

Boarding School Book of Remembrance

Newsletter II (Autumn 2024)

Introduction

BSA Group launched **The Boarding School Book of Remembrance (BOBOR)** in November 2023. Since then, the project to create a permanent digital book for boarding schools to honour those who died or contributed in service, has gained considerable interest and support. For questions or suggestions about BOBOR, please get in touch via robin.fletcher@bsagroup.org.uk

Here is a quick link to Beta site:

www.bobor.org.uk/

New Participating Schools

There are now 102 **Participating Schools** including four new joiners:

- **Army & Navy Academy** (California)
- **Castle Park School** (Republic of Ireland)
- **Royal Hospital School** (England)
- **The Royal School Dungannon** (Northern Ireland).

Full **Participating Schools** list (see page 3).

New Supporting Partner

The Western Front Association has joined BOBOR as a Supporting Partner. The Association was formed in 1980 to maintain interest in the period 1914-1918, to perpetuate the memory, courage and comradeship of those on all sides who served their countries in France and Flanders and their own countries during the Great War. It does not seek to glorify war and is non-political.

Full **Supporting Partners** list (see page 2).



New Honorary Patron

Major General Peggy Combs (US Army rtd) has become BOBOR's second US Honorary Patron. General Combs is former Commanding General US Army Cadet Command. Earlier this year, BOBOR was saddened to learn of the passing of one of its Honorary Patrons Vice Admiral Sir Clive Johnstone, late President of The Royal British Legion.

Full **Honorary Presidents** list (see page 4).

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BOBOR archive development

SDS Group, who are managing the BOBOR digital archive, have so far worked with several participating schools to upload their remembrance information to BOBOR. BOBOR now includes the details of thousands of names which can be searched.

SDS Business Development Director Derek Blezard is the SDS's contact point for BOBOR and can be reached via derekb@sds-group.co.uk

Future plans

It is hoped all participating schools will be uploaded to BOBOR by September 2025 when the site will go formally live. This will coincide with the 80th anniversary of the end of WW2 and the 60th anniversary of the formation of the Boarding Schools' Association.

Robin Fletcher, BOBOR Director

Supporting Partners

- **Australian Boarding Schools Association** (ABSA), www.boarding.org.au
- **New Zealand Boarding Schools' Association** (NZBSA), www.nzboarding.co.nz
- **School Archives & Records Association** (SARA), www.schoolarchivesandrecordsassociation.org
- **The Heads' Conference** (HMC), www.hmc.org.uk
- **The Independent Schools' Bursars Association** (ISBA), www.theisba.org.uk
- **The Independent Association of Prep Schools** (IAPS), www.iaps.uk
- **The Independent Schools Council** (ISC), www.isc.co.uk
- **The Royal British Legion** (RBL), www.britishlegion.org.uk
- **The Society of Heads**, www.thesocietyofheads.org.uk
- **The Western Front Association**, www.westernfrontassociation.com



To become a Supporting Partner contact BOBOR Director Robin Fletcher via robin.fletcher@bsagroup.org.uk

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Participating Schools

Australia

- **Queensland:** Ipswich Grammar School, The Southport School, Toowoomba Grammar School.
- **Victoria:** Assumption College, Scotch College, Melbourne; St Patrick's College, Ballarat.
- **South Australia:** St Peter's College, Adelaide.
- **Western Australia:** Hale School.

England (College titles shown, all others school titles omitted for brevity).

Abingdon, Aldenham, Ashville College, Aysgarth, Bede's, Berkhamsted, Bilton Grange, Blundell's, Bradfield College, Brentwood, Bryanston, Charterhouse, Cheltenham College, Colchester Royal Grammar, Cranleigh, Culford, Dean Close, Downe House, Dragon, Durham Cathedral, Eagle House, Eastbourne College, Epsom College, Eton College, Felsted, Giggleswick, Hurstpierpoint, Kent College Pembury, Kingham Hill, King's Canterbury, King's Rochester, Lincoln Christ's Hospital, Lancaster Royal Grammar, Lockers Park, Luckley House, LVS Ascot, Marlborough College, Millfield, Monkton, Mount Kelly College, Oakham, Oratory, Oundle, Pangbourne, Queenswood, Royal Alexandra and Albert, Radley College, Repton, Royal Hospital, Royal Russell, Rugby, Sedbergh, Sherborne Boys, Shrewsbury, St Catherine's Bramley, St Edward's Oxford, St George's Windsor, St John's Beaumont, St Peter's York, St Swithun's, Stonyhurst College, Stonyhurst Prep, Stowe, Summerfields, Sutton Valence, The Leys, The Royal High Bath, Taunton, Tonbridge, Uppingham, Warminster, Wellington College, Wells Cathedral, Windlesham House, Winchester College, Wycombe Abbey.

New Zealand

- **North Island:** Palmerston North Boys High School, St Peter's School, Whanganui Collegiate School, North Island.
- **South Island:** Waitaki Boys High School.

Northern Ireland

- Rockport School, Belfast.
- Royal Dungannon School, Belfast.

Republic of Ireland

- Castle Park School, Dublin.
- The King's Hospital School, Dublin.

Scotland

- Dollar Academy.
- Fettes College.
- Glenalmond School.
- Gordonstoun School.
- Robert Gordon College.
- Strathallan School.

USA

- Army & Navy Academy, California.

Wales

- Christ College Brecon.

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Honorary Patrons

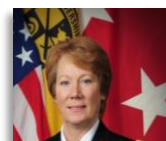
Air Chief Marshal **Sir Simon Bryant**, KCB, CBE (rtd).

Former Commander-in-Chief, Air Command, Royal Air Force, UK .
Alumnus Stamford School, UK.



Major General **Peggy Combs** (rtd).

President of the Army and Navy Academy, California. Former
Former Commanding General US Army Cadet Command.



The Rt Honourable **Lord Hutton**

Former UK Secretary of State for Defence. Author *Kitchener's Men, The King's Own Royal Lancasters on the Western Front 1915-18.*



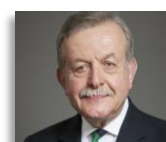
Admiral **Sir Benjamin Key**, KCB, CBE

First Sea Lord, Royal Navy, UK. Alumnus Bromsgrove School, UK
and Governor, Stover School, UK



Lord Lexden, OBE

Historian and former General Secretary of the Independent
Schools Council, UK. Alumnus Framlingham College, UK.



Major General **Walt Lord** (rtd).

Former Military Executive Director to the US Reserve Forces
Policy Board. Alumnus Valley Forge Military College, US.



Lt Col **Mark Pugh-Cook** (rtd).

Former Chief Intelligence Officer, Headquarters, Basra and
former British Liaison Officer to the French Armed Forces .
Alumnus Rugby School, UK.



Surgeon Rear Admiral **Fleur Marshall**

Head of the Royal Navy Medical Service, UK. Alumna Repton
College, UK.



General **Sir Tim Radford**, KCB, DSO, OBE (rtd).

Former Deputy Supreme Allied Commander Europe. Alumnus
Rugby School, UK.



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Military Advisors

Tim Butcher

Former Defence Correspondent Daily Telegraph and military historian. Author of *The Trigger*, *Blood River* and *Chasing The Devil*.



Neil Cufley

Former UK army officer, military historian and Director of Operations/Finance, Royal Russell School, UK.



Sir Anthony Seldon

Former Headmaster, Brighton College, Wellington College and Epsom College. Former Vice Chancellor, University of Buckingham. Military historian and author of *The Path of Peace* and *Public Schools and The Great War*.



Sarah Wearne

Historian, school archivist author of *To Our Brothers*, *Memorials to a Lost Generation in British Schools*.



Gareth Williams

Former officer Royal Naval Reserve, military historian, battlefield guide, Commonwealth War Graves Commission volunteer and author *Kingham Hill in the Great War*.



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