

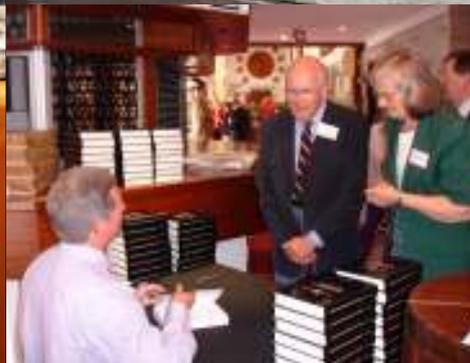
**Blundell's School
Development Office**

December 2011

Friend's of Blundell's in America



OB Reception in Hong Kong



Sidney Sussex Dinner Sept 2011



Book Launch & Tour of Old
Blundell's Oct 2011

School Archivist & Author, Mike Sampson, has recently published 'The History of Blundell's School.' The book follows the School from its foundation in 1604 up to the present day. The book launch took place at Blundell's where many authors and artists from the Blundell's Community gathered for the book signing & lunch followed by a tour of Old Blundells. Books available by contacting the Development Office.



Mike Bedford (NC 1945-1950)

Now a resident of the United States, Mike Bedford (NC 1945-50) still retains fond memories of his friends and times at Blundell's. He remembers 'Bunny' Dowdeswell's judgment of 'hopeless' on his entry for the Batterbee Prize in Science/Biology at Blundell's. Ironically, much of his life has been spent in physiological research!

Following National Service and six years at Sidney Sussex, Mike graduated as a vet in 1958, and became a Fellow in Surgery at Bristol Vet School. However, such techniques as embryo transfer fascinated him and he was drawn into the field of reproduction: he obtained a place at the Worcester Foundation for Experimental Biology in Massachusetts. After a short while, Mike returned to

London to work on a PhD, during which time he shared digs with *Tim Newell-Price (W 1945-50)* and *Robin Price (W 1946-51)*

He was soon recruited by the Columbia University College in New York, and in 1972 moved on to become Professor of Reproductive Biology in Obstetrics and Gynecology, and of Cell Biology and Anatomy, at Cornell University Medical College. This was a golden period for reproductive research aimed at the development of new principles for male and female contraception. He was subsequently appointed Professor of Reproductive Biology at Cornell.



Mike Bedford in his Office & Laboratory



Mark Shelmerdine (NC 1958-1962)



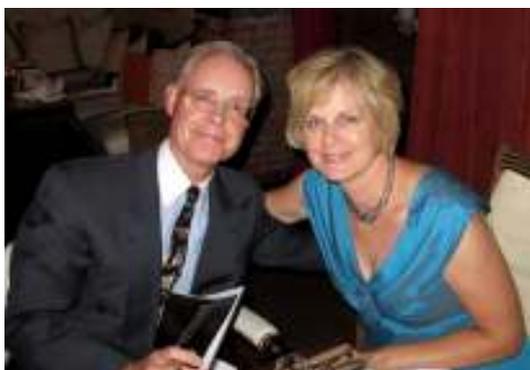
After leaving Blundell's in 1962, I qualified as a chartered accountant with Cooper Brothers in London. Then followed a long, and still continuing, career as an entrepreneur, the core of which was spent as an independent film and television producer through London Films, a company I acquired in the 1970's.

I have been living in Los Angeles since 1985 with my wife, the author Susan Jeffers. I am currently occupied with our publishing company and managing different media ventures including raising capital for technology companies and developing projects for film and television.

Simon Benito (FH 1959-1963)

After leaving Blundell's Simon served 4 years as an articled clerk in a firm of Chartered Accountants. His work has taken him around the world to Kuala Lumpur, Singapore, Belgium, Paris, Madrid and of course America.

In 1974 Simon changed companies, got married and moved to Madrid working for Merck & Co, which at the time was the largest pharmaceutical company in the world. He was then transferred to the USA which is where he has been ever since but nearly all of his assignments with Merck have been international. Simon enjoys spending time with his family – wife Robin and three children Lucie (35) who is married and expecting their first grandson, Annabel (29) and Andrew (17-right).



Simon is currently a non-executive director of two public companies in the healthcare field and when not doing any of the above, he is skiing, playing golf or hiking in the mountains of Colorado where he has a second home.

Richard Barcham (SH 1967-1971)

Richard Barcham (SH 1967-71) has worked as a field archaeologist, lecture agent and tour manager. He is now Vice-President of Sales and Development at Academic Arrangements Abroad, a leading supplier of museum and alumni tours to institutions in the United States, and is based in New York, after living in Dallas, Texas for two decades. His son Rowan is a promising guitarist, dedicated to reliving the Sixties. Richard returns to the UK frequently and keeps in touch with a few School House comrades through Facebook.



William Copeland (P 1962-1963)

After leaving Blundell's, which he had attended as an International Schoolboy Fellowship through the English-Speaking Union, William graduated from The Juilliard School in New York City where he continued his studies in Organ and Choral Music. He then served as Organist-Choirmaster at Episcopal Churches in Connecticut, Washington State and New York City. In addition to his musical pursuits, he worked in New York City as a Personal/Press Representative for a number of classical musicians, and worked on the administrative side of a large Park Avenue law firm and a management consulting firm. He is retired now and lives in Seattle, Washington, although he enjoys travelling when able with his 34-foot motor home and Jeep.



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all your
support!"-
Amber Oliver,
Blundell's
School
Development
Director**



Tom Atkinson (M 1969-1971)



Tom moved from Tiverton to Alaska, and continued the theatre avocation he launched playing the female lead in the Milestones house play (before girls attended Blundell's), appearing in or directing several productions in Alaska, Washington State and Denver. He earned degrees in English Literature and teaching. Professionally, he reported for several Alaska news outlets, taught high school, ran an environmental non-profit organization, managed political campaigns (was elected to office himself) and helped shape the Alaska Coastal Management Program.

Tom built or re-built four houses and is scheming to build next a house comprised of four shipping containers covered with earth! He cross-country skis, ice skates, bicycles, swims and rollerblades when he's not doing yoga, Pilates or meditating. He hasn't married yet--though it's on his to-do list--and has no children. He has visited

England and the Continent several times over the decades, as well as Australia and New Zealand.

Tom Atkinson (top)-"tying the Knot' in "Arthur and Esther"

Tom & Giles Hetherington from Milestones 68-93 in Devon (right)

