

BANGOR GRAMMAR SCHOOL ARCHIVES

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The Archive Bulletins should now be reaching every continent and island on Earth, so wherever you may be, from tropical heat to winter freeze, heartiest greetings from Bangor.

Since the last Bulletin a most satisfactory outcome has occurred. The Dundalgan Cup for Drama has been returned anonymously after having been missing for several years. To whoever brought it back we are very grateful. It is a very fine, solid silver trophy and will soon feature in the Photo Gallery.

The Grammarian London Dinner at the end of February was particularly special for some of us. Table 3 consisted of a CCF reunion. I was delighted to meet up with the following old friends: Allan Smith, Richard West, Brian Service, Alan Stringer, Steve Henderson, Gerry Stephens and Alan Jennings. Richard West I had not seen for nearly 30 years and others go back to the Contingent's formation. A great night was had by all. Our thanks are due to Mike McConnell (the Convenor) for his unfailing dedication to this most enjoyable and valued event.

In the course of fulfilling requests from Grammarians and Friends it has become clear that there is a serious lack of *easily accessible* information about boys' achievements during their School careers and information about Grammarians once they have left School. During the last seven years the Archives have begun compiling a Bangor Grammar School Register: a listing of all the School's known personnel since the foundation in a number of categories, as has already been done in most of our brother/sister schools in the Province. The bulk of course will be the list of all Old Boys and their achievements both in School and in adult life. We recognise of course that some Grammarians may not wish any detail beyond an attendance record to be included: that is their prerogative. However we would appeal to every Grammarian to keep us informed of his career achievements – it really matters that he does so.

The Archives are delighted to announce that the Headmaster has generously agreed to allow us to use the display cabinet in the Entrance Hall to display items from our treasured possessions. In future there will be a regularly changing display for all the School Family to see.

Instead of archival items this time around I have put some photos in the Gallery of the archive office in all its chaos! I hope you may be thus encouraged to support our efforts to preserve the BGS heritage which is so important to us all. Please consider giving to the Archives any School memorabilia. We will look after it better than you will !

As reported in earlier editions the Archive Bulletins and Photographic Gallery are now on the School Website. We are happy to provide copies of photographs or other records if it is within our power to do so. All we ask from you is a large stamped addressed envelope or an email address if electronic transmission is applicable. Send you email address in any case. We are always delighted to hear from you. Remember, the School Archives are for the entire School Family, not just Grammarians.

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