. I'm also good friends with John Smitheman (Clyde, 1966-1973) and in touch, from time to time, with Richard Holden (Plymouth and Durham, 1966-1973) and Dave Goodier (Plymouth and Bradford, 1966 - 1973). Amongst this group of friends, not everyone looks back on their time on The Hill with affection (some certainly do) and some of us have mixed feelings about it. I know that many former pupils adore their memories of The Hill; and I've no wish to disrespect them but I imagine the experiences of current KHS students are a world away from ours."

Neil McGregor (Bradford 1969-1974) - Lives in Black Heath, London.

Simon Orpwood (Sheffield 1961-1966) - Currently living in Mindrum, Northumberland.

Patrick Pearson-Miles (Clyde 1976/7-1984) - Currently living in Steyning, West Sussex. Married in 1991, Patrick has two boys- his eldest is 26 and the younger is 21. Patrick was ordained in the Church of England 2021!

Iain Helstrip (Durham 1961-1965) - Currently living in North Hants.

Caleb Garrison (Norwich 2018-2020) - Caleb is currently living in the beautiful state of Florida finishing up his Associates Degree at Florida State College at Jacksonville for General Administration and mManagement. Caleb is also in the middle of a lengthy application process to become an Alaskan State Trooper. In Caleb's spare time, he chases severe weather as a hobby and works on his vehicle.

James Dean (Plymouth House, Greenwich House 1972-1979) - From Kingham Hill moved to London and then in 2021, moved to Exminster in Devon.

Mandy Ge (The Lodge 2017-2020) (Note for Hillians, The Lodge is an Upper Sixth Girls house for 13 pupils, over the Admin Building) - Currently living in Edinburgh, studying Psychology.

Alan Busson- (Plymouth and Sheffield 1970-1976) - Living in the country near Blairgowrie, Scotland. Alan is now retired and says that it is wonderful!!

Paul Truffy (Assistant French teacher, 1991-1992 and worked in Plymouth House with Houseparents Mr and Mrs John Howard) - I still live in South-Western France, near Angoulême, in a village called Mansle. Paul is married with a 24 year old son who is about to be a civil servant in the French administration. Paul graduated and worked as a qualified English teacher in France before retiring early due to health reasons.

Joss Bland (Greenwich House 1970-1977) - Sydney, Australia. Joss and his wife were recently on a Research Fellowship to Paris during September to November. Joss is studying the latest results from the James Webb Space Telescope. Susan is doing research into aged care. Joss recently visited the school and spent time with the Physics Sixth Form pupils.

Kelvin Bunyan (Original Plymouth & Sheffield 1968-72) - Kelvin lives in Ontario, Canada. Kelvin works for a company that makes critical environment and air quality control equipment for clean rooms, research labs and pharmaceutical companies.

Rob Huxford (Plymouth & Norwich 1986-1993) - Rob now lives in Chiswick, London.

Emma (Dawkins) Guarisco (Severn House 1995-98) - Emma is married and lives in Melksham.

Brian Dean (Sheffield 1948-1952) - Brian is Vice President of the Hillians committee and lives in Chichester. Brian graduated from Imperial College in 1954 with a BSc (Eng) first class honours degree. Brian also has a postgraduate diploma in Nuclear Engineering, Brian is married to Anne and they have 2 children and 4 grandchildren.

Richard Mullarkey (Plymouth & Sheffield 1954-1963) - Richard retired in 2008 and with his wife Liz, moved to Suffolk in 2012. They live in an early 17th century semi, which is a money pit, and which now seems very small when all the family are present. They may move again, but will remain in the area as the locals are lovely, and so is the scenery! Since moving to Suffolk, Richard has been a parish councillor (4 years), and a school governor (8 years), retiring last month. Richard and his wife celebrated their 54th wedding anniversary in early October. They have twin grandchildren who have just started full-time at a nursery school in London.. The twins elder brother is in year 2 at the same school. Richard has discovered the great joy of having three young boisterous grandchildren at this time of life (he will be 80 next year), and also the great joy of handing them back when "we are fit to drop"! He says, and I quote "Kingham Hill School you never prepared me for this"!

Nigel Tanner (Bradford 1948-1954) - Lives in Kingsford, Sydney, Australia. Emigrated (ten pound pom) at the end of 1959, and has just celebrated the 60th anniversary of meeting his wife, Dot (Dorothy) nee Williams, on a bus camping holiday visiting, among other places, Alice Springs and Ayers Rock, now Uluru.

Elizabeth Emberson (Staff 1987-2000) - Currently living in Fairford, Gloucestershire.

David Williams (Durham 1977-1980) - Currently living in Stotfold, Herts.

Leslie Cuncliffe (Director of Art, 1979-1983) - After leaving KHS, Leslie lectured at the University of Exeter.

Patrick (Paddy) Beresford (Clyde 1966-1971) - Currently living in Cranleigh, Surrey. Paddy retired from being a vicar in 2018 and is now continuing work as an international chaplain to a Messianic Jewish mission.

Simon Briggs (Plymouth & Bradford 1946-1955) - Simon is currently living in Bexhill on Sea. Simon is still managing the block that he lives in. He is also the Local British Legion Poppy Appeal Organiser. With Remembrance Day fast approaching he is very busy!

Rollo Witton (Plymouth & Bradford 1962-1966) - Currently living in Perth, Western Australia.

Oliver Hall (Plymouth and Norwich. 1974-1981) - Oliver splits his time between Bali, Indonesia where he lives with his husband of 17 years and Kuala Lumpur in Malaysia. He took early retirement from the United Nations in 2019 where he had been working with the humanitarian agencies since 1990 in various capacities and countries. He is now splitting his time between working as an adviser on a programme in Indonesia supporting regional (south-east Asian) engagement on disaster management (www.siapsiaga.or.id/en/), and Sunway University in Malaysia, where he provides communications and partnerships services to a newly established Centre for Planetary Health. (www.linkedin.com/showcase/sunway-centre-for-planetary-health/).

Mark Perry (Norwich 1971-1977) - Is currently living between both the UK and Spain.

John Glover (Plymouth & Durham 1947-1956) - John has lived in Perth, Western Australia since 1962 .B.A. (W.A.) 1972.

John Timmins (Sheffield House 1957-1962) - John lives in Milton Keynes Centre. John graduated from the University of Wales College, Newport with a PGC Cert Ed in 2009. John has also published four books about WWII.

Rev Bob Shepton (Chaplain 1980-1992) Currently living in Appin, Scotland. The 'Rev' is now retired (whatever his definition of THAT is). He has recently been in touch with the school to help with a fundraising project to revive our assault course. Hopefully you have seen the video but if not you can see it here: https://youtu.be/B_bVOG9RBMg.

Matthew Bourne (Plymouth & Bradford, 1989-1996) - Currently living in Riddlesden, West Yorkshire. When asked about his news he responded "There's a lot to share :) I do keep a blog from time to time, if anyone's curious... <https://www.matthewbourne.com/blog/>

Martin Kennedy (Clyde 1972-1977) - Martin is living in Lonlay L'Abbaye, Normandie, France. He moved there 3 years ago and loves it. Martin is an accountant and does work for UK clients over the internet.

Jude Ongko (Plymouth & Bradford 2015-2020) - Living in London.

Chaz Brenchley (Clyde, 1972-1976) - Lives in Sunnyvale, California. Chaz emigrated from the UK ten years ago to marry (in his words), "A Silicon Valley geek". Right now Chaz is writing - among other things - a series of girls' boarding-school stories set in the 1930s - On Mars. Also, his crusader-fantasy series the "Books of Outremer" is being reissued, 25 years on. We will allow him this plug, the link is here: <https://wizardstowerpress.com/books-2/chaz-brenchley/>.

Phil Johnson (Plymouth & Durham 1982-1989) - Moved around a lot since leaving college, from London to Aberdeen, then Stavanger, Baku, Kuala Lumpur, Dubai & finally back to Aberdeen (well, a few miles inland in Banchory). Working in Northern Iraq (since 2013). Phil has two children at university & the youngest still at school.

Keith Hewlett (Plymouth & Norwich 1959-1966) - Keith has lived in Switzerland since 1974, but divides his time between Switzerland and Cairns, Australia. He has worked in bookselling and publishing in the UK and Switzerland, and as a professional squash player and coach in Germany and Switzerland. In 1985 Keith started his own translation business, which he still runs in Switzerland and Australia.

Mary Wilkinson (Swansea 1952-1957 & Plymouth 1957-1970, Daughter of Rev Wilkinson) - Mary moved to London for 10 years from 1970. She is currently living in a local village near the school.

Michael Eric Springett (Staff 1997-2008) - Michael is living in Faversham, Kent

Bob Rose (Durham & Sheffield 1937-1944) - Bob lives in Cheadle Hulme, Near Stockport, Manchester. When Bob left KHS he became an apprentice to 'His Masters Voice' wireless company. He was then called up to REME. de-mobbed and subsequently married Jennifer. They have two children, four grand-children, two great grand-children (and one on the way), Bob changed jobs several times over the years. He just celebrated his 95th birthday. Bob says "Ain't life grand!"

Rajiv Patel (Bradford 1986-1990) - Currently living in Worcester Park, Surrey.

Zoe Browse (Severn 2009-2011) - Zoe moved to Aldershot about 3 years ago, but has moved around quite a bit since she left Kingham. Zoe and her husband Connor Browse, met at the beginning of her first year in Sixth Form at Kingham. Connor held a door open for Zoe to the study room/library. Connor proposed to Zoe with her father's blessing in March, 2012 at the top of Whistler Mountain. Connor is moving to be a Biomed Scientist and Zoe is Head of HR for a global AI RegTech Company. Zoe wants to thank Kingham for helping them to find each other, but also because they have the greatest friends from their time on the Hill. One of which was their best man, Edward Frape (Plymouth, Durham, Sheffield 2004-2011).

Robert Sturdy (Plymouth & Durham 1967 - 1971) - Robert has lived near Welshpool, Mid Wales since 1988 and runs his own business in an area that he loves.

Peter Morris (1959-1964) - For the past 10 years, Peter has lived in Macugnaga, a small village high in the Italian Alps.

Peter Suchy (Plymouth & Bradford 1963-1969) - Still living in Charlwood after eighteen years. Peter runs his own Volvo repair business in Charlwood and has been doing so for twenty-seven years.

Stephen Kinkead (Plymouth & Durham 1955-1961) - Lives in Sydney Australia and is now retired.

Terry A Reed (Plymouth & Sheffield 1961-1967) - Residing in Stoke-on-Trent.

Nika Vahcic (Durham House 2016-2018) - Recently moved to Oxford after spending 4 years in London. She's started the MPhil in Economics at the University of Oxford, an old dream that she has held!

Robert Martin Gosnell (Clyde 1961-1966) - I was diagnosed melanoma in 2018, but have been healed of it since then and, apart from a bad knee, am thankfully otherwise well. I go along to the Above Bar Church in Southampton and would be thrilled to see anyone from KHS 1961-1966, either at that church or at Chill on the Hill. My Mum, Gwendolyn Betty Hoare, had by God's grace, reached her 100th birthday and was one of the last people to receive 100th birthday congratulations from the Queen.



Le Plaisir du Mouvement

At the end of the summer holidays, Tom Phillips (our Head of Rugby) organised a rugby camp. But this was no ordinary rugby camp as it included a team of French coaches including esteemed international coach Pierre Villepreux. The camp was open to anyone but it was particularly nice to see our own pupils attend as well as coaches from local teams. It was a fantastic opportunity for all who love the sport.

Why are we mentioning this in a Hillian publication? We were particularly pleased that four of our Hillians - Luke Maslen, Tom Barber, James Welch and Mateo Micaelli-Lopez all from the classes of 2020 and 2021 - came back to help in a pastoral capacity and support the camp, something which was in itself inspiring for our current pupils to see.

Luke Maslen said "Returning back to Kingham was thoroughly enjoyable, and it was great to see old and new faces. At the heart of things, it felt just as things were when I was at school but with lots more freedom and a lot more responsibility which I thoroughly enjoyed. I am now in my third and final year at Exeter University studying Exercise and Sport Science with a goal to becoming a professional cricketer. Coaching and a potential look into physiotherapy will be a backup depending on how my cricket goes. This experience back at Kingham was great and I hope to return again soon."



A Kingham Hill Chronology

In previous alumni magazines there used to be a section referring key events in the history of the school. With that in mind, we've started it again from the very beginning. To view a video of early years of CEB Young and the founding of KHS visit www.youtube.com/watch?v=AjpD8R6x8ls.

- 1850 19th March. The birth of Charles Edward Baring Young, son of Charles Baring Young
- 1857 Attended Blackheath Secondary School as a boarder.
- 1862 Charles Baring Young bought Oak Hill Mansion in Southgate, North London.
- 1863 Charles Edward Baring Young at Eton College.
- 1868 CEB Young sent to Trinity College, Cambridge, to study the Classical Tripos.
- 1872 Awarded Bachelor of Arts degree.
- 1876 Awarded the Master of Arts degree. He was now called to the bar, but there is no record of his practising as a barrister. He joined the committee of The Homes for Working Boys in London, an organisation then engaged in opening its fourth Home.
- 1882 Death of Charles Baring Young. Charles Edward inherited the bulk of his estate.
- 1883 29th September. C.E.B. Young purchased the Daylesford Estate, which included Kingham Hill Farm, at the top of the hill, from Robert Nicholl Byass. Building work began immediately.
- 1884 November. C.E.B. Young was elected Conservative Member of Parliament for Christchurch.
- 1886 14th September. Durham House opened. The Founder had a great deal of say in the plans, and personally chose the names for all the houses after a great deal of thought. The architect of Kingham Hill was Mr Howard Seth-Smith, subsequently President of the Architectural Association 1900-02; Mr R. Wiggall was Clerk of the Works, and the carpenter was Mr G. Lamb. There was no contractor, as the Founder directly employed local craftsmen. On this day the first boy, Walter Balfour, arrived. The first Superintendent and Matron of Durham House were Mr and Mrs A Hamerton. C.E.B. Young re-elected to Parliament.
22nd December. There were now twelve boys in Durham House.



Upcoming Hillian Events

We recently welcomed Hillians back to join us for the following events:

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| 12th October 2022 | Kingham Lecture Series - A Life on the Battlefields |
| 8th November 2022 | Sandhurst band concert and Hillian lunch at KHS |
| 16th November 2022 | Kingham Lecture Series - The Falklands Conflict of 1982
Our lectures are recorded and available to view online from our Hillian Events Page www.kinghamhill.org.uk/alumni/events |

Coming up soon:

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| 17th March 2023 | Founders Day and Hillian Committee and AGM |
| 27th May 2023 | Chill on the Hill |
| 1st July 2023 | Speech Day and Hillian Committee Meeting |
| 17th September | 1886 Society Lunch and Founders Memorial Service |

We would love to welcome you back.



Hillian Committee

Behind the scenes we are grateful to Hillians who volunteer their time to support the School in so many ways. From working with our Sixth Form, to giving lectures, to helping with events, it all adds to the fabric of KHS.

The Hillian committee finally met in person back in October after two years of remote meetings. The committee meets to discuss various ways that alumni can support the school. If you would like to get involved, please contact Jemma King j.king@kinghamhill.org.

Recent Visits to the School

Stratford House Reunion

Back in 1981, Mr (James) Woolliams and his wife had a teaching exchange with Jane and Ian Bentley from a school in Australia. On a sunny day in July, 40 years later, the Bentleys returned to the Hill and met with friends from their time at Kingham for a mini reunion.

Jane and Ian Bentley arrived at Kingham in December 1981 with two small children - in the middle of a blizzard - from Melbourne. They lived at Stratford House (in teachers village) along with the bachelor teaching staff and very quickly became a huge part of life on the Hill. They have kept in touch with their former colleagues over the years and wanted to visit Kingham on their trip to the UK this past summer.

Roy Mylan (Science and Bradford Tutor), Andrew Sinclair (English and Durham Tutor), Adrian Lloyd (PE and Greenwich Houseparent) & Godfrey Nicholson (Maths) were all in attendance, as were Liz and Robert Herringshaw (Bradford) and David and Gerti Shepherd. Guy Roberts (son of Norwich Houseparents and also a Hillian from 1981-88) and Tim Foster (Bradford 1979-85) also joined their former teachers and enjoyed the day. Celebrations were based at the recently refurbished cricket pavillion.



Dr Virginia Lane

In July, the daughter of William G Lane visited from Canada. William attended the school from 1914-1926 and was just 5 years old when he joined. William's father (who had fought in the Boer war), died when William was 4 and his mother was left with 3 children in South Africa from where they set sail for England aboard a cargo ship on Christmas Day. Williams' admission to the school enabled him to grow up in a safe and a stable community. As a Founder's Pupil, William had the opportunity to later move to Havelock Farm in Canada and begin a new life. He went on to serve his adopted country in the Second World War and earned the Military Medal for 'bravery and courage'. It was an emotional visit for Virginia who wrote:

'It was a very special and powerful experience for me to wander through the various rooms of Sheffield House, knowing that this was one of the homes where my dad grew up. Ironically, seeing a quote on the whiteboard in the hallway of Sheffield was powerful for me as that quote from Socrates - 'The unexamined life is not worth living', has been a mantra for me for most of my adult life.'

William was, like so many boys from his time, the reason that Charles Baring Young built Kingham Hill. Virginia commented that during her childhood, her dad often commented on how grateful he was to Kingham Hill School, for not only the education he received, but also for the opportunity to begin a new life in a new country.' That is still very much at the heart of what we would like to achieve at Kingham Hill and this is achieved through our Founder's Pupils programme. To find out more about how you could potentially support a child today, please visit our [Founder's Pupils](#) page.



Chris Townsend

Chris and his wife visited the school while on a campervan tour of the UK. Living in Australia, Chris was keen to come to the School and visit Sheffield House where his father, Dennis, and uncle, Donald, grew up in the 1940s. The boys always spoke highly of their Houseparents - Mr and Mrs Phelps who took care of them when they couldn't leave the school. Like so many others, Kingham was very much their home. (An interesting fact in current day is that the current Houseparent of Sheffield House - Mr Elliott - is related to Mr Phelps). While Chris was having a tour of the school, he was moved to discover a photograph hanging on a board in the entrance to Top School. That photo is of boys in the library with the old globe (above) and one of those boys is Chris' father, Dennis. Chris also remembers his father speaking fondly of the grounds and in particular the swimming pool,



Mr N Tim Hodnett (Staff 1978-1981)

Tim and his wife came to visit us in early September. They live in Newcastle, Co Down where they have lived there for the past 36 years. Tim is now retired and enjoys travelling around in his motorhome. It was great to meet Tim and his wife and show them around the school.

Tim was particularly interested in the Outdoor Classroom as outdoor learning is what he has focused on for most of his teaching career.



Old Boys Return after 60 years

David Ebsworth (Plymouth and Durham, 1956-1961) responded to our invitation for Hillians to join us when the Army Band Sandhurst came to visit KHS for a recital and lunch on November 9. We realised that David hadn't been back to the school for over 60 years and thought it might be nice to invite an old housemate. Fortunately, we knew that David Shorrock (Plymouth and Durham, 1956-1963) might be someone that would be available.

David and David had a great visit and we were happy to share it with them.



Births, Deaths and Marriages

Births

We would like to announce the following Births;

James Oswald Mckinlay Service on 8th September 2022. Nick Holmes shared the news that Anne Service (Donald Service's daughter) gave birth to a bonny baby boy on the day that Queen Elizabeth II died. He weighed just under 6 pounds. Donald would have been so chuffed to have known that he had a Grandson. Mother and baby are doing very well!

Deaths

We are very sad to announce the deaths of the following people. Our heartfelt prayers go out to them and their loved ones at this time:

Richard Moore (Durham 1961-65) (1948-2022)

Brother to Peter Moore who was also at KHS (1961-68), and husband to Linda. Former head of Durham House and a school prefect. Richard was also a QSM in the CCF and a keen sprinter. Richard kept in touch with many of his old Durham friends who offered him support throughout his illness. He stayed in touch with KHS in recent years and especially loved seeing drone footage showing the site from above.

Philip Baylis (Clyde 1949-54) (1938 - 2022)

Philip's daughter Alison has been in touch to tell us the sad news that Philip passed away on 9th September. She told us that Kingham Hill School was a very important part of his life - he made many life-long friends whilst he was here. Richard Huckle fondly remembers Philip in 'Trial by Jury' and reminded us that he played the cello.

Roy Adams (Durham, Sheffield 1937-1944) (1927- 2022)

Roy's granddaughter, Rebecca was recently in touch to share the news that Roy had recently passed away at the age of 95. Roy left Kingham Hill in 1944 and joined the Royal Navy. Upon leaving the forces he returned to Yorkshire, where he stayed for the rest of his life. Roy was a proud Yorkshireman and spent most of his years 'up North', but he spoke fondly about his time at Kingham Hill and Oxfordshire, and how he found his love for sport while attending.

Clyde House, 1953



Durham House, 1962



Marriages

Congratulations, to the following Hillians on their recent nuptials. We wish you all the best for your futures together!

William Jones-Bateman (Norwich 2002-2005) - On 11th June 2022, William Bateman married Olivia Tanner at Hold Road Church, Ampney Crucis, Gloucestershire with the reception taking place at the home of Olivia's parents. Here is a picture of them on their happy day!



A Message from Nanci

That's a wrap!

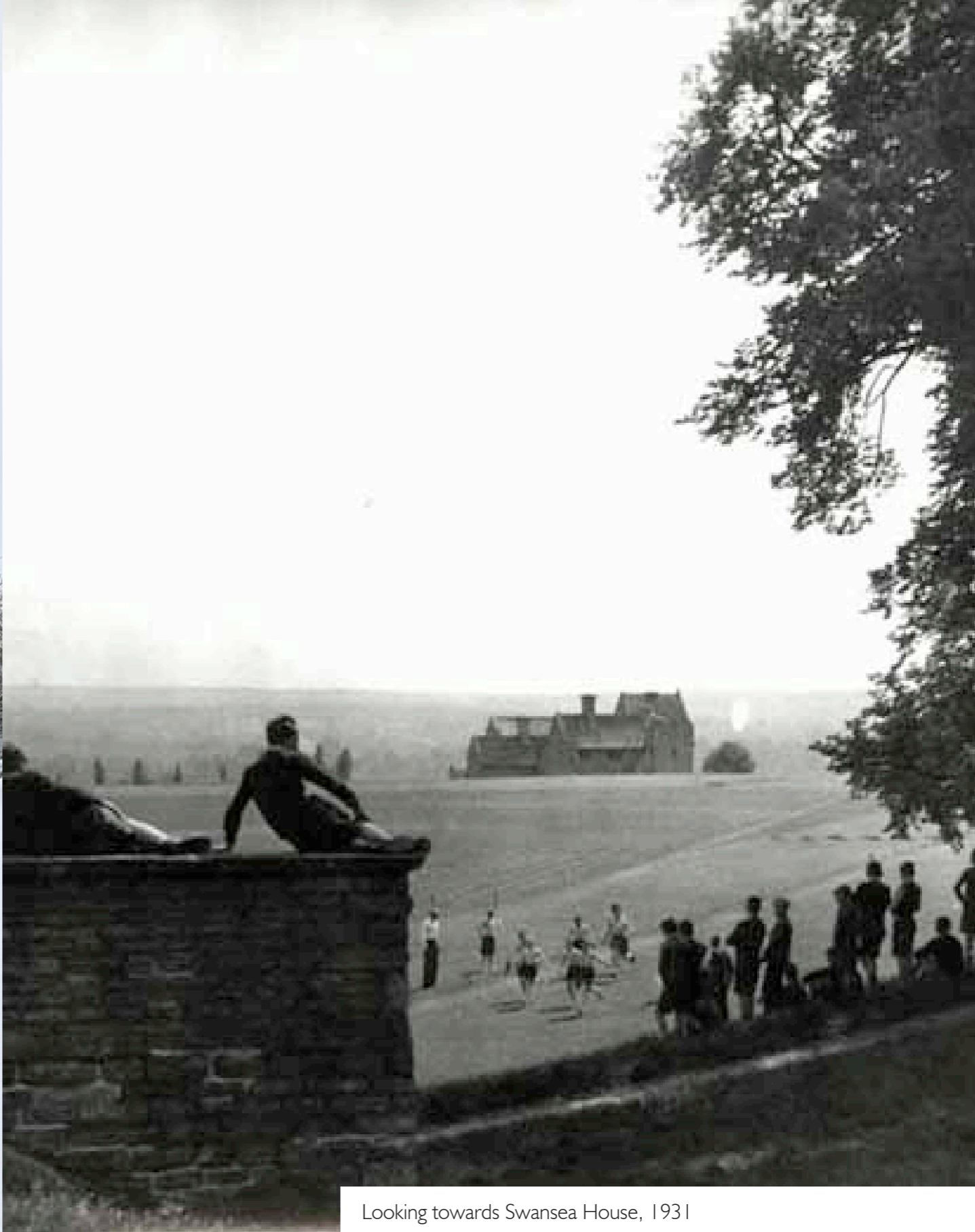
Thanks to Jemma for pulling this news together and for all of her hard work on behalf of Hillians. She loves this place even more than I do, and as Hillian herself, has great ideas for how to reconnect Hillians with each other, and the Hill.

Please keep in touch with us and know that you are welcome here, always.

We are thinking of you this Christmas season.

Nanci





Looking towards Swansea House, 1931



KINGHAM HILL

Character Matters