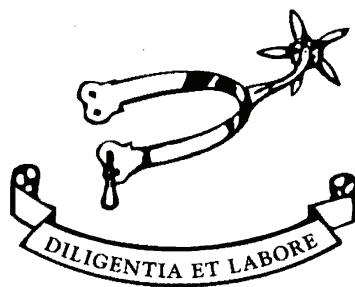


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## **Note from Peter George Harris (latest Committee Member)**

I was at Brymore from 1959 to 1963 and boarded for three years at Cannington House. Mr and Mrs Small were in charge assisted by Mr Munro. (in his first year at Brymore)

I returned to Cannington House as a Monitor in my third year and finally as a House Prefect. The walk to and from school was in 'close formation' with front and rear lights and initially no pavement after the cemetery. Most evenings we suffered torments and abuse from the village youths!! In the severe winter of 1963 we were luckily coached back and forth. As an aside my Mother shed tears when **I went away** to school and cried when **I left** Brymore. I never did understand the logic of this!

After Brymore I worked on a farm near Bristol and was a day release student at Long Ashton Research Station. I followed this with a year at Somerset Farm Institute (Cannington College). After brief stints on farms at Kingston St Mary and Mark I went to Pound Farm, Bishops Lydeard and stayed for 27 years. My employer died in 1997 and my position as Beef Stockman ceased to exist. I accepted redundancy in August 1998.

While at Bishops Lydeard and supported by my wife, two daughters and two stepsons I took an active part in the community. This included being a Trustee of the Almshouse, Governor at the Primary School, Parish Councillor, Village Hall Chairman and Management Committee Member as well as Panel Member for the Mental Health Act for the Somerset Partnership NHS Trust. I am still a JP for Taunton Deane and the West Somerset Bench.

Following redundancy I took up self employment as 'Man Friday /Gardener' and now spend more time with my six grandchildren.

My work in the community was achieved partly as a result of my time at Brymore which instilled in me motivation, good time keeping, to have initiative, a pleasant manner, sense of humour and to be conscientious. I am not an academic, but in my own way, like many other Brymore boys, I hope I have served the community well.

I am a lucky chap to have enjoyed good health and to have had the support of my family in all my activities – long may it last.

## **A note from your Chairman**

Your Committee is delighted to send you the first Edition of the re-vamped 'Spur'. We are indebted to Philip Eavis (Living homes), Ian Walker (Tamlyn's) and Robin Irvine (Irvine's) for funding its production. We would like to receive comments from you regarding this production by post or e-mail.

A Committee Member will attend 11 Agricultural Shows this summer with the Brymore Caravan. We would be pleased to see you if you are unable to attend the re-union on June 30<sup>th</sup>.

We are in the early stages of organising a Dinner and re-union at Brymore on December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2007. More news of this later but please reserve the date now.

We are still in need of the whereabouts of many Old Boys and we would be pleased to hear from you if you have any information of 'Lost' Old Boys.

May I take this opportunity to thank you for your support, whether by Subscription or Summer Draw Ticket Sales. It is much appreciated by your hard working Committee and the School Staff.

**John Manning.**

## **Obituary of Malcolm Ferguson**

We are very sorry to have to record the death of Malcolm Ferguson RWA who was Art Teacher at Brymore between 1957 and 1980. He died on 16<sup>th</sup> April 2007 at the age of 94 years.

He trained at Portsmouth, Croydon and the Slade Schools of Art, and taught in many schools at both secondary and adult levels. He was the recipient of three awards, including the Anglo American and de Beers Joint Chairmans' Award to support True Fresco in the apse of St. Joseph's Chapek Tsolo, South Africa 1982, a grant to work on four altars in St. Augustine's Church, Penalonga, Zimbabwe from 1985 to 1989. He also completed work on a three metre triptych in the Lord Mayor's Chapel in Bristol in 1992.

He exhibited in the Royal Academy Summer Exhibitions and at the New English Art Club, the Paris Salon, the National Gallery of Wales and Bradford City Art Gallery.

His work depicted widely varying aspects of religious, landscape and portrait subjects in oil, watercolour, egg tempera and true fresco.

## Farm Manager's Report

I took up the post of farm manager here at Brymore in July 2005. Having now found my feet, I am pleased to report that the farm is improving financially. We also continue to look at ways to extend the experience of the boys on the farm. To this end we now have seven breeds of chicken for laying and meat production.



*Old boys John Manning and Michael Fry (on behalf of the Old Brymorians Association) present Headmaster Malcolm Lloyd and Farm Manager Paul Kingston with a new chicken house.*

### **Dairy**

The dairy herd now consists of Friesian Holsteins, Ayrshires and recently an addition of two prize-winning Jersey cows. These were donated from an Old Brymorian, Mark Heywood(1992-1995) who farms locally at Langport. We are extremely grateful for Mark's generosity.

The dairy cows are averaging 6,000 litres and as with any organic farm we are attempting to gain as much from forage as possible. The Jersey cows will hopefully do well on a forage based organic system. We have also bought three heifer calves from old boy and local farmer Dave Sayer (1978-1982) when he gave up milk production. These should be part of our milking herd in two years time.

### **Beef**

We are now keeping a few beef heifers to start our own suckler herd. Again we are thankful to a current student, Harry Gould, for the loan of his Hereford

bull to serve these. We are looking forward to the arrival of some pure Hereford calves running about next spring.

### **Pigs**

As a result of Bridgwater College, Cannington Centre (formally Cannington College and the Somerset Farm Institute) giving up pig production we decided to start up our own pig herd. Previously we had finished pigs for them, which gave the boys experience in pig production. We have recently purchased four pedigree saddleback gilts, one of which farrowed unexpectedly producing four cracking piglets!

### **Sheep**

Our sheep flock is increasing slowly. We have bought some Lleyn two toothed and I am hoping to expand their number as I feel they will do well on our organic system. The boys may appreciate a smaller ewe when it comes to shearing and foot trimming. We have had some excellent early lambs sired by a Hampshire ram, which was loaned to us from a current Brymore student, George King.

In the future we are hoping to expand the acreage we farm and the number of stock we keep. Negotiations to rent land at Ashford and land owned by Yeo Valley Organics are under way which should enable us to be as self sufficient as possible. We are in need of machinery to cultivate the land and to harvest so if there is any old boy who has some redundant or unused farm machinery they feel we could use all donations are welcome.

Paul Kingston  
Farm Manager

*Two prize-winning Jersey cows are donated to the farm by Old Brymorian, Mark Heywood (1992-1995).*





# Old Brymorian Association Annual General Meeting and Members Dinner.



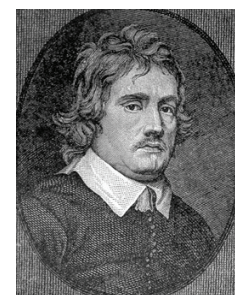
Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2007 at Brymore School.

Drinks at 6.30pm in the courtyard followed at 7.00pm by  
Dinner in the dining room.



Open to all members and their guests. Please book with Mrs Bryant at  
Brymore School – Telephone 01278 652369

## Traditional Pym's Dinner on Saturday December 8<sup>th</sup>



Members and their guests will receive their invitation in the Autumn Term.

A picture from the archives



*Are you in this picture? What is going on here?*