



Kalimpong Association UK

Summer 2013 Newsletter



Dr Graham & Family circa 1896

AM I AN ANGLO-INDIAN?



by Douglas Evans

What's in a name?

I first became aware of Dr Graham's Homes as a result of the Daily Telegraph's Christmas Appeal December 1997. I decided to sponsor two boys, first Jonathan Vonlintzgy and secondly Tony Gomes. The surname Vonlintzgy is Polish and Gomes is Portuguese so why are they described as Anglo-Indian?



The answer lies first in a Government of India Act of the 1930's which defined an Anglo-Indian as a person of whom one of his male progenitors was of European descent and permanently domiciled in India. (I have not put that in quotation marks as I do not have a copy to hand)

Thus although I can trace my A-I ancestry back to the late 1700's I can't call myself an Anglo-Indian.

I was not born in India neither was my father. He was born in Birmingham and was a soldier in the British Army who returned to the UK with an Anglo-Indian wife. But Jonathan and Tony although their surnames are not of English (Anglo) origin are Anglo-Indians.

On independence the definition was incorporated into India's Constitution. I wonder if Anglo-Indians domiciled in what is now Pakistan are described as Anglo-Pakistanis and those in Bangladesh as Anglo-Bangladeshis?

Similarly what about the A-I's who lived and worked in Burma? Burma was eventually fully absorbed into the then Indian Empire and became part of the Bengal Presidency for administration purposes until 1937. As a schoolboy in the 1940's I often wondered why Burma was always listed and shown as part of India in the school atlases of that time, now I know!

A number of my A-I ancestors by the name of King went to Burma in the 1920's and 30's. They were employed variously in Posts and Telegraphs and I believe railways. I have been able to trace the marriages and baptisms of some of them. As you probably know Burma was occupied by the Japanese during WWII thus as far as I know there are no records of Births Marriages and Deaths from that period. None of their names appear in the few records at the British Library of refugees that managed to return to India. I believe many A-I's in Burma at that time assumed Burmese names and lived and worked as Burmese. So in all probability those that stayed in Burma have fully assumed a Burmese identity and way of life.

An interest in family history is best begun while one still has a family!!!

The best source is one's living relatives. Of course information from that source is open to partisanship and should be double-checked whenever possible They can add flesh to the skeleton you get from any kind of printed record.

Finally if anyone is inspired to start family history, you might consider joining the British Library Reading Room (near St Pancras Station). It's free and on production of any form of ID, membership can be obtained on the spot and is valid for I think 3 years. Also try BACSA (The British Association of Cemeteries in South Asia) which has regular meetings in London. It also publishes lists of burials in India and Asia, as well as raising funds for the preservation of British Cemeteries. It was through them I found my maternal grandfather's grave in Bangalore and my great, great grandmother's grave in Kolkata.

Also try BBS (the Britain Burma Society) which is mostly for people who have lived and worked in Burma but it has regular meetings in London for slideshow lectures followed by a Q and A session.

Now on a purely selfish point:

Does anyone know or have any information relating to the following surnames?

King
Tripp
Francis
& Ritchson

(pronounced Rickson or Rixon)

Please get in touch if you do!

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Our cover picture is one of the earliest pictures of Dr Graham

Johnnie Graham, who is on the UK committee estimates that the photograph was taken around 1896 (in the very early days of photography). Dr Graham is shown with his wife, Katherine, AND the two children are Johnnie's grandfather Jack on the right and his elder brother David on the left!

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Dear friends,

We are sorry that we have not written for so long and hope you are not thinking that maybe we are no longer around on this earth. We are still here and aging which is the excuse for not writing for about 16 months. As you can see we are still in Kolkata with James leading our churches here and overseeing churches in Jharkhand, Sikkim and East Nepal.

We started our 40th wedding anniversary in Nepal and crossed back into India in time for the morning service at our Siliguri church which sadly has now closed due to leadership problems. James has had several trips to Mumbai during the last 16 months and on one occasion Margaret was able to accompany him. Her first visit for a number of years.

In May we left for a visit to our children and grandkids in England and Canada. On the way we had 2 nights in Dubai with friends and met other friends from India which was great as we had not met these folk for a number of years.

It was great to stay with Peter, Priscilla and Hudson. The latter is a real character and very musical – that is hardly surprising as both his parents are musical. One evening earlier this year Hudson told his Dad to turn off the DVD. ‘Let’s read the Bible’ he said. He will be 3 years old on 26th June this year.



Our 2 princesses on the day they met in Calgary. Chloe (l) is 9 months younger than Eva!

The Queen’s golden jubilee weekend we stayed with James’ cousin and were able to watch the river pageant on TV at her house. No one can outdo the British for pageantry!

From England to Toronto to meet up with friends and then on to Calgary to Ruth and family. It was so good to see how well Chloe is growing up. The highlight of our time in Canada was the 100th anniversary of the Calgary Stampede. It really is a grand show and we thoroughly enjoyed the Parade through the streets and the many activities at the Stampede grounds. The Stampede lasts for 10 days!

In October we held our annual conference during the Hindu puja festival. It was good and our music team were outstanding in leading us in praise and worship.

At the end of November we went south to celebrate 2 birthdays. James on 4th December and Eva's on 7th December. We returned home on 10th December and then the invasion arrived on 14th and 15th! Peter and family were in India for about 3 months but had hardly met up with Beth and family and so Peter arranged for Beth and family to join them and us for Christmas in Kolkata! What a wonderful time it was. Hudson was so happy to be with his cousins. While they were all here we went to the Festival of Hope by the Hillsong Church London. It was a good experience to hear such loud music in the open air!! They all left on 26th December and the house was so quiet!

Coming on to 2013. We have had a few visitors including a friend from England who taught at Queen Mary High School Mumbai many years ago and was out on a visit to old students and friends. At the end of February Gladys Staines and her sister stayed with us on their way to Baripada in Orissa, where she and her husband Graham used to work before he and his sons were murdered a number of years ago. It was good to see Gladys and Shirley again. Gladys is now settled in Australia.



In England nearly ready to return to India

For **Beth, Steve Isaac and Eva** the high light of this year has been their 3 month visit to Canada and England. It took them a very long time to get birth certificates for the children but after that plans moved swiftly. They left on 20th February and arrived home again on 23rd May having had many new experiences. Isaac had his 8th birthday in Calgary and also learnt to ski on one of the family's weekends away with Ruth and family at a ski resort.

In England there was a grand gathering of the Devaraj–Roxburgh clans with 9 cousins, 8 parents and 1 Grandma all meeting up in Bournemouth one weekend. Now they are safely back in Pagudapattu and the new school year starts about 3rd June so Steve will be quickly back into harness.

For **James and Margaret** the high light so far this year was our visit to Nepal from 14th to 26th April. James was invited to be the speaker at a conference for 3 of our east Nepal churches which are situated high in the mountains and not accessible by ordinary SUV's as there is no road worth calling a road. About 60 to 70 delegates from churches gathered each of the 2 days. Some had to walk 2 hours each way each day up and down mountain trails. They were all so enthusiastic and the worship was great. Nearly every church has a PA system, drum set and guitars and an inverter as the power supply is very limited. In spite of poor power supply, mobile connections are excellent!

From these villages we visited friends in Kathmandu and then on to Pokhara for a couple of days. On our last morning there the Annapurna range of the Himalayas was clearly visible and it was amazing to see Fishtail Mountain (Muchhapuchhre) high above the surrounding hills.

From Kathmandu we flew back to near the Indian border and had a wonderful view of Everest and other of the mighty mountains in that area. The mountain grandeur reminds us again and again of our great Creator God.

For **Ruth, Troy and their family** a high light of this year is likely to be the move at the end of June to a house right in Calgary. So far they have lived in a more rural area south of the city but see the need to move into the city so that Ruth and Troy will only take about 20 to 30 mins to reach their office instead on 1 to 1 ½ hrs. Also the boys will be able to get around easily on their bikes and Austin needs to move into senior school in September. They will miss the countryside.

For **Peter, Priscilla and Hudson** the high light is expected to be the arrival of a brother or sister for Hudson in October. They are looking forward to the addition to the family. Priscilla is keeping well.

Ruth has invited us to Canada to help them settle into their new home and we hope to leave here about mid July and have time in UK, then Canada and return to UK for a couple more weeks.

Our **Churches** have their ups and downs and some of our Pastors have been and are going through difficult times. This does not make it easy for James. We are praying for someone to come and take over the leadership of all the N L F churches that James has been supervising for many years as he is sensing the need to retire from so much activity, though he still has a strong desire to minister whenever there are opportunities.

With our love to you all

James and Margaret Roxburgh



Ruth, Chloe, Troy, Kenneth (a lodger) Drew and Austin



Hudson with his 2 parents and 4 grandparents in Mumbai

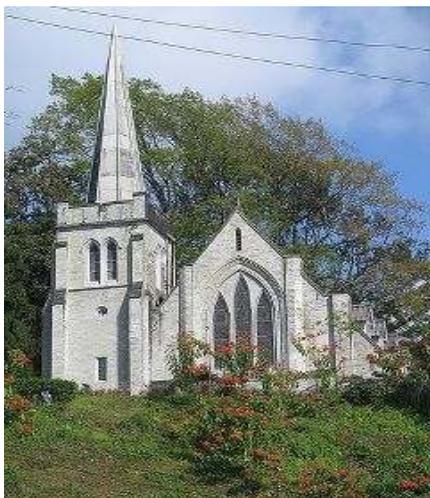
A message from Henry Simon Vicar at Dr Grahams Homes

Psalm 30:5

For his anger is but for a moment.
His favour is for a lifetime.
Weeping may stay for the night,
but joy comes in the morning.

The Promise:

My displeasure may last for a moment,
but My favour is yours for life.



I can remember times when our children were young, they would sometimes do things that required my discipline. Even in the most serious of situations, my displeasure with them only lasted but a moment. Any loving father or mother knows that little kids will inevitably make some mistakes along the way and there is loads of grace for that.

I always anticipated being able to get back playing with my kids as soon as possible after a moment of discipline.

There is an old saying that parents have said throughout the generations just prior to dealing with issues of correction...

"This is going to hurt me
more than it hurts you."

As a child myself, I had a hard time believing this statement, but as a parent, I can really identify with it.

If we in our human-ness feel this way towards our children, how much more does our heavenly Father feel this way towards us! That is why King David says in today's promise that God's displeasure only lasts for a moment, but His favor is ours for life!

May the love of God dismantle every wrong belief that we have of the character and nature of our heavenly Father. He loves to love us at every turn! He can't help but love because He is the epitome of love itself! May you feel His favor shining upon you today and for the rest of your life!

Henry Simon

Please pray for ...

Joe Rogers (Kolkata) is very sick with kidney failure. Both his kidneys have failed and he has been on dialysis since March. About that time he also had a heart attack and nearly passed away. We ask you to please keep Jo in your prayers

From John Dempster

gardening in Australia

Unfortunately, there`s nothing of much interest about a senior (o.k, elderly) citizen trying to keep the garden going in Perth, while the city is experiencing a prolonged heat wave with temperatures over 40 degrees celsius.

Neither is there any news in reporting on hard-working ants (hundreds of the little critters) in the brick-paved back patio busy moving a grain of sand at a time from beneath the brick pavers to an area immediately above the brick pavers. But you just have to admire the ants` work ethic.

And waiting for the mangoes to ripen on our mango trees is like watching paint dry. We have eight trees in the back-yard, being a mix of Kensington Pride, R2E2 and Palmer varieties. The size of some of the fruit is considerably larger than a big closed fist, and their sheer weight is causing quite a number of branches to touch the ground.

The Kensington Pride mango trees in our garden have been grown from seed by us, and we have more than two dozen small mango seedlings to give away again this year. If people only knew how easy it is to have one or two or even three in their gardens.....

We have had a good crop of Black Genoa figs (purple in colour) and Christine has made fig jam with some, while others have been bottled after soaking in brandy. These figs, too, are so easy to grow.

The kalamata olives will be pickled in April, and we`re just getting the last of the red (Ruby seedless) and the green (Wine Perlette) seedless grapes.

The lemons, the Washington Navel orange, and the Cara Cara blood navel oranges, grapefruit, and sub-zero lime trees are coming along just fine, as are the almonds.

We had to pull out the apricot (Newcastle), peach, nectarine, plum, and Asian guava trees some years back due to fruit fly. We tried everything but could not keep the pest at bay. The mulberry grew far too big, and the papaya tree had passed it`s use-by date. The temperature in the back garden could not get low enough for the cherries to take off, so we pulled that tree out, too. We`ve had no real success with the black sapote, and of a variety of apple trees and of certain types of orange and mandarin trees, but the macadamia nut tree is still growing.

We had a knock on our front door some months back. On opening, a young Indian lady asked if she might come in the weekend to pick some of the hundreds of jasmine flowers from the bush that we have at the front side gate. She wanted to make garlands with the jasmine flowers for a Hindu festival that was coming up. We told her that she was welcome to them every year.

Another year, cctv cameras picked up a young man in the front garden, in the dead of night, pulling up, roots and all, a couple of over 8 feet tall sunflower plants with their giant flower heads. I guess he didn`t believe in asking.....

As I said earlier, we`re in the middle of a heat wave, so all we can really do is to stay indoors during the day and wait for evening to come around. But, this is a great place to have a garden.

Kindest regards

John and Christine
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Tina Dennis

A longstanding member of the UK committee visits Kalimpong

Last October, after a gap of nearly four years, I returned to Kalimpong. How wonderful it was to be back again! I had forgotten how much I loved it up there; the bustling town, the smiling faces, the awe inspiring views and the lovely clean fresh air of the mountains.

In 2010, my arrival at the Homes had been on a push-bike. Wobbling all over the place, miles behind everyone, I was dusty, grumpy and exhausted.



This time, arriving relaxed and happy after a comfortable flight and an easy drive up a much improved road, I've decided that jeeps and planes are the best!

I had come with Nina Toller (also on the UK Committee) and although she was born and brought up in Calcutta, this was her first visit to the Homes. We had spent the previous week staying with her mother in Calcutta which was wonderful – forget The Best Marigold Hotel, book a room with Mrs. Dutta! It was the first time I had stayed in a private house in India and I loved it...a perfect haven of peace and a welcome refuge from the mounting excitement that is everywhere in the streets as the Puja Holidays approach.

Mrs. Dutta has, for many, many years been Chairman of the Tollygunge Homes where elderly, destitute Anglo Indians are cared for. Her knowledge and experience of their needs – and those of the whole community – plus her long understanding

of charitable work in Calcutta made for fascinating listening. I felt a sadness on visiting these old people, for however well they are cared for, this surely is not how they had hoped, in their youth, to be spending their final days.

I saw, too, how very necessary the work of Dr. Graham's Homes still is, in trying to help our children forge a better future for themselves.

However, back to Kalimpong and all the lovely children. There they were - the little gang we have got to know over the years - waiting to give us a great big smiling hello with dear Ruth Glashan making sure all went smoothly. They were thrilled to meet Nina (a new Auntie to spoil and be spoiled by) and loved her taking their photos with her latest ipad. As it was Puja Holidays, many of the children had gone home which, although sad in some ways, in other ways was a plus, as it meant no school and plenty of time for fun!

We stayed in Wolsey Cottage which, kindly, had been got ready for us. A perfect Home from Home, thought I,

until

until ... I saw ... HIM !



crouched behind the S bend, as big as a dinner plate, glaring in a most un-hospitable way whilst shaking his horrible, hairy little fists at me.

This was no money spider. I beat an extremely hasty retreat upstairs to Nina's room and said "Budge over"

The next morning, I was assured that 'HE' was no more...however, being a bit of a Doubting Thomas and as Nina was returning to Calcutta which meant I would be alone, I asked Ruth for a body-guard and along came my old friends Michelle and Caroline, hotly followed by Shaneen and Puja, all armed and ready to clear, what was then renamed Spider House, of any un-invited guests.

Their duties were light
spider-watch morning and afternoon
was paid for with trips to town,
lunch at Gompu's
plus cakes and Thumbs-Up for tea!

The best reward the Guards could possibly have wished for was their discovery of a working television in the cottage. Unfortunately, it would only get reception in my bedroom. After suffering one evening of hideous horror films and obscure pop videos of Korean boy bands, I sought my ear plugs and my hidden supply of sleeping pills – thus passing the next 4 nights in blissful oblivion whilst the girls gawped to their heart's content.

One evening, we decided to have a bit of a "girl's beauty session" which basically meant liberal squirting and slathering of all my expensive duty-free potions. At one point, I ask "Do any of you use that awful "Fair & Lovely" muck?" "Caroline does, Caroline does" they chorus back loyally. I say "I'd give it up, if I was you, Caroline, or you might end up all white and wrinkly like me".

Caroline looks pondrous. The next morning she comes up and says "Auntie, I've decided I'll never use "Fair & Lovely" ever again". I find myself feeling a little flat for a while.

On the last day, we all went to Darjeeling for a treat. We had a delicious lunch at Glennaries, then after only a small amount of money changing hands, the girls were easily persuaded to disappear into the bazaar for a couple of hours so that Ruth and I could enjoy an undisturbed walk around the town and a browse in the bookshop.

The following morning, it was all over and (with a lump in my throat) I headed back down the mountains, promising myself, like we all do, that I would be back.

A small stand-off with a most stupid Jobsworth in Security at the airport over whether my much-loved electric cigarettes would or would not blow up the plane in mid-flight (I won), I enjoyed a good journey back to Calcutta where the Puja's were now in full swing. And, boy oh boy, does Calcutta know how to swing!

We danced round the pandals, danced on the back of a flat-bed lorry as we took Durga to the river and danced as the Hooghly lapped over her head and she disappeared for another year.

As we said goodbye to the Goddess, I also said a private goodbye (hopefully just an au revoir) to my most favourite of countries...India.

Tina Dennis

Can you help ?

Agnes Nan (nee Dunlop) known at the present time as Mrs Ramona (Sen) Modayil would like your help.

She left Kalimpong in 1952 and was formerly in Macgregor Cottage under Miss Jean Emes and Lucy Hitchiner.

Do you know the whereabouts of
BASIL HARRINGTON
an ex KPG pupil ?

Not sure what cottage he was in but he had a sister in Thorburn called Barbara.

Please get in touch with Agnes

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Tina (standing in the centre wearing maroon top and scarf) is pictured with a full compliment of the current UK committee

From the Times of India

KOLKATA: If you want the society to change, you have to be the one to take the first step towards it.

Five [Facebook](#) friends, all of them established in their respective fields, want the city to look clean and they have taken up the pain to clean the mess on the streets on their own to begin with.



But now, the group is no longer alone in its journey towards a garbage-free city. Students of top schools now join them regularly and take up the broom. If you visit Russell Street between 9 and 10 am any day, you will find dignified men and women sweeping the road, stopping now and then to advise roadside vendors not to chuck their garbage anywhere and everywhere. By the time Russell Street is done, the core group is joined by school kids. Soon they divide into groups and move to Park Street, Camac Street and Free School Street, armed with brooms and garbage bins.

The new movement has started in the showpiece roads in collaboration with Facebook (KMC). A five-member group controls the newly formed **Garbage Free India (GFI)**. The first chapter has been founded in the city and there are plans to take it elsewhere with the help of friends and through social networking sites. Two members of the group are based in London and one in Dubai with roots in Kolkata. The remaining two have flourishing businesses in the city.

Sanjiv Kapoor, a London-based management consultant on aviation and a Wharton MBA, had first suggested the idea - to simply pick up the broom at an appointed time of the day, create a shock

effect among the citizens and run a counselling programme - to others around six months back. Almost instantly, they chose to start a pilot project on the three "upmarket" streets of the city.

While it was not possible for Kapoor to leave his business and stay in Kolkata, the other Londoner, former cop and security expert Anthony Khatchaturian, had temporarily re-located here to make the project successful. Shruti Ghose has likewise given up her assignments in Dubai to be in the city for the cause. Others in the group are Kasturi Roy Chowdhury, a city based management consultant who graduated from IIM Ahmedabad and businessman Gopal Jaidka.

The group met the mayor-in-council member Debabrata Majumdar and explained the project to him. The idea was to get KMC as a project partner. The KMC shared its latest conservancy report that says the city generates 3,750 tonnes of garbage in a day. Of this, 50.56% is organic waste, 29.6 is rubbish, 6.07 is paper, 4.88 is plastic, 4.5 is green coconut, 3.86 is synthetic, 0.34 is glass and 0.14 is metal.

Despite massive efforts, the top roads that we have chosen still remain littered because of irresponsible handling of garbage," said Kasturi Roychowdhury.

GFI has already spruced up Russell Street and Camac Street pavements that had become uncharted open urinals. It has provided attractive bins to vendors to chuck their garbage, has cleaned up and painted some of the vendors' shops and also stretches of walls that lacked maintenance.

School children from Modern High School, La Martiniere for Boys and Girls, Heritage Academy, Don Bosco, Chowringhee High School and Sri Sri Academy have all been roped in. The children come in batches throughout the week as part of their social service extra-curricular.

"It's indeed making a difference. Today the vendors are taking a lot of pride in the activity and are storing their garbage in our bins. That apart, they are keeping an eye out for all nuisances and are even confronting offenders,"

said a happy Khatchaturian.

"We were mindlessly clearing the garbage on the road, but these members have given us a bin and taught us how important it is to be clean," said Sonu Lal, a barber on the Russell Street pavement.

MMiC Majumdar is impressed as well.

"I am happy at the tenacity of the group. I will assess the GFI's performance over a period of time and then give them responsibility of some other stretches."

Following the notice in our "Lost and Found" section A response on the whereabouts of Kate Mott & Kathlyn Wynne

Following the notice in our December newsletter, I received a message on my answer machine regarding Kate Mott.

This was a friend of hers ringing who was also in the home.

She gave me news of Kate who very sadly had died two years ago.

She married and ran a pub in London for a while and retired to Hunstanton in Norfolk and had one son.

The son didn't want to have any more contact with this friend so she has no idea how to get in touch with him. She filled in a lot about Kate's past and how my brother would have liked to have known all this, but sadly, he died of motor neurone disease two years ago.

Hey ho...there we go.

It made me feel very sad after hearing all this news as it would have been so nice to have met her again.

Sheena Barber

AWARDS THIS YEAR

From Margaretta Purtill

I would like to share this info with our readers:

John Kirk (OGB) works for TATE Britain. This accolade/award was given to him for putting out quite a serious fire at the Tate. We are very proud of John's achievements".



SCHOOL NEWS

from Ruth Glashan

Prize Day, the delightful Kindergraten and Junior School concerts, May Fair and Flower Service went off well and we were thankful for excellent weather throughout. Elliott and Thorburn were adjudged 1st and 2nd at the Garden Competition on the girls side, and Wiston and Hart on the boys side.

One of our former students, Joshua Pradhan (earlier Ganesh Mani Pradhan before he became a Pastor) gave a very meaningful message at the service in the Jarvie Hall on Sunday, 12th. Joshua is Hiren's first cousin and recalled his stay at Wolsey House during the period when Mr. Amar Mani Pradhan was the Bursar.

The service at the cemetery was brief but it was really touching to see the graveside of Dr. & Mrs. Graham adorned with flowers and wreaths.

This year , marks 71 years of their passing away.

Lost & Found

I was talking to Daphne Robson, who worked at Wales Lodge in the 1960s. She left the Homes in 1969 as she was marrying an Army Officer: a widower with 3 young children. They lived in India for some years and then went to Australia, Daphne's home country. The children are all grown up and Christine is now a grandmother.

Daphne would like to know if there is anyone in Sydney that she can contact, so that she can keep in touch with the Homes. I do not have any up to date info on the overseas committees. I will pass on any info to her daughter Debbie, who has access to email etc.

Please contact me: Alison Clark on email: alisonclark01btinternet.com

Notice

Subscriptions: A gentle reminder that any outstanding 2013 subscriptions should be sent as always to the treasurer, Vincent J Partill

Married Couples: £20

Single: £15

Life Members: It would be appreciated if life members could send a little donation.

Overseas Members

Would you kindly acknowledge receipt of this Newsletter so we can be sure we are not sending it to an empty mailbox

An update from Ruth Glashan in Kalimpong

Sadly, we have had three demises out here: our former Cashier, Mr. Mohan Biswa who was a very dedicated worker and finished up last year passed away on Monday evening. That same night, Col. Pradhan's (Administrator) mother passed away.

This morning Henry sent me a message to say that Mrs. Dorothy Hamilton passed away this morning. Unfortunately, she had become quite senile and bedridden over these past four years and could not recognise people. She had a really long connection with the Homes and was a good friend of Mr. & Mrs. Brooks, Aunty Jean Burns and Aunty Ann Colquhoun.

The children are on the verge of completing their half yearly examination and from the 8th afternoon most of them will be going home for the two weeks summer break. We will of course have some of our sponsored children left behind, although even a number of them are going home!

With warm good wishes,

Ruth

Obituary

PETER AUSTEN BROWN

2 Dec. 1939 - 11 May 2013

From: Stephen Jahans

It is with great sadness that I have to report the death of 'Barney' (as he was known in school).

Barney went to Dr Graham's Homes aged 5 and I met him in Calcutta Cottage. We were inseparable friends from the outset. From there we went to Laidlaw and finally to Fraser. His two sisters, Helen and Mary and his brother, Robin, also went there.

Barney loved swimming and represented Laidlaw in the swimming galas. He used to tell me that I was good at running and he wasn't because fish did not have legs! As well as his academic and sporting achievements he was also a school prefect.

Barney left school in 1956 and came to live with his Aunt in Blackheath, London. His first job was at Harvey's, where he progressed from working on the shop floor to training as a draughtsman, by studying in the evening and on day-release to college. He met Rita and they married in 1959. They were blessed with three children, Linda, Alan and Natalie. The family moved from London to Chatham in Kent and then to Birchington.

It is through Natalie's detective work that our friendship was rekindled and I am ever grateful to her for that. Barney never forgot his school and the friendships that he forged. Whenever we met, out came his photograph album and autograph book and there were many hours spent reminiscing of our school days.

Mary and Robin have lost their brother and his friends will mourn his passing. He lived for his family and he will be sorely missed by Rita, his children, five grandchildren and three great grandchildren, in whom he was so proud.

FREDDIE HOLLAND

Laidlaw 1956-1962

From: Percy Castello

Freddie Holland passed away in Kolkata on 11th April. He was in Laidlaw 1956-1962. I remember Freddie as a young boy in Laidlaw. He was my first senior and I was there with my two brothers Tom and Joe and his brother Ivan. He was good and friendly with the younger boys and did not bully us or make us 'fag' for him.

Later I used to meet him at OGBS meetings at Birkmyre. He always had a smile on his face and would chat with everybody. I also met him in the CESC office. We would have a good chat about our days in the Homes especially as we were both in the same cottage. He was always happy to see me. He was kind and helpful to whoever went to him for help. It was a great shock to hear from James Roxburgh that he had passed away. I am sad to lose a good Cottage friend.

KN PRADHAN

2013

From: Margaret Roxburgh

This is just to let you know that KN Pradhan (Heathland) who left DGH in 1957 passed away in Kalimpong on the 16th of April 2013.

**IN MEMORY OF
MRS DOROTHY HAMILTON
Who passed away on 6 June 2013**

**from Jacqui Hibbert
Secretary, Canadian Council**

Mrs. Dorothy (Dolly) Hamilton was a dedicated and cherished member of our Canadian Council from 1990 until 2007. She also served on the Homes Advisory Committee in Kalimpong. Dolly was our eyes and ears in India and was faithful with her letters and reports to Canada.

Dolly was born in Wales and emigrated to Canada where as a young person she joined the Salvation Army, later moving to India to do missionary work. Her sister Valerie continued to live in St. Catherines, Ontario. Dolly was highly regarded in the Salvation Army.

Dolly and her beloved husband Fred made several trips to Canada the last being in 2000 where they helped us celebrate the 100th anniversary of Dr. Graham's Homes. Any visitors to Kalimpong from Canada were warmly received and given special guest status at Dolly and Fred's lovely home "Glengarry". Jacqui remembers staying with them in 1995 and 1999 and meeting such delightful people as General Jimmy Singh, Catherine Pradhan and Heshron and Dr. Ebi Rahmi. Dolly was proud to tour guests around The Mary Scott School for the Blind in Kalimpong, Albella Boy's Home and Dr. Graham's Homes. She gave unselfishly of herself to these organizations and brought the love of Christ to everything she did.

Fred delighted in escorting guests to various sites in his car and waking one up early enough to see the sun rise over Kanchenjunga. A visit to Glengarry was indeed a special event.

Jacqui kept the letters Dolly wrote over the years and this quote nicely sums up Dolly's humility and grace. It was written on June 22, 2001

"June is a month of Birthday parties, the 15th was the day that I held my party. It was as always a delightful day. I received phone calls from old boys and so many beautiful cards. The cards are now truly delightful to receive and read. I feel so humble when I read them and wonder if I really deserve so much love and affection."

Well Dolly you have indeed deserved all the love, respect and affection that we all feel for you. You have earned your rest and a special seat at God's right hand.

Matthew 25 verse 21: His Lord said unto him: "Well done, *thou* good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

God Bless. The Canadian Council will miss you very much and is very appreciative of your many years of service and passion for the Homes.

An Invitation from
SOUTH LONDON
ANGLO-INDIAN ASSOCIATION
Sunday 4 August
ANGLO-INDIAN DAY
AT LANFRANC SCHOOL (Croydon)

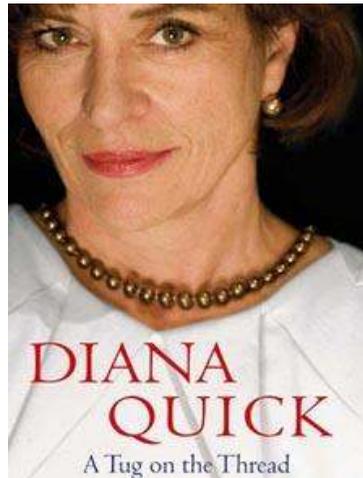
A book recommendation from Alison Clark in Australia

I am really enjoying the new style newsletter and particularly the Easter edition with the info on Anglo Indian people.

A couple of years ago I met the actress, Diana Quick, [she was married to Bill Nighy] at our local literary festival at Dartington. She discovered that her father's family was Anglo Indian. She wrote a book about it and spoke about it at the festival. I bought the book and took it to her to sign it for me.

We had a chat about her story as I could tell her about my time in India at the Homes. It is interesting how many people are discovering their heritage”

Alison Clark Sydney, Australia



A TUG ON THE THREAD by Diana Quick

published in 2009 by Virago Press
www.virago.co.uk.

Taking to long !

A LITTLE THREE YEAR OLD BOY IS SITTING ON THE TOILET. HIS MOTHER THINKS HE HAS BEEN IN THERE TOO LONG, SO SHE GOES IN TO SEE WHAT'S UP.

THE LITTLE BOY IS SITTING ON THE TOILET READING A BOOK, BUT ABOUT EVERY 10 SECONDS OR SO HE PUTS THE BOOK DOWN, GRIPS ONTO THE TOILET SEAT WITH HIS LEFT HAND AND HITS HIMSELF ON TOP OF THE HEAD WITH HIS RIGHT HAND.

HIS MOTHER SAYS: "BILLY, ARE YOU ALL RIGHT? YOU'VE BEEN IN HERE FOR A WHILE."

BILLY SAYS: "I'M FINE, MUMMY... I JUST HAVEN'T DONE IT YET."

MOTHER SAYS: "OK, YOU CAN STAY HERE A FEW MORE MINUTES. BUT, BILLY, WHY ARE YOU HITTING YOURSELF ON THE HEAD?"



BILLY SAYS:

"IT ALWAYS WORKS ON THE TOMATO KETCHUP BOTTLE!"

Love it !

SCHOOL DAY MEMORIES

FROM ALEC MURRAY



It was in 1937 when Mr Bamfield thought of introducing Debating into the School. He had tried to introduce Rugby as well, but the Sports programme was too full for that. We had hockey, then football followed by swimming, each, in its season so there was no room for another activity.

He and an English subject teacher decided that we have a debate on whether Education was essential or not. Class 8 were to be for the motion and Class 9 to oppose. I was to propose the motion and Wilton Paterson to second it.

I forget who the two opposers were, but it could have been Walter Pugh and Fred Hecquet, two names that I can recall. Finally, after both sides had put up their

arguments and I had to sum up to close the debate. I said that their main argument that John Bunyan had a dream about Gulliver's Travels whilst in prison and that he did not write the book was fine, but who did put the dream on paper? My two final points were if you were seeking employment and

there was an advertisement in the papers for a job, how would you ever know if you could not read. First, someone who could read would have to notify you of the vacancy and that you would have to pay a 'Baboo' to write an application on your behalf for the post.

The last point I put up was if you had a girl friend, how could you send her a letter to make a date except ask a friend or acquaintance to write it for you on your behalf. At the agreed time you would go to meet your date expecting to see your girl with a welcoming smile, instead you see a scowling face and receive an unexpected slap on your face. This was the result of what your writer had put in the note unbeknown to you. You should have sought education and this would not have happened.

The motion was not carried as those against, Class 9, outnumbered us. Mr Bamfield never mentioned whether the trial debate was a success or not. We did not have any more for the rest of the year.

Three Cheers!

Kind words from Eric Pattison in Toronto

Thank you for the very informative Newsletter. Yes, reading it made me proud to be an AI. We have an Association here in Toronto, and my daughter and son in law, with the assistance of my wife, are moving lights in it.

I still have some children in India, and are die-hard AI's. Connie (my wife) and I have been married 62 years.

Thanks to Him above!



Perth OGB's Saturday 27th April 2013

We say farewell to Betty (Langham) Robinson who has now made a life for herself and husband in the UK

The OGB's contingent: Seated left to right: Richard Stokoe, Yvonne Hughes, Irene (Webber), Betty Robinson, Joy Surin

Standing, left to right:

Yvonne's brother, Linda, Patrick Freese, Brenda Haseldine, John Dempster,

Douglas and Yvonne Van Steensel, Rita (Warner)

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1. DUCTION MAY 22nd. Evening of AGM DONATIONS + PRESENCE!
(PLEASE!)
2. KS TOUR NOVEMBER 1st - 14th 2013 INTEREST INVITED
PLEASE PUBLICISE!
3. K2K THE SUCCESSOR TO BIKE BENGAL. KATHMANDU TO KALIMPONG.
17th - 23rd FEB 2014
WONDERFUL ROUTE - 2 DAYS MOUNTAIN & DAYS PLAINS
FINAL DAY UP TO DR. GRIFFIN'S HOMES.
PAY ALL EXPENSES (SPLENDID HOLIDAY!)
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Forthcoming Events

The Kalimpong Association (UK) “Birthday Celebrations”

Saturday September 21st 2013

Doors open 12 noon

Room **MUST** be vacated by 5pm.

Food & donations of items for the raffle
would be most welcome

Methodist Church, Hinde Street, London W1

Tube: Bond Street

The Kalimpong Association (UK) & Charitable Trust A.G.M

Saturday June 15th 2013

Doors open 12 noon

Meeting Commences 1 pm Sharp

Room **MUST** be vacated by 5pm.

Food & donations of items for the raffle
would be most welcome

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Tube: Bond Street

*** NEW FEATURES FOR OUR NEWSLETTER**

We are always looking for some new features for our newsletter and need your help! Could you make some suggestions e.g. “A day in the life of ...” or snapshots, latest achievement or things your children or you have done which made you smile. We are looking for upbeat, heart warming, positive stories so if you have any please email Margareta : m.purtill@sfct.org.uk



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Many thanks for taking the time to read this newsletter.

If you would like to contribute to the next newsletter, please contact:

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