

Framlingham Prizes

Speech-day at Framlingham has, for me, always released a flood of memories of people I have known and liked and admired. The Austin-Sparkes prize, coming high up in the batting order, is usually the trigger: though he was a couple of years ahead of me and in a different house, I remember him well – but can never quite be sure that he was the one who came in third in the Inter-set the year Woodbridge and Freshney (Kerrison, of course) ran a dead-heat in step, like the winners of the first London marathon. R H P Browne was another near contemporary: we played in the same scrum and both went into the Navy. I last met him not long before he was lost in the HOOD. I remember, too, the cool stone-flagged hall and home-made cider in his father's rectory at Earl Soham after a Quilibet's match.

Martin Bulstrode was a friend for many years. I once bought a bantam cock from Percy Clarke. Before it was incorporated in the Speech-day list, the Ellis Arthur prize was presented at the OF Suffolk supper and it fell to me to present the first award. My father was one of Inskip's pupils and talked of him a lot. I knew General Inskip and Alfred Pretty.

W E Winstanley was my housemaster and a lasting influence in my life. The memory of his last insult still rings in the ears: it was at my daughter's wedding and he was admiring a portrait painted by my sister-in-law; "It is remarkable", he said, "that a portrait can be so distinguished and still look like you".

For me, therefore, these prizes commemorate people: for most prizewinners, they commemorate only the names of people. I have long thought that something should be done to bring the names to life and my recent return to Suffolk has enabled me to offer to do it: these thumbnail biographies are the result. Much of the information comes from published sources, particularly the College histories – John Booth's *The First Sixty Years* and Leslie Gillett's *The Second Sixty Years* – and the *Framlingham College Register*. I am also grateful for help from Marian Prebble, Bob Morris and, of course, Tony Lawrence, with whom I have been in cahoots throughout.

Although the aim was to produce biographies of individuals, the result is almost a potted history of the College itself. We commemorate the generosity and far-sighted wisdom of the founding fathers in names like Ransome and Goldsmith; dominant influences in the school's growth in Inskip, Pretty and Brunger; affection and gratitude in Martin, Schofield, Wallace and many others; and the poignant grief of a young life of infinite promise cut off by war or sudden accident – Charles Soar and, most recently, Karen Buttenshaw are prime examples.

There is still much more to do – the Brandeston prize list, the prizes for sports and games, and those who are commemorated in buildings and the Houses. All, I believe, should be recorded before there is nobody left who remembers.

Commander J R Simpson (K32-36)

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FRAMLINGHAM COLLEGE PRIZE LIST

Prize

The Albert Award

Awarded to a boy and girl on leaving 6th form that fit the bill as good Framlinghamians

The Allen Ransome Memorial Exhibition

Leaving scholarship

The Austin-Sparkes Prize

Awarded for overall sporting achievements

The Britten Pears School Prize

Awarded for a major contribution to the music of the College

The Bromage Memorial Prize

Awarded to a pupil at FCPS who is to continue his/her education at the College and who is in the opinion of the Master showing outstanding sporting ability and promise in the top year at FCPS

The Bromage Award for Sport

Awarded to a pupil on entering 6th form who also was awarded The Bromage Memorial Prize and an another pupil who, in the opinion of the Head is the best sportsperson of that age group.

History

These have been funded by the Society since 2015.

Founded by public subscription in memory of James Allen Ransome, 1806-1875, one of the Founders and original Governors of the School.

Philip Ralph Austin-Sparkes, OF (1930-33 - Garrett), a fine all-round athlete, was killed in a flying accident in the RAF in February 1938, aged 21. He bequeathed a quarter of his estate to the SOF.

Founded by the Britten-Pears Foundation in 1980 with an annual grant of £40, since increased to £100.

The Fund was established in 2002 by the SOF Trustees in memory of Ventura George Bromage ('Brom'), Hon. Secretary of the Society from 1945 to his death in 1976, of Neville Bromage, Hon Secretary of the Society from 1976 until his death in 2001, and of Carmen Bromage (Honorary OF), Brom's wife and Neville's mother.

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The Browne Prize for Design & Technology

Two prizes – Upper & Lower 6th

Founded by the Ven. Archdeacon T R Browne former Rector of Earl Soham, in memory of his only son, Robert Harold Percy Browne, (1931-35, Rendlesham) who joined the Navy on leaving the College and was lost in HMS HOOD during the pursuit of the BISMARCK.

The Brunger Memorial Prize for History

Four prizes - two each, Upper & Lower 6th

William Thomas Brunger came to the School as an Assistant Master in 1883. In January 1885, he took on, in addition, the duties of School Secretary, the equivalent of the modern Bursar, assuming them full time in 1891 and continuing until his retirement at the end of 1929. Throughout, he played a full part in the life of the school – on the cricket-field, on the platform at concerts and on the stage at amateur theatricals (sometimes with his wife) – as well as taking an active part in local affairs in the town. His two sons, a grandson and two great-grandsons are Old Framlinghamians: his elder son Captain Robert Brunger DSO, was killed in action in 1918, a month before the armistice.

The Canon Martin Bulstrode Memorial Prize

One prizes

In memory of Martin Bulstrode, Rector of Framlingham from March 1948 for 28 years and a Governor of the College. He served as a Chaplain in the Navy during the war. Known as ‘The Bull’, reflecting his large frame, ebullient personality and booming voice as much as his name. The floodlighting of the tower of St Michael's Church was installed in his memory: the SOF contributed to the fund.

The Karen Buttenshaw Memorial Prize

For a College leaver with an outstanding school record in terms of personal achievement and contribution to the College community over five years

Founded by the Old Framlinghamians in memory of Karen Buttenshaw, OF (1986-93), Head Girl, who died tragically in a freak accident in a Territorial Army exercise on Salisbury Plain in 1994. ‘She had total integrity and a fearless concern for the welfare of others.’

The Cantrell Prize

Awarded for all-round achievement – Upper 6th

The Colonel E P Clarke Prize for Reading

Two prizes - senior & junior

Colonel Percy Clarke DSO TD DL JP, OF (1890-96) was a member of a family prominent in many fields in the Framlingham area. He won the DSO in the 4th Battalion of the Suffolk Regiment in 1917 and was twice mentioned in despatches. His record in a wide range of public service was equally distinguished. He was a Governor of the College – Chairman in 1964 & '65 – and President of the SOF in 1935 & '36. He died in a road accident in December 1967, at the age of 86.

The Ellis Arthur Memorial Prize

Awarded for progress in rugby football

Founded in 1975 by the Old Framlinghamians in memory of Bryan Ellis (1949-55) and Brian Arthur (1952-58, Kerrison), two former stalwarts of College rugby, who were killed in the Paris air disaster of 1974, when an aircraft bringing spectators back from a Five-nations Championship match crashed shortly after take-off.

The Brian Dent Spin Bowling Award

Awarded at Brandeston to the most promising spin-bowler in that season

Set up in memory of Brian Dent (R50-55).

The Eustace Dicks Prize

Awarded for first team games – Upper 6th

Dr Eustace James Carey Dicks MBE MD BS was school medical officer from 1911 until 1925 when he left Framlingham after the death of his small son in a motor accident.

The Old Framlinghamians Prizes

They are for £50 for Y11 and £100 for Y13 for Boys Hockey, Girls Hockey, Golf, Drama, Singing, Instrumental, Rugby, Boys Tennis, Girls Tennis, Netball, Shooting, English & Journalism/Media and Foreign Travel.

These have been funded by the Society since 2015.

The Rev. C French Prize for Chapel Reading

Upper 6th

The Goldsmith Exhibition

Two awarded for GCSE results: Suffolk pupils only.

Founded by the will of William Goldsmith, a wine & spirit merchant, of Nos. 31 & 32, Parliament Street, London, and one of the Founders and original Governors of the School. He died in 1885.

The Howard Smith Prize for Art

Two prizes – Upper & Lower 6th

Founded by Arthur Howard Smith, OF (1916-17, Stradbroke), President, a Trustee and Hon. Treasurer of the SOF, and a Governor of the College. His firm, Norman Adlard Ltd, printed *The Framlinghamian* for many years.

The Jonathan Hulley Cricket Prize

Two prizes – £50 for Y11 and £100 for Y13

He died as a result of a tragic road accident on 1 October 2017 at the age of just 19. The SOF set up these prizes in his memory. They are awarded to the best cricketers in each Year group.

The Inskip Memorial Exhibition

Leaving scholarship

The Revd. Oliver Digby Inskip MA LLD – ‘Skip’ – was appointed Headmaster in 1887 in the twenty-second year of the College's life. He was the longest serving and, many would say, the greatest Head. He had already served as assistant-master under two previous Headmasters from 1874 to 1881 leaving to take a degree at Trinity College, Dublin, followed by three successful years as Headmaster of Spalding Grammar School. During the 26 years until his retirement in 1913, he inspired great love and loyalty in all who knew him and laid the firm foundations on which the school we know has been built.

The Lewis Prize for Music

The James & Gertrude Martin Prize for Geography

Three prizes - 1 Upper 6th & 2 Lower 6th

James Mason Martin, OF (1888-94), solicitor, antiquarian, early member of the SOF and Governor of the College, was one of its generous benefactors. He presented the Chapel doors and, on his death in 1960, provided in his will for six prizes (two of them at Brandeston) the James & Gertrude Martin Prizes.

The James Mason Martin Memorial Prize for Local History

For a project by a member of the lower school

James Mason Martin, OF (1888-94), was a solicitor, antiquarian, early member of the SOF, a Governor of the College and one of its generous benefactors. His grandson, Anthony James Martin, OF (1947-55), Trustee of the Framlingham Local History and Preservation Society, established this prize for local history in 1974 in his grandfather's memory.

The Mawby Memorial Prize

Two prizes awarded - for service to the School

Founded by the Old Framlinghamians in 1916 in memory of Lieutenant Edwin George Mawby, OF (1889-97), Welsh Guards, killed in action near Loos in September 1915. Captain of the School and an all-round athlete, he was Hon. Secretary and then President of the SOF and edited the first edition of the Framlingham College Register in 1907.

The Maynard Smith Prize for Photography

For a 6th form pupil

The Moreau Leaving Scholarships

Awarded to two students each year and paid for each of the three years they are at university

The income comes from the bequest left to the SOF in the will of Emile E Moreau CBE, OF (1871-72), one of the greatest benefactors of the College and the SOF, commemorated in ‘Moreau’ House

The Packard Prize for Physics
The Packard Prize for Chemistry
The Packard Prize for Biology

Two of each awarded - Upper & Lower 6th

The Alfred Pretty Memorial Prize for Modern Languages

Two awarded - Upper & Lower 6th

The Alfred Pretty Memorial Prize for English

Two awarded - Upper & Lower 6th

The Reade Memorial Prize for French

Two awarded - Upper & Lower 6th

The Richmond Prize for Mathematics

Two awarded - Upper & Lower 6th

The Robin Fournel Prize for Silversmithing & Jewellery

The John Schofield Prize

Awarded to the girl or boy who, in the sixth form, through effort and application makes the most marked academic improvement

Given by Edward Packard DL JP, a Governor of the School from 1873 to his death in 1899.

Alfred Pretty, OF (1870-77) devoted his long life to Framlingham College. He came to the School aged 10 and, shortly after leaving, returned aged 18 as an assistant-master for two years. After seven years at Wellingborough Grammar School, he returned to Framlingham and, in 1891, was appointed Second Master and Head of Modern Languages, remaining until 1903, later becoming a Governor. He was a prime founder of the Society of Old Framlinghamians in 1900, Hon. Secretary 1900-04 and 1936-45, and President in 1926 & 1927. For many years he edited the *Overseas Bag* for the OF section of *The Framlinghamian* and, for as long as he was physically able, he wrote daily in his own hand to OF's living abroad. He died in November 1950, aged 90.

Jack Reade, OF (1920-23, Kerrison), Head Prefect, won most of the main academic prizes in classics, modern languages, maths and science; captain of hockey. A promising career in the Civil Service was interrupted by war service in the RAF: he was killed on active service in June 1943 flying night fighters.

William Stephenson Richmond, OF (1868-71), surgeon; Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society; President of the SOF in 1913. Died 1919 aged 62: bequeathed £250 to the school to found the Richmond prizes for maths & swimming.

Robin Fournel is a jeweller, owner of the Amber Shops in Aldeburgh and Southwold and parent of two Framlinghamians. He established this prize in 1995 to promote craftsmanship in precious metals.

Founded in 1982 by Group Captain A E Schofield, in gratitude for what the College had done for his son, John Schofield, OF (1978-81).

The Soar Prize

For GCSE performance by a Suffolk pupil – Lower 6th

Charles William Soar, OF (1918-25, Rendlesham), Head Prefect, captain of cricket, rugby, hockey & athletics: died aged 18 of injuries sustained in a level-crossing accident.

St Edmund School Fund

To provide grants for the purchase of books for those leaving Framlingham for Universities or similar Colleges

Founded in 1984 to commemorate the links which existed between St.Edmunds School, Kesgrave and Framlingham College between 1935 and 1975, when St.Edmunds School closed.

Wallace Scholarships

Leaving Exhibitions for an International Student at Y11 and Y13 and a Creative Prize for Y11 and Y13

Founded by the will of Charles William Wallace, OF (1870-71), who bequeathed £1000 for the purpose. He was an East India Merchant, President and a Trustee of the SOF and the first OF to be appointed a Governor of the College. The capital was subsequently doubled by his lifelong friend, Emile E Moreau CBE, OF (1871-72), one of the greatest benefactors of the College and the SOF, commemorated in 'Moreau' House.

The Wilcox Prize for Verse

Two awarded – Junior & Senior

The Winstanley Prize for Humorous Writing

In memory of Walter Elliott Winstanley, 'Winstan' to all; at Framlingham from 1925 to 1967, Housemaster of Kerrison, Second Master, instiller of a love of the English language, editor of *The Framlinghamian*, in charge of 1st XI cricket and colts rugby, Captain of Suffolk on the golf course, master of penetrating wit and laconic delivery – inimitable, though many tried.