

# BEAUMONT FACTS & TRIVIA

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### ROYAL & HEADS OF STATE CONNECTIONS

There were three official visits by Queen Victoria in 1882, 1887 and 1897

King Alfonso XIII of Spain 1906.

King Carlos I of Portugal 1907



King Alfonso and Queen Ena (granddaughter of Queen Victoria) spent their honeymoon at Wardhouse - the Scottish estate of Major General Gordon OB.



Prince Jaime



Prince Alfonso with his wife Princess Beatrice

Prince Jaime Duke of Madrid Carlist claimant to the Spanish throne and Legitimist pretender to the French throne was at Beaumont 1881-6.

Prince Alfonso, Duke of Galliera, Infante of Spain was married to Princess Beatrice (of Saxe-Coburg & Gotha) granddaughter of Queen Victoria and Great Granddaughter of Tsar Alexander II

Three other Spanish Royal Princes were at the school 1899 -1904 and Prince Jean de Borbon was at the school under the alias John Freeman 1914.



Prince Sixte de Borbon-Parme



Prince Michael Andreevich

Prince Sixte de Borbon-Parme current Legitimist pretender to the French throne left the school in 1955.

Prince Michael Andreevich of Russia, seen by many as the heir to the Tsar Nicholas II, was at the school when his family was given sanctuary at Frogmore by King George V.

The last Hapsburg Emperor Blessed Charles and his family were rescued from Austria in 1919 by Colonel Edward Strutt OB known “as the Saviour of the Hapsburgs”.



The present Queen visited the School in its centenary year 1961.

Three wives or mothers of OBs were Royal mistresses of Edward VII; Jeanne Princess de Sagan, Julia Marquise d’Hautpoul and Marie Hope Vere. Sir Charles Russell assisted the King over difficulties with another mistress Daisy “Babbling” Brooke.

The Title Prince of Orange is held, not only by the Crown Prince of the Netherlands and Prince George Frederick of Prussia, but also by Guy Marquis de Nesle et de Maily.

Sir Patrick “Paddy“ Leigh Fermor wrote in “The Traveller’s Tree”; “the sons of European Princes go to Beaumont, Lesser aristocrats go to Ampleforth”.



President Lopez



President Blanco

Emiliano Pessoa (Lopez) eldest son of the 3<sup>rd</sup> President of Paraguay and national hero killed after the battle of Cerra Cora was at the school 1864 -8.

The three sons of President Antonio Guzman Blanco of Venezuela “the illustrious American” were at Beaumont 1884-9.

### **GENERAL**

Baron de Coubertin visited the school together with Eton, Harrow and Rugby in 1883 when he was investigating the revival of the Olympic movement.



Evelyn Ellis



Louis Bleriot

The first motor car journey in England was made in 1885 by the Hon Evelyn Ellis from his home on Englefield Green to Beaumont (it was downhill all the way; history does not relate whether he made a successful return.)

Louis Bleriot the first man to fly the Channel in 1909 sent his son Louis to the school in 1923



Coco Chanel designed a) the “little black dress” when in mourning for her lover “Boy” Capel OB after his death in 1919. It gained even greater popularity with designs by Edward Molyneux OB. b) Her signature suit was based on the Beaumont Blazer worn by her nephew and ward André when he was at Beaumont 1919-23.



Twiggy modelling the BIBA style

Stephen Fitz-Simon together with his wife Barbara Hulaniki owned BIBA – the art-deco temple of fashion of the Sixties in London.



Desmond Knox-Leet

Desmond Knox-Leet, perfumer, founded Diptyque the legendary French fragrance company in Paris in 1968.



.The School Cadet Corps had the distinction of wearing the Garter Star incorporated into the cap badge. It was awarded by King George VI for their role as part of the Home Lands Battalion of the Home Guard in WW2. The Corps was the only force affiliated to the Household Brigade up until the school closure.

Together with Eton, Beaumont had the distinction of their First XI playing at Lords (against the Oratory School) and sending the First VIII to Henley Royal Regatta. The first coloured cricketer to play at Lords was in a Beaumont side.

Beaumont was the only Catholic school to sponsor Captain Scott's Antarctica Expedition 1910 in the form of a Russian sled dog Kungai which was re-named Beaumont. Several expeditions were sustained by Bohane owned Kopke port.

Two regions of Antarctica are named for OBs; The Mackay Mountains after Clarence Mackay, discovered by the Byrd expedition 1934.

The Dion Islands, off the west coast of the Antarctic Peninsula, for the Marquis Jules Albert de Dion discovered by the French expedition 1908-10.



The Wild Bunch;- Sundance seated on left; Butch on the right

Butch Cassidy leader of the Wild Bunch Gang and the Sundance Kid were killed outside one of the Bolivian silver mines of Carlos Aramayo after they had robbed the company payroll.



Lady Florrie Dixie (nee Douglas) was the sister of OB Lord James Douglas and the mother of two OBs. She was a famed adventurous, journalist, and suffragette and was blamed for the death of John Browne by Queen Victoria.

## **MILITARY**



Edmond Costello won his V C at Malakand 1897, rescuing a wounded soldier when under fire, in the War against the Pashtun on the NW Indian Frontier.

## **BOER WAR**

110 OBs fought in the war; the largest contingent from any of the Catholic schools



Gordon



Morant

The Australian forces were commanded by the Spanish born, Scottish aristocrat but Australian soldier Major General Joseph Gordon.

Both General Gordon ( Officer Commanding) and Capt Frederick de Bertodano (father of an OB) the investigating officer, were involved in the trial for murder and execution of Australian folk hero “Breaker” Morant.



The Cape Cycle Corps saw the first use of bicycles in War; the Corps was commanded by a member of the Cape Legislature - Cyril Owen Lewis OB.

## WORLD WAR ONE



George MacDonogh



Alexander Teixeira de Mattos

The head of Military Intelligence and the man that helped to set up MI5 & 6 was General Sir George MacDonogh, the senior catholic General in the War.

Malcolm Hay of Seaton was Head of MI 1b- Signals intelligence and code breaker.

Alexander Teixeira de Mattos , writer and theatre critic “Man- about-Town” was Head of the Department of Trade Intelligence.

Two OBs killed at the end of December 1914 were buried during the “Christmas truce” with German officers present to pay their respects. In two separate places along the front, Lt Bernard Bernard Warwicks and Lt Richard Nugent Scots Gds.

Lt Wilfred Stapleton-Bretherton RF died as a POW of wounds in a German hospital in 1914; his sister Evelyn the Princess Blucher was a nurse for the German Red Cross.



Prince Reginald



Harry Butters

Prince Reginald de Croy was head of the most successful resistance and escape organisation on the Western Front. Nurse Edith Cavell, shot as a spy, was one of his operatives.

André de Gennes was one of the most successful French fighter pilots and was known as “the Ballon Bursting Ace”. He was forced down and captured in July 1916.

Lawrence of Arabia’s commanding officer, mentor and collaborator that brought his plans to fruition was Colonel Pierce Joyce.

Lt Harry Butters the first American to join up for the War with the BEF was killed on the Somme 1916; his obituary in the press was written by his friend Winston Churchill.

The most senior officer from the West Indies and coloured was Colonel William de Boisierre.





On the Somme 1916, Eugene Vaughan, godson of the Empress Eugenie commanded a company of the Grenadier Guards in one of the great defensive actions of the War in which they killed over one hundred Germans and took twenty prisoners.

Lady Dorothea Moore (née Feilding) wife and mother of OBs was the first woman to receive a military decoration – the MM in 1916. She served as a volunteer nurse and ambulance driver



Signing of the Armistice

Captain James Marriott RN was one of the five Allied Witnesses to the German signing of the Armistice at Compiègne in November 1918



The Indian Army contingent on the Victory Parade London 1919. The Contingent was led by Brigadier General Edmund Costello VC .

## WORLD WAR II



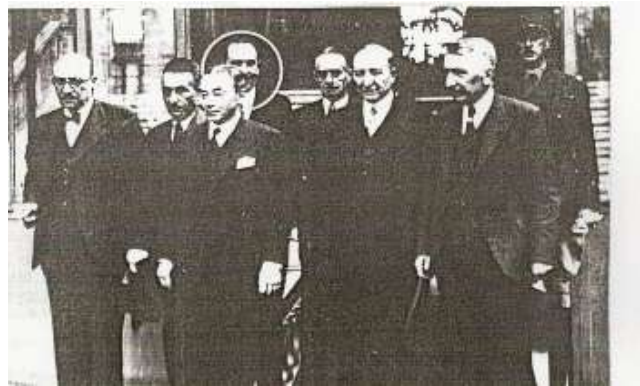
Kindertransport



Sir George Ogilvie-Forbes

Sir George Ogilvie-Forbes, British diplomat, was the organiser of the “Kindertransport” to rescue Jewish children from Nazi Germany in 1938.

General Jacek Dembinski “Hero of the Dneistr” and wartime Head of the Polish Forces in exile sent his son to Beaumont.



French Government May 1940, Provoust circled. (de Gaulle right rear)

Jean Provoust was the French Minister of Information at the time of the fall of France.

Andre Clasen, later the Luxemburg Ambassador in London was the man that brought his country’s Government into exile rather than capitulate.

Robert Hoare DSO commanded K Battery RHA at Hondegham 1940. Their stand and valour resulted in the Battery being renamed Hondegham to honour their rear guard action.



The Allied Memorial to those that died during the evacuation at Dunkirk is on the Esplanade George Cavrois named for an honoured veteran of WWI and an OB.

One of the first George Medals was awarded to John Cantopher for saving a crashed enemy bomber for intelligence by finding and releasing a time bomb following the Battle of Graveney Marsh – the last armed fight between British Forces and enemy troops on English soil.

Michael Clinton received one of only two George Medals and Bar for bomb disposal.



Michel d'Arcangues



Pierre de Vomecourt

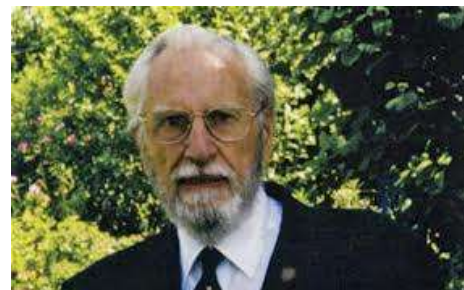
The two main escape routes out of France over the Pyrenees were organised by OBs; the Mediterranean route by Tom Kenny assisted by Nancy Wake GM and the Atlantic by Michel d'Arcangues. A later route into Switzerland was organised by Frederick West VC the father of an OB.

Beaumont's greatest contribution to the War effort was with SOE and the French Resistance Movement.

The first SOE Group leader was Baron Pierre de Vomecourt, his brother Philippe organised the largest breakout of a prison in wartime France. Another brother Jean ran the resistance in Eastern France was captured and starved to death at Sachsenhausen.



Brian Rafferty



John Farmer

British agents included Brian Rafferty executed on the gallows at Flossenburg in 1945, John Sehmer shot at Mauthausen 1944 and John Farmer who worked with Nancy Wake and survived; after the war he was an agent for MI6.



Pierre Eugene Clairin



Harold Stevens

Resistance leaders included Edmund de Ayala of the champagne family, Ambrose de Lisle and Pierre Eugene Clairin the artist.

Gilbert Renault “Colonel Remy” leading intelligence agent of the Free French sent his son to the school in 1946.

Brigadier Raymond Maunsell was head of Security & Intelligence in the Middle East as such he ran several double agents within Axis Intelligence and broke the Kondor Circle.

Squadron Leader John Taylor was one of the leading fighter aces of the War with 15 confirmed and 11 damaged. He was KIA leading 601 Sqn in June 1943.

The De Haviland Mosquito, the most successful fighter bomber of the war, was designed and developed at Salisbury Hall Hertfordshire the home of Walter Goldsmith. John de Haviland and John Scrope OB were killed testing one of these aircraft in August 1943.

Colonel Harold Stevens ran the Italian section of the BBC European Service. As “Il Colonello Buona Sera”, he transmitted every evening. His name was found to be painted on houses during the invasion of Italy.

It was reported by Vatican Radio that General Tomoyuki Yamashita “the Tiger of Malaya” and commander of the Japanese Army had been educated at Beaumont; there is no record of an OB of that name.

The OB and ardent fascist Prince Jean de Borbon was placed on the MI5 watch list together with the father of two boys at the school - Spanish Air Attaché Carlos Sartorius.



Nicholas Tindal-Carill-Worsley



Alex Muirhead

Nicholas Tindal was one of the escape organisers for The Great Escape from Stalag Luft III. Nicholas was responsible for all the forged and “acquired” documents.

Howard Gee was one of only two civilian prisoners in Colditz, sent there after various escape attempts. He was later joined by Pierre de Vomecourt.

Brigadier Willie van Cutsem headed the Political Intelligence Bureau assisted by Leopold Clasen which organised the treatment of Germans and their culture after hostilities ended.

In the worst atrocity discovered by the British forces, Alex Muirhead SAS discovered the Belsen concentration camp. Colonel Hubert Cochrane compiled the evidence. Sir Theobald Mathew (father of an OB) ordered the prosecution and Brigadier Edmund Paton-Walsh (father of OBs) oversaw the execution of those responsible.



Painting of the regimental Drum Corporal of the 9<sup>th</sup> Royal Lancers by leading sporting artist Raoul Millais presented to the Regiment in memory of Lt Col Ronald McDonnell killed on the Coriano Ridge in Italy 1944.

## OTHER MILITARY FACTS

F/O Tim McElhaw was the last pilot to shoot down another plane in close aerial combat - Israel 1948.

James Sheppard, a naval surgeon, was awarded the GM for treating casualties following the Bedenham incident at Gibraltar in 1951 which killed 13 and hundreds injured.



HMS Affray



Bill Anderson

Derrick Foster was second in command of the submarine HMS Affray which foundered off Alderney 1951; the worst loss of life in the Royal Navy since WW2.

General Sir Basil Eugster was the first Catholic Colonel of the Irish Guards when appointed in 1969.

Three OB Frenchmen have held commissions in the Irish Guards.

Major William Anderson was the only British Special Forces operative to work behind the enemy lines during the Korean War.

## LEAGUE OF NATIONS



Mark Sykes



Flag of the Arab Revolt

Col Sir Mark Sykes was; a) responsible for the Sykes/Picot agreement that divided the Middle East between British and French interests.  
b) drafted the Balfour agreement.  
c) revived many of the ME regional and national names  
d) designed the flag of “the Arab Revolt” and several of the national variations.

Henri Brenier brought about the International Opium agreement and was the French representative on the Drugs Advisory Council.

Selskar Gunn was the American representative on the International Board of the Red Cross and a central figure in setting up the League Health Organisation.

José Quinones de Leon was the Spanish diplomat that proposed, and the leading proponent, of the admittance of Germany to the League in 1925.

### **POLITICS & DIPLOMATIC**

The majority of OB MPs, up until the Great War, took the Liberal Whip or were Irish Nationalists.

George Hennessey, 1<sup>st</sup> Lord Windlesham was Vice Chairman of the Conservative party 1931-41

The wife of Henry Hornyold-Strickland - the Hon Mary chaired the Conservative Party Conference in 1947.



Granard in the centre



Philip de Zulueta

8<sup>th</sup> Earl of Granard was the last holder of the political appointment of Master of the Horse 1907-15. He then held the Court appointment 1923-36.

Following Sir Oswald Mosley's formation of the British Union of Fascists there was a group formed at Beaumont in the late Thirties. The aunt of George Spence OB was married to Baldur von Schirich Head of the Hitler Youth Movement.

Philip de Zulueta was Private Secretary and foreign affairs adviser to Prime Ministers Anthony Eden and Harold Macmillan.

Five OBs, as Ambassadors to the Court of St James, were appointed GCVO; the highest personal honour by the British Monarch.

Luxemburg – André Clasen

Portugal - Duke of Palmella

Spain – Marquis Merry Del Val, Duke of Berwick & Alba, Duke of Baena.



Marquis Merry Del Val



Duke of Berwick & Alba

The homes of several OBs are now official Government residences;



Yarralumia



Eden Hall

Yarralumia – Murray family - Governor of Australia.

Eden Hall - Vivian Bath - Governor of Singapore, now the British High Commissioner.

Glencairn House – Croker family – Ambassador of Great Britain to Ireland.

Av George V – José Quinones de Leon – Ambassador of Spain to France.

56 Av d'Iena – Arthur “Boy” Capel - Ambassador of Egypt to France.

## **AUSTRALIA**

Two Prime Ministers sent their sons to the school – Sir Henry Parker and William Bede Dalley the first Australian to be appointed to the Privy Council.

## **CANADA**

Robert Horne-Payne through his British Empire Trust Company was one of the major investors in opening up the Western Provinces at the turn of the century. The town of Hornepayne in Northern Ontario is named after him.



George Sandfield Macdonald was the son of the Hon Andrew Macdonald the youngest “Father of the Confederation of Canada”.

George Vanier, soldier, High Commissioner in London and later the first French Canadian Governor General sent his three sons to the School. The youngest Jean is the founder of the International Charity – L’ARCHE.

### **IRELAND**

The first president of Sinn Fein was Edward Martyn, author, playwright and art collector. He was succeeded by another OB – John Sweetman.

The Defence counsel for Sir Roger Casement at his trial for treason in 1916 was Alexander Sullivan.

Among those that negotiated the Anglo-Irish Treaty 1921 was Irish Privy Councillor Sir Stanley Harrington.



On the left of politics, Dr Noel Browne was appointed Minister of Health 1948, while on the right, Gerard Sweetman was Minister of Finance in 1954.

### **FRANCE**

Over one hundred French boys were educated at Beaumont.



The Chateau d’Usse home of the Prince de Blacas was the inspiration for Perrault’s “Sleeping Beauty” and the Disney castle.



Helie Tallyrand, Prince de Sagan



Jules Albert de Dion

The grandson of the great Tallyrand was an early student 1872. He later married the American heiress Anna Gould after her divorce from Boni de Castellane – their son was at Beaumont 1920.

Jules Albert de Dion, anti-Dreyfusard struck President Loubet over the head with his walking stick at Auteuil Races and went to prison for 15 days. De Dion also founded his own car company, the French Automobile Club, the Aero Club and the Tour de France. Among his several duels was one with future Prime Minister Georges Clemenceau.

Jean Lehideux and the family bank were influential in the Synarchy – a secret far right society between the Wars. Several of their members came to power in Vichy France.

Jean Provoust was the best known magazine proprietor in the country owning Paris – Midi, Paris Soir, Paris Match and Marie-Claire.

### **MALTA**

Sir Edward Jackson was Deputy Governor during WW2 when the Island was awarded the George Cross.

Colonel John Francia and his son John-Baptist owned the National Bank and their home the Palazzo Francia was bequeathed to the nation.

### **NEW ZEALAND.**



The diplomat Terence O'Brien was President of the UN Security Council during his country's tenure at the time of the Bosnia War 1993.

## **SPAIN**

At one time, seven members of King Alfonso XIII's administration had been at the school.

The first Spanish Ambassador to send his to Beaumont was the Marquis de Molins in 1868, since then the following OBs have been accredited to the Court of St James;  
1913-31 Marquis Merry Del Val  
1939-45 Duke of Berwick and Alba  
1948-54 Duke of Sanlucar & Baena

The 17<sup>th</sup> Duke of Berwick and Alba was also Foreign Minister 1930-1

The plot to bring General Franco from the Canary Islands to Spanish Morocco and take command of the Nationalist forces in the Civil War was hatched at the residence of José Quinones de Leon in Paris and also included the Duke of Berwick and Alba and the Marquis Del Merito.

Alfonso Marquis de Portago was General Mola's special emissary to Rome and Berlin to gain support for the Nationalist cause.

Beaumont had a holiday granted to celebrate the Nationalist victory in the Civil War.

Prince Alfonso Duke of Galliera was appointed Chief of Staff of the air force by the King in 1931 and later he was Head of the Nationalist Air Force during the Civil War. His brother Infante Luis Fernando was arrested for drug offences; he was a cross-dresser and homosexual.



The Osborne Bull (7 Osborne boys at the school) was adopted as the sports emblem for all individuals and teams competing for their country.

Ramon del la Sota y MacMahon was the representative of the Basque Government in the USA when they went into exile during the Civil War.

## PHILIPPINES



Sergio Osmena, son of the political rival of President Marcos and the grandson of President Osmena was secretary general of the Progressive Party and is now a Senator for the Liberals.

## THE UNITED STATES.

Thomas Woodlock, one of the most influential men in US finance was joint owner of Dow Jones & Co and editor of the Wall Street Journal. He was also appointed by President Coolidge to the Federal Commerce Commission.



Clarence Mackay



The Mackay Necklace

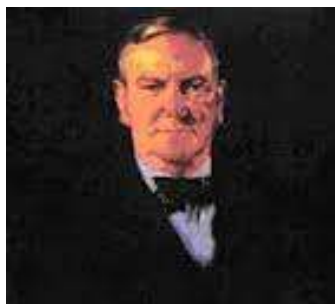
Clarence Mackay, financier and one of the wealthiest men in the U S owned the most opulent house in the country – Harbor Hill based on Mansart's Chateau de Maisons 1642. It occupied the highest point overlooking Long Island Sound. The drive was 23 miles long.

He married the soprano Anna Case.

The Mackay necklace contains the largest cut emerald in the US gem collection 167.97 carats; it is now in the Smithsonian Institute.

He was US Amateur Racquets Champion 1902

His daughter Ellin married Irving Berlin.



Boss Croker



Callandar House

Richard “Boss” Croker, racketeer and racehorse owner, who ran New York for ten years in the 1890’s sent his son Herbert to the school.

John Livingston Redmond of Wells Fargo and American Express left the school in 1906. President Franklin Roosevelt became engaged to Eleanor in the grounds of the Redmond mansion Callandar House overlooking the Hudson River.



William Buckley was considered the “pre-eminent voice of American conservatism and the most influential intellectual in the last half of the 20<sup>th</sup> century”. Member of CIA, Editor National Review and US Delegate to the UN.

#### **EUROPEAN UNION.**



Baron Philippe de Schoutheete de Tervarent was appointed to the Committee of Permanent Representatives 1987 – 97.

## LAW



3<sup>rd</sup> Lord Russell of Killowen



Hon Sir Charles Russell

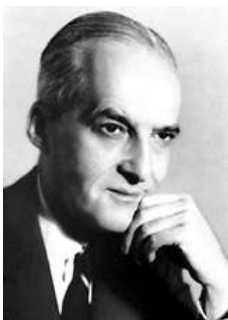
The first Catholic Lord Chief Justice of England since the Reformation – Lord Russell of Killowen sent his sons to the school. His younger son Frank sat as a Lord Justice of Appeal as the 2<sup>nd</sup> Lord Russell as did his grandson Charles as the 3<sup>rd</sup> Lord Russell.

Charles Russell, younger son of the 1<sup>st</sup> Lord Russell, solicitor, acted for King Edward VII as POW and for Lord Queensbury in the Oscar Wilde Case, also advocate for Britain in the Bering Sea Arbitration 1893.

Sir Theobald Mathew was the longest serving Director of Public Prosecutions from 1944 -1964. He was married to the daughter of an OB (Hon Cyril Russell) and his son John Mathew QC was in his time the senior man at the Bar. Mathew's assistant Director from 1952 was Frederick Donal Barry.

The most popular profession for OBs was the law, as both barristers and solicitors.

## ACADEMIA

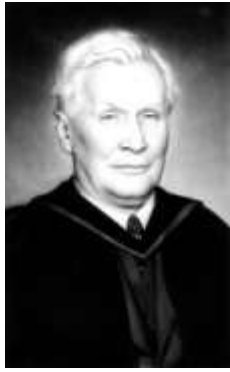


Luiz Lelior



Sir Anthony Leggett

The School produced two Nobel Prize winners; Luiz Lelior, Chemistry 1970  
Sir Anthony Leggett, physics 2003



“Sligger” Urquhart



Peter Levi

“Sligger” Urquhart was the first Catholic Oxford Don since the Reformation when appointed 1896.

Peter Levi, author and writer was elected Oxford Professor of Poetry in 1984



Charles Jerningham – “Marmeduke” of Vanity Fair was known for his witty prose and his maxims “We insist that money is the root of all evil and behave as if it were the source of all good”.

#### **ACCOLADES (modern)**

OBs have been elected by their peers to such titles as;

Humanist of the Year; Ronald Bon de Souza.

US Chemist of the Year; Horace Cutler.

Canadian Professor of the Year; Shane O’Dea.

UK Tax Personality & “Vatrat”; Christopher Tailby.

UK Barrister’s “Dream Team”; John Mathew QC.

Most Influential Figure in the last 50 Years of British Music; Chris Blackwell.

TV Emmy Award; Piers Anderton

India; Padma Shree; Prof John Marr.

Hong Kong; Gold Bauhinia Star; Judge Anthony Rogers.

## ART & ARCHITECTURE



Bernard Leach



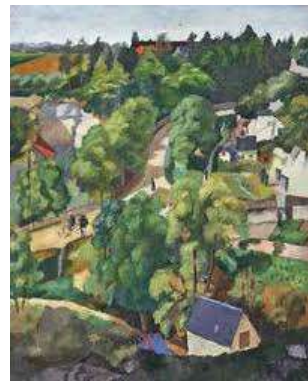
Sir Giles Gilbert Scott

Bernard Leach was “the father of British studio pottery” and a Companion of Honour.

Sir Giles Gilbert Scott was the architect for buildings that included Liverpool Cathedral, Libraries at Oxford and Cambridge, Battersea and Bankside (Tate Modern) Power stations and the K2 Red Telephone box.



Pownall Mosaic



Clairin “Paysage”

Gilbert Pownall was responsible for the mosaics in Westminster Cathedral.

Pierre Eugene Clairin studied under Serusier and Gauguin and was an acclaimed French artist, illustrator and writer.





Adah Russell



Tina Freeman Woolam

One of John Singer Sargent's finest portraits is of Adah wife of the Hon Sir Charles Russell.

The portrait chosen by Andy Warhol on the front cover of his autobiography is of Tina Freeman wife of Philip Woolam.

### **THEATRE & FILM**



Sonnie Hale



Charles Laughton

Sonnie Hale the famous musical and revue actor of the Thirties was married to Evelyn Laye and then Jessie Mathews.

Oscar winning actor Charles Laughton was a pupil at the preparatory school St Johns.



Conchita Supervia



Sir Alec Guinness

Both the son and grandson of the renowned Spanish soprano Conchita Supervia were at the School as was the son of the tenor Michael Eisdell.

Looking for “a virile education”, Sir Alec Guinness sent his son to the school in 1954.

Ballet’s Royal Academy of Dance was founded by Philip Richardson.

The Gatti family (6 at the school) owned the Adelphi and the Vaudeville theatres and leased the Strand.



Blanche Blackwell



Natacha de Urzaiz

Blanche Blackwell wife of Middleton was mistress and muse to Ian Fleming and gave rise to the Bond Girls - Honeychile Ryder and Pussy Galore.

Natacha de Urzaiz (Rambova), costume designer, was the wife of Alvaro, Conde Del Puerto. She was first married to screen idol Rudolph Valentino.

The Back Gates of the school were used as part of the film set for the spoof James Bond film “Casino Royal” 1967 starring David Niven, Orson Wells and Ursula Andress.



Ralph Bates, the actor, was known as “the Prince of Gothic Horror” usually with the lead role in a Hammer Horror Film during the Seventies. Bates made characters such as Dracula physically attractive with his satanic good looks, contemptuously confident air and sarcastic wit. He also played many roles on television and was star of the sitcom “Dear John”.

## MUSIC



Beatrice Langley



Nicholas Danby

Acclaimed violinist Beatrice Langley playing her famed Maggini instrument circa 1600; she was married to writer and author Basil Tozer OB.

Henry Morriss, Shanghai tycoon, owned and played the Hellier Stradivarius violin now in the Smithsonian Museum in Washington

Nicholas Danby – leading international organ recitalist of the second half of the 20<sup>th</sup> century.



Chris Blackwell



Peter Hamill

Chris Blackwell son of Middleton OB was the founder of Island Records and introduced Reggae music to western culture. He is considered to be one of the most influential people in popular music in the last half century.

Peter Hamill, progressive rock singer and song writer and founder of the band Van der Graaf Generator.

Peter Holman is the Conductor and founder of The Parlay of Instruments and one of the foremost interpreters of European Baroque music.

## **RELIGION**

Beaumont produced over one hundred ordained priests - the majority to the Society of Jesús.



Cardinal Merry Del Val



Slipper Chapel

Cardinal Merry Del Val, Servant of God, and Secretary of State to Pope Pius X was said to have passed part of his education at the school.

The Apostolic Delegate and Papal Envoy Mgr Joseph Pizzardo paid an official visit to the school in 1937.

The Slipper Chapel at the Shrine at Walsingham is also a memorial to Lt Launcelot Cary of the Devonshire Regiment killed on the Somme July 1916.

## SOCIETY (between the Wars)



Paula Gellibrand known as “Modigliani come to life” and a muse of Cecil Beaton was married to Peter Marquis de Casa Maury OB.



Freda Dudley Ward



“ Baba “

De Casa Maury later married Freda Dudley Ward, the long standing mistress of Edward Prince of Wales before his marriage to Wallis Simpson.

Baba d'Erlanger daughter of the Baron de Beaumont, a friend of Paula Gellibrand, was known for her “razor-shell figure” and her be-jewelled swimsuits. She married Prince Jean-Louis Faucigny-Lucinge OB.



Olga Leighton



Leonora Hughes

Olga Leighton married Alfonso Marquis de Portago OB, polo player, actor and friend of the Spanish King. She is seen here (right) with her pet goat at a polo match.

Legendary dancer Leonora Hughes married Argentinean landowner Carlos Ortiz-Basualdo OB



Prince Jerome Rospigliosi



Sir Francis Rose

Prince Jerome Rospigliosi eloped with the 19 year old Marion Snowden daughter of oil Tycoon James Hastings Snowden.

Sir Francis Rose Bt, Bohemian artist, seen here with art collector Gertrude Stein. A painter and illustrator, his work is in the Yale University Gallery and the Fine Arts of San Francisco. He illustrated Alice Toklas's cookbook that included Hashish Fudge - "two pieces are enough for fits of laughter and wild floods of thought".



Capt Edward Molyneux



a Molyneux gown

Edward Molyneux , Parisian fashion designer, famed for his elegant style, particularly evening gowns. He dressed both royalty and ladies most prominent in the world of the Arts and Society.



Katherine Duer Mackay

Katherine Duer(1880-1930) was born the daughter of a wealthy, High Society New York family. Descended from Colonel and Lady Kitty Duer financial backers of George Washington and the American Revolution. The Debutante of her year, she married Clarence Mackay 1898 Divorced 1914. She was a suffragette and President of the Equal Franchise Society.

## **WINE, SPIRIT & OTHER**

OBs have owned many of the most renowned companies worldwide;

### **Beer**

Oland - Canada's oldest brewery  
Smithwick – Ireland's oldest brewery  
Miles - Madeira

### **Brandy**

Hennessy, Rouyer-Guillet

### **Champagne**

Charles Heidsieck, de Ayala

### **Gin**

Gilbey's

### **Rum**

Blackwell

### **Madeira & Port**

Miles  
Kopke (Bohane)

### **Sherry**

Gonzalez-Byass, Osborne, Pemartin, Sancho (Mateos)

### **Whisky**

Scotch; Buchanan  
Irish; Tullamore (Williams)

### **Wine**

Rioja – Ygay (de Olivares)

### **Soft Drink**

Irn-Bru – Barr

## **SPORT**

### **ATHLETICS**



Wolff second from left



Freddie Wolff won a gold medal at the 1936 Olympics as a member of the 4 x 400m relay team. He was also British 440yrd title holder 1933.

### **ALPINE**



1922 Everest Expedition. Strutt standing left

Edward Strutt was President of the Alpine Club and climb leader of the first Everest Expedition 1922 for which he received a special Olympic medal.

The photographer and instigator for the '22 expedition was John Baptist Noel the son of an OB,

### **CRICKET**

Several OBs played for Ireland from 1880 till WW1;

Philip Meldon “the slowest bowler in first class cricket”.

Budge Meldon

Walter Meldon

Anthony Strong-Hussey

William McCarten Mooney (with a record score of 1 in four test matches against the USA). His brother Edmund was team manager.



Charles de Trafford “C E” played for Lancashire ‘84 and was President of the club whose home ground takes its name Old Trafford from the family.

He was Captain of Leicestershire ’94 for seventeen seasons.

He is the only batsman to make a clean hole, when hitting a six through the Committee room window at Lords.

His six, that hit Lord Harris’s memorial garden outside the ground, is an unequalled biggest hit.

Denis Compton and Bill Edrich first played together for the MCC against Beaumont at Old Windsor in 1937.

Peter Bird, when playing for the XI against the Oratory 1956 put one of his sixes into the St John’s Wood Road – a record hit for a schoolboy.

David Bulfield took all ten Oratory wickets for 78 at Lords in 1954.

## CYCLING



Marquis Jules Albert de Dion was the founder of the Tour de France in 1903

## EQUESTRIAN

### Polo



“Boy” Capel



From photo by Spaight, Market Harborough

SIR HUMPHREY DE TRAFFORD, F.R.S.

Sir Humphrey de Trafford

The game was the most successful of OB sports with 5 Olympic medals for 3 different countries.

Sir Humphrey de Trafford 3<sup>rd</sup> Bt was a player of note and had a ground laid out at Trafford Park. He bred one of the thoroughbred foundation sires of the modern pony.

Jack Mitjans Duke of Santona was one of the early players in Spain and led a team of Dukes, all Beaumont educated, to play in the United States and England 1907.

Ct Jean de Madre the father of an OB played for England and won a silver medal in the 1900 Olympics although a Frenchman. His team the Tigers were one of the outstanding sides of the first half of the 20<sup>th</sup> century.

At the 1908 Olympics both John McCann and Percy O'Reilly played for Ireland to win a Silver medal. McCann's son Patrick was later Chairman of the All Ireland Club.

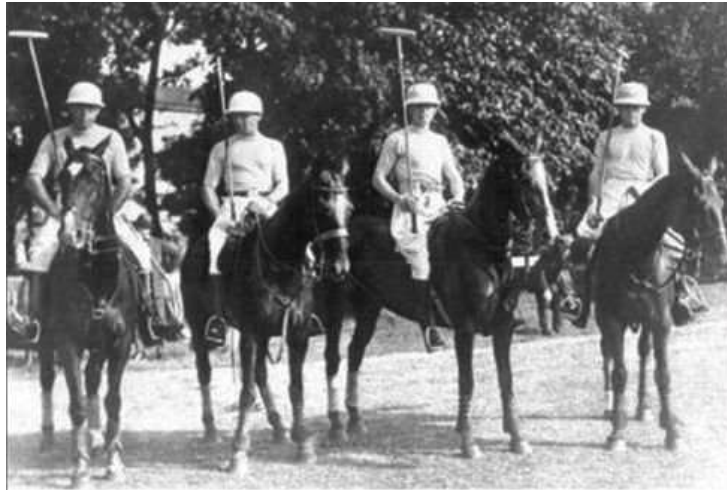
Both Leonard Morrogh-Ryan and John O'Neil-Power were also International Irish players at the turn of the 19<sup>th</sup> century.

There are 3 OBs named on the Roehampton Cup which was the most prestigious trophy in the English calendar up until WW2; Jack Nelson, Manuel Escandon and Evelyn Fanshawe.



Nando Peneranda (left) travelling to the U S A with Lord Wimborne

In the 1920 Olympics, both the Duke of Alba and his brother the Duke of Peneranda won silver medals for Spain.



Argentinean Olympic Gold medallists

The Argentineans won the gold medal in 1924 when captained by Jack Nelson who scored the winning goal. Jack was also the non-playing captain of the again victorious side 1936 and three times president of the Argentinean Association. Both his brother Louis and his son Juan were players of international repute.

In WW2, the two regiments that played the first ever match in England, the 10th Royal Hussars and the 9<sup>th</sup> Royal Lancers were both commanded by OBs and polo players – Ronald McDonnell 9L and Jack Archer-Shee 10H.

### Racing

OBs have had considerable success both as owners and managers in the lifespan of the school.



Wolff



Wilkinson

Some OBs have run their horses in the school colours



Manna

Henry “Shanghai” Morriss owned Manna winner of the 1925 Derby and 2000gns. The horse was bred at the Confrey Stud in Ireland owned by the Mahers, uncle and aunt of Brigadier Jerry Sheil OB. Manna held the record time for the Derby until 1979.

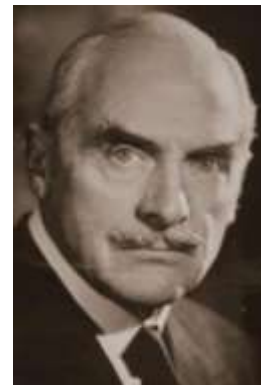
Henry Morriss also owned the Banstead Manor Stud where Frankel, considered by many as the best horse of all time now stands.

Sir Humphrey de Trafford 4<sup>th</sup> Bt won the Derby in 1959 with his home bred Parthia. The previous season he won the St Leger with Alcide.

Hector MacDonald was manager to Lord Woolavington and won him 7 seven classics including the Derby twice - 1921 with Captain Cuttle and 1926 with Cornach.



Abernant



Reginald MacDonald-Buchanan

Hector’s brother and sister in law. – Sir Reginald and Lady MacDonald-Buchanan (daughter of Ld Woolavington) won the Derby and St Leger 1941 with Owen Tudor. Reginald also owned Abernant in 1948 hailed as the Champion of Europe and the “best sprinter ever to grace the racecourse”.



Orby

Richard “Boss” Croker, father of Herbert OB, owned the first Irish bred winner of the Derby with Orby in 1907. He also bred Grand Parade that won in 1919.



Captain Charles Moore (right) at Ascot

Captain Charles Moore was the Royal Racing Manager to both King George VI and The Queen. He was to win for the King the Fillies Triple Crown in 1941 with Sun Chariot. Hypericum won the 1000gns in 1945 and in 1950 Park hill won the Cesarewich..

Further successes were Aureole leading sire of 1960 and '61. He produced Carrozza to win The Oaks and Pall Mall the 2000gns. His expertise led to the Queen being leading owner in 1954 and '57.



Lady Granard



1929 National with the largest field of 66

The Earl of Granard was His Majesty's Representative at Ascot in the Thirties. His wife the American Beatrice Mills was one of the most successful owners and breeders both in Europe and the United States from 1930 through to 1970.

Anthony Topham was the third of his family to act as Handicapper and Clerk of the Course at Aintree. He was in charge of the Grand National from 1910 until his death in 1932.

James Hennessy, the father of two OBs, won the National with Lutteur III in 1909.

### **FENCING**

Three OBs represented their country at the Olympics in the Sabre division. 1920 & 1924 Robin Dalglish for GB and received a special medal for good sportsmanship.

1924 Julian de Olivares for Spain.

1936 Bernardo de la Guardia for Costa Rica and his country's first ever competitor.

### **FLYING**



Jacques de Sibour and his wife Violette (Selfridge) were the first to fly from London to Peking across Russia in 1931 in a Farman. They also flew around the world in a Gypsy Moth in 1928.

### **FOOTBALL**

Several OBs won caps for Ireland ; all played for the Gentlemen Freebooters; - Philip Meldon - the cricketer.

John Nolan - the youngest goalie at 20 when selected for his country in 1901.

Henry O'Reilly – centre forward.

The Gentlemen Freebooters based at Booterstown Dublin were formed in 1898 and consisted mainly of OBs. They included Henry O'Reilly and his two brothers who formed the forward line. In 1901, they were runners up in the Irish Cup Final. The team disbanded in 1914 with the advent of War.

## **GOLF**



The B U G S - Beaumont Union Golfing Society 1931

The Beaumont Union Golfing Society was one of the founders of the Halford Hewitt 1923 although they scratched in the first competition.

They won the Hewitt Plate in 1965 and resigned from the competition with the school closure in 1967, the only school ever to do so.

The Society instigated the Russell Bowl between the old boys of the four Catholic Schools of Ampleforth, Beaumont, Downside and Stonyhurst.

Percy Clifford represented Mexico in the America's Cup and was six times National Open Champion 1928-34. He designed many of the country's top courses. The Torneo Percy Clifford is played annually at La Villa Rica in his memory.

Anthony Darnborough, later the film director captained the British under 18 team before WW 2.

## **ROWING**

Terence O'Brien 1927 won Silver Goblets for coxless pair at Henley  
1928 Silver Olympic Medal coxless pair  
1930 stroke of London RC VIII to win the Grand at Henley  
stroke of the English VIII to win the Gold medal at the British  
& Commonwealth Games.

Both Anthony Shattock (Oxford) 1944 and Michael Bailey (Cambridge) 1945 were coxes in their respective winning boat at the Varsity Boat Race.

## **MOTOR RACING**





Peter Marquis de Casa Maury



Brian Hetreed

Peter “Bobby” de Maury was an early Grand Prix racing driver and finished 5<sup>th</sup> in his Bugatti in the 1922 French race but last in the Italian event the same season.

Brian Hetreed was killed on the Nuerburgring in 1964.

## **SAILING**

Major Sir Reginald MacDonald-Buchanan was Captain of the British 12 metre Yacht Association and was part of the Royal Yacht Squadron bid for the America’s Cup in 1958.

Philip Tolhurst is currently Chairman of the International Sailing Federation - the sport’s governing body.

## **TENNIS & RAQUETS**

Vincent Miley was Irish Open Champion in 1920

Sir George Langton was Chairman of the All England Club in the Thirties when Evelyn Harrington was Chairman for the Ireland Club.

Clarence Mackay was US Amateur Racquets Champion 1902.



Andy Murray Olympic Gold medallist 2012 and U S Open Champion celebrated with a bottle of Douglas Barr's Irn-Bru.

## **WINTER SPORTS**



The first ever Spanish bobsled team in the 1956 Winter Olympics consisted of Fon Portago (son of an OB) and Vincente Sartorius OB - they were fourth in the Two-man and ninth in the Four-man. Vincente was married to Princess Nora of Lichtenstein a member of the International Olympic Committee.

Guy Chilver-Stainer was manager of the first British Langlauf ski team at the Cortina Olympics 1956. He was later CEO of the Scottish Ski Council.