



Welcome to our first Newsletter, giving a brief update on activity in the Development Office. For a full report please see the 'Diary' in the Autumn 2011 term.



Tom Clough
Master 1958-1971
(Housemaster P 1963-1971)
OH 1942-1947

We were particularly saddened to hear of the recent passing of Tom Clough, who will be known to so many in his role as a Master at Blundell's from 1958 – 1971, Housemaster of Petergate between 1963 and 1971, Governor, Chairman of the OB Committee, and Chairman of the Chapel Trustees, and himself a former Blundellian in Old House (42-47). Tom was a most generous devotee of Blundell's in all aspects of involvements, and as a founder member of the 1604 Society. He will be very much missed.

PETER BLUNDELL FOUNDATION AWARDS

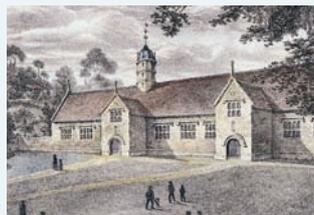
We introduced the Peter Blundell Foundation Awards two years ago and I am delighted to say we have a number of pupils who have been beneficiaries of the sums raised already. The School has for many years made available a small number of Foundation Awards, and the introduction of the Peter Blundell Foundation Award provision is an extension of this desire to make funds available to allow pupils who would not normally be able to do so to secure an education at Blundell's. If you would like to know more about how you could be a regular donor or make a one off gift, please do contact us. Small amounts do make a difference; it really does enable a child to receive the most worthy gift for their whole life – a Blundell's education – to give them the chance of a lifetime. We are very grateful to **John Beale** (Milestones M 56-61)



“I feel a Blundell's Education gave me the ambition and opportunity to make the most of my abilities and I will always be in the School's debt for the Foundation Award I received.”
James Reynolds
(M 1988-1993)

who has been a primary supporter and we are delighted to have a dedicated Beale Scholar bursary within the Foundation Award provision.

1604 SOCIETY



To honour those who have helped in the past, and in recognition of those in the present who have pledged money to Blundell's, it was decided to set up an exclusive society to be known as the 1604 Society, commemorating the founding of Blundell's.

Individuals who inform the Development Office of their intention to make a bequest to the School will automatically become members of the Society. Members' names are not published unless otherwise advised, given that this is very often a personal issue. However, in order to recognise and thank members and their partners appropriately, they are invited to an annual lunch hosted by the Head Master. In this way members who so wish will be kept informed of the School's development plans and intentions for the future. We enjoyed a very pleasant lunch and afternoon of cricket at the Ted Crowe Room for this year's event, and we hope to host our next 1604 Society lunch at St. Paul's Cathedral. Do contact Amber Oliver if you would like to know more about this important and worthwhile society.



“I wholeheartedly endorse the 1604 Society. Using legacies to support Blundell's is particularly sensible for people (like me) on a fixed income. I urge you to support the scheme to whatever extent you can comfortably afford.”

John Hollands (OH 46-51)



Recent leaver, Oscar Weedon, (OH 03-10) gains valuable career advice from David d'Arcy Hughes (FH 58-62) at OB day

MENTORING & CAREERS ADVICE

A number from the Blundell's Community have offered up their volunteer services as mentors or careers advisers for the particular professions or career paths they have chosen; if you would like to join them, please contact the Development Office. With such a fast changing world any support you are able to offer both current pupils and others long since left is very much appreciated.

Year Group/Regional Representatives/ Questionnaires

We are looking out for individuals who have maintained contact with a number of their peers, or with fellow members of the Blundell's Community in a particular country, or region of the country, to co-ordinate and help us with delivery of the Development Office activity, such as assisting with events, encouraging colleagues to get involved, maintaining contact with colleagues, tracking down 'missing' colleagues from the database etc. If you think you can help, please give us a call. Please take 5 or 10 minutes to complete the questionnaire at the weblink www.devoffice which will allow us to tailor our programmes and communications with you more specifically. Look out for our Facebook and Linked-In pages coming soon!

BUSINESS DIRECTORY

We are delighted to report that this is now live and up and running on the Development Office website www.blundells.org/devoffice/site/business_directory.htm

Please do take a look and see if any of the businesses or services on offer may be of interest to you. If you have a business or service that you would like to include in the directory and promote to the Blundell's Community, please contact the Development Office for a registration form for the next update period in September 2011.

OVERSEAS SUPPORT

We are hugely grateful to the number of our Old Blundellians living in the USA or who are USA tax payers who supported our call to ensure we maintain the 501 c 3 status which ensures our donors are able to support us tax efficiently. So Thank You, it is very much appreciated.

Also to our other supporters in a number of various European Countries who have supported the School through the Transnational Giving Europe network, which ensures that gifts from Europe can also now be made tax efficiently. If you would like to know more, please look at the TGE website, www.transnationalgiving.eu/tge. All gifts of support, whatever size, is very much appreciated and extremely beneficial to many aspects of the School and provision for The Peter Blundell Foundation Provision places.

Please look at our Ways to Support page for further information. www.blundells.org/devoffice

UPCOMING EVENTS



London Dinner Friday 4th November - Carlton Club

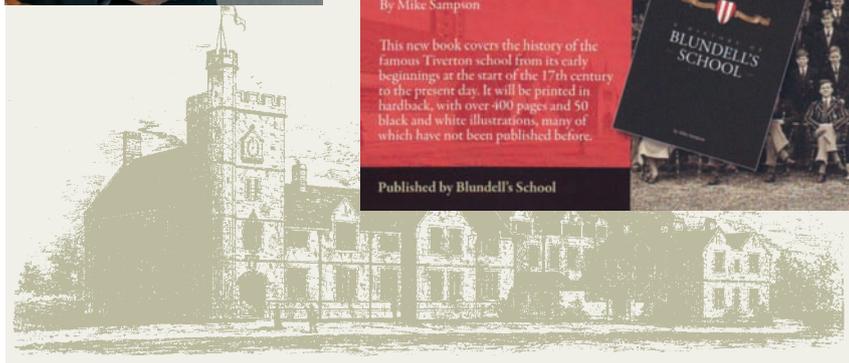
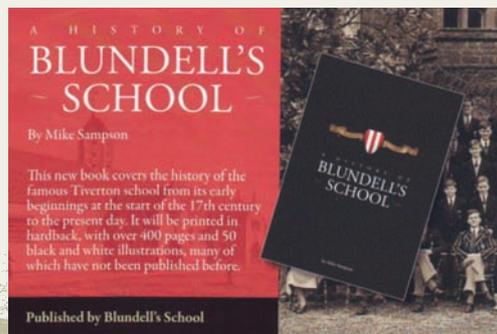
Included with your newsletter is an invitation to our London Dinner, an opportunity for supporters of Blundell's Community to dine in a convivial environment at the Carlton Club in St James Street, kindly hosted by **James Bullock** (Petergate 81-86). Mike Sampson, the School Archivist, will be joining us on this occasion and will be available to sign copies of his new book.

BOOK LAUNCH



Saturday 15th October

A reception to celebrate the launch of our School Archivist's book covering the history of Blundell's from its early beginnings at the start of the 17th Century to the present day. Reserve your book now, at the pre-order price of £17.50. Order form is enclosed.



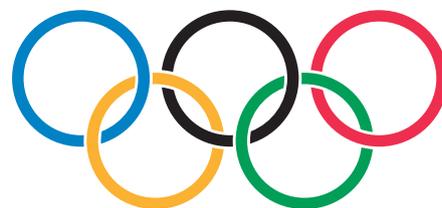
Sidney Sussex Dinner Friday 2nd September - Cambridge



This is an opportunity for all those living or working in the Cambridgeshire area, or who have attended one of the Cambridge Colleges, to come to dinner with the current Master of Sidney Sussex, Dr Andrew Wallace-Hadrill. In the afternoon we are delighted to be able to offer an exclusive tour with Nicholas Chrimes, author of 'Cambridge; Treasure Island in the Fens'.

The tour will include King's College Chapel, the Anglo Saxon church, Pembroke College Chapel and Old Court. Tickets at £40 each to include a four course dinner and wine.

Olympic Ball Save the Date:



7TH JULY 2012

The Old Blundellian Club invites Old Blundellians, current and past parents, staff and other Blundell's supporters are invited to celebrate the Olympics at this exciting social event. Tickets will go on sale in early 2012, but contact the Development Office to register your interest now.

RECENT PAST EVENTS

The Light Bar, nr Liverpool Street, London – Thursday 9th June



We are very grateful to **James Goff** (Milestones 75-79) who very kindly hosted a casual drinks reception for the Blundell's Community living and working in London and the surrounding areas. The Blundell's flag was waving from the giant flag pole and we were fortunate to be able to enjoy the summer's evening on the terrace of this unique location, which was transformed from a Power station to the social hub it is today. Young and old enjoyed the chance to chat and sample some of the delicious canapés on offer. Join us again next June.



Trelissick Garden Tour, nr Truro, Cornwall - Wednesday 11th May

We were treated to the most fantastic weather to be able to take in the delights of this National Trust jewel in Cornwall. The highly informative gardeners giving us a real insight into the garden and the plants they care for. This was followed by a delicious lunch and a chance to view some unique photos of Old Blundell's from the archives.



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The Development Office is delighted to be working so closely in association with the OB Club to ensure we are providing the best possible service to our Old Blundellians, current and past parents, staff and other Blundell's supporters.