

## The “C P” Stevens Album 1929

Charles Stevens known as “CP” was the second son of Colonel Harold Stevens CMG DSO (OB). He was at St Johns and Beaumont from 1919-29 before leaving to study medicine at Edinburgh. During WW2, he served with the RAMC and was the Staff Office responsible for the Casualty Treatment and Evacuation Plan for “D” Day. He retired as a Lt-Colonel and awarded an MBE. He was later Director of the National Spastics Society. His four sons were Beaumont educated and these archives have been provided by Philip Stevens (OB).



The 1<sup>st</sup> VIII (Furthest) and 2<sup>nd</sup> VIII (Closest) in the Old Windsor Lock

The VII: Bow: Roger Clifford (6<sup>th</sup> Bt. Sheep farmer NZ. WW Lt NZF). William Purcell (to S Rhodesia). Edwin T Murphy (USA). Thomas Hallinan (Jesus Camb. Medicine, WW MO 2nd Grenadier Guards). Reginald de Las Casas (Vancouver Univ. Agricultural Engineer). Bernard Culver (WW Major Cheshire Regt). Henry Seward (WW Lt RNVR, Yachtsman). Rowland Manthorpe (WW Lt-Cdr RNVR). Cox: Colin Shand (WW RN, DSC, Commodore).

2<sup>nd</sup> VII: Bow: Owen Gilmore (Jesus Camb. Westminster Hosp, Physician). Dermot Williams. Alan Wardale (WW S/Ldr RAFVR, Prof of Surgery, Dunedin NZ). Daniel Williams. Rowland Blennerhasset (WW Major Nigerian Regt, 8<sup>th</sup> Bt). Christopher Murphy. Walter Purcell (WW Major IA, MS to Governor Central Provinces). Stewart Ryan (Argentina, Balliol - Law. WW Major Ox & Bucks LI). Cox: George Garces (Columbia, Trinity Camb)



3<sup>rd</sup> VII at Ousley

Bow: Justin Rickard (RMAS, WW Capt. Cameron Highlanders). Henry Pearce. Cynan Williams (WW Capt. R Berks). "CP" Stevens. Richard T Murphy (USA). Michael Daly (WW Northumberland Fus. RIP May 1942). Basil Eugster (Christ Church Ox, Irish Gds WW DSO, MCx2, General KCB, KCVO, CBE). Henry Rugeroni (Portugal, author/historian). Cox; Kenneth Harvie (photographer).



At THE BOAT HOUSE in JUNE

Henry Rugeroni, Howard Gee (Brasenose Ox. WW POW Colditz, Linguist & Translator). Kenneth Harvie. Peter Rowe (Stockbroker, WW Major R A. wdd. MBE. to Rhodesia) Henry Pearce. Daniel Williams. Walter Purcell. Basil Eugster. Michael Daly.



The VIII



The BOAT CLUB

E J Merrell (on left, arms folded) in his second year of thirty-seven as rowing coach; He succeeded Fr. Noel Campbell (standing next to him) with the 1<sup>st</sup> VIII. Chemistry and Biology master. He retired in 1966.

Note the rowing scarves that were fashionable at the period



THE CRICKET PAVILION (above) and THE FLATS (below)





“Off to LORDS”

The Cricket Match against The Oratory at Lords started after the Great War and continued till the School’s closure. In the series, Beaumont won 19, lost 14 and drew 7. In this photo:-

Christopher Murphy, Roger Clifford (6<sup>th</sup> BT, Sheep farmer NZ WW LT NZF), Albert Mulhall (Jesus Camb. Argentina. WW RAF) Denis Beatson Hird (WW Major HLI, MC). Basil Collings (WW Major RA). Thomas Chaproniere. Arthur Frewen (playwright & schoolmaster) Vincent de Las Casas (Vancouver Univ. agricultural engineer). Lindsay Murdoch (WW Capt. R Wilts. Yeo. POW. to Beirut).



The School Gates



The Choir 1926

Back Row: Hilary Seal (London Univ, author), Joseph Tolhurst (WW Capt. Gen List, Ch. Surveyor) Miguel Lacroze (Argentina, Worcester Ox, Rally Driver). Hon Charles Russell (Oriental Ox, Lincoln's Inn, WW Major Yeomanry RA, Judge, Kt, Ld of Appeal) Fr. Parker. Manuel Bon de Souza (Portugal, New Coll. Ox. to Canada). Gerard Tolhurst (Fribourg Univ, Christ's Camb. WW Lt-Col R Welch Fus). Alexander Duggan (Argentina, Rancher)

3<sup>rd</sup> Row: "CP" Stevens. Michael Dempster (Dartmouth RN, lost leg, to S Africa). Robert Hales (to Rhodesia, Farmer, WW Rhodesian Regt). Thomas Kenny (WW Fr. Resistance, RAF Int.)

Seated: Richard Prendergast (Trinity Camb. Fribourg Univ, Middle Temple, WW Capt. Irish Guards badly wdd). Gerald Casey (WW Capt. IA, Grain Broker USA). Fr. Ferguson. Herbert Hamlin (India, Hertford Ox. WW Major R E. Tanganyika Colonial Service). Kenneth Leadley (Dartmouth WW Lt RN, HMS Royal Oak survivor)

Front: Philip German Ribon (Exeter Ox. Solicitor, WW W/Cdr RAF int.). Geoffrey Stevens (RMAS, Essex Regt WW Lt-Col). Alfonso Gonzalez (New York, St John's Camb)



Howard Gee, Owen Gilmore, George (Cannon) Yrriberry. Michael Miller (Worcester Ox. Solicitor WW Sqn Ldr RAF. Registrar in Chancery) Anthony Rowe. John Tye (London Solicitor, WW Capt. R A). Archie Burden (actor Hugh Burden).



Card showing the wooded parkland with Windsor Castle in the distance



Stewart Ryan (Argentine, Balliol, WW Maj. Ox & Bucks LI, Parliamentary Counsel).  
Niall O'Neil (Wadham Ox, Asst Commissioner & advisor to Nehru in India, OSB Dom  
Hugh). Edward (Cannon) Yrribery (fm Chile)



The future Lt Col Geoffrey Stevens and the then scholastic Count Michael de la  
Bedoyere (father of OBs Giles, Quentin, Stephen and Simon, Editor Catholic Herald)



### CORPS CAMP

RSM Percy Martin. Gerald Lake (solicitor). Frank Brokenshaw (artist USA. WW Canadian Army). Peter Monro (RMAS Lt Seaforth Highlanders, RIP '33), Hubert Maskell (Wadham Ox. WW Capt. Queen's Surreys). Leonard Teesdale (Christ's Camb. WW Int.Corps.To Eire). "CP"



CAPTAIN P C LEGGETTER MC Late Royal Berkshire regiment  
commanding the BEAUMONT OTC

He fought with the 4<sup>th</sup> Bn in the Great War both on the Western Front and in Italy.



The BEAUMONT "ARAB" LEGION  
Providing the enemy for a night exercise



The Corps Inspection Speech Day 1929. Inspecting Officer Lt- Colonel The Hon Edward Corbally-Stourton DSO Late CO 2<sup>nd</sup> Bn KOYLI (OB '92). Fr. Aston Chichester Rector.



The CORPS annual Inspection 1929; The Inspecting Officer Colonel Harold Stevens DSO (WW “Il Colonello Buona Sera” of the BBC. CMG). The father of Lt-Col John Stevens RA (OB 27) Lt-Col “CP” Stevens RAMC (OB29) Lt- Col Geoffrey Stevens Essex Regt.(OB 30).



Ice Skating on the COW POND in Windsor Great Park January

Left: Walter Purcell, Centre: Henry Seward and “CP”. Right: Denis Beatson Hird (WW Major HLI, MC).



“CP” captioned this as “Indulging in the smoke of sacrifice” – Geoffrey Stevens on the College roof. During WW, Geoffrey was on the British Intelligence Staff at Arlington USA. “He played the “Double Bluff”; the buffoon complete with monocle, whip and riding boots”.



### The THEATRE

The Theatre with its classical frescos, stained glass and the armorial bearings of OB families and lists of Captains of the School and Head of Line was the scene for Class plays, those of Lower and Higher Line, the Pantomime, concerts and the BU performances. It was also used for the Boxing Tournaments.



The school suffered at outbreak of Scarlatina and parents were allowed to remove their sons for the duration. Those that were not collected included:-

Back: "CP". William Purcell. Henry Seward. Walter Purcell. William Devas (RAF WW DFC, AFC, Gp.Capt. CBE). Arthur King (WW Capt. Northumberland Fus. Accountant).

Middle: Geoffery Stevens (hidden). Peter Grisewood ( RMA, WW Capt Cheshire Regt. Lost Leg) Gerard Young (Theatre producer/manager.WW lost leg. Author). George Baber (India). James Blackwell (RMA WW Major IA. Laird). Derek Young (Brasenose Ox. WW Major R A. wdd. Journalist & Editor).

Front: Roger Venables (Poet & Bard), Freddie Rowlands (San Marcos Univ. WW Capt. Wiltshire Regt. Agent Venezuela & Italy). Barry O' Neill (Barts. GP. WW Lt RNVR). Kyrle Money (Woolwich R E. St John's Camb. WW Major). Paul Grisewood (Chief accountant UNICEF).



The senior Latin Set

“CP”. Mr Macphillips. Roger Venables. Basil Collings. Albert Mulhall.



Exams (at this period; the Higher Certificate) were taken in the Ambulacrum.



### STUDIES "A"

End of Term: Geoffrey Stevens (bowler). "CP". Stanley Stephens (WW F/Lt RAFVR, DFC). Gerard Young (beret). Arthur King. Henry Seward (rugby shorts over trousers). Walter Purcell. Herbert "Percy" Purcell (wearing biretta) (RAF then 3<sup>rd</sup> Ghurkhas, Inter Services Boxing Champion, Polo player & MFH. WW Lt Col).

Studies "A" (those in Higher Line) always had certain dress privileges eg. The colour yellow, suede shoes, cravats etc. However Seward's garb in particular could be said to be many years ahead of its time.



### SPORTING PERSONALITIES

Top Left; Freddie Wolff (born Hong Kong, in 1<sup>st</sup> XV & Boxing Team. 1929 British Olympic team 200 m. 1930 British 440 yds champion. 1936 British Olympic 4x400m relay team; Gold medal (European record). WW Capt. Ox & Bucks LI. Chairman London Metal Exchange

Top Right; Peter Monro (son of Capt Eric Monro late RIR (OB 94) born in Alderney. Capt. of School. Boats. 1<sup>st</sup> XV, Boxing Team. RMAS Boxing Champion. Commd Seaforth Highlanders. RIP Pneumonia 17/3/ 1933 at Aldershot. Elder brother Eric Lt 6<sup>th</sup> Ghurkhas RIP Rawalpindi of appendicitis).

Bottom Left Desmond Goldsmith. From Eire, to Woolwich, R Corps Signals. WW Far East. POW Japs Siam Railway (1 of 10 OBs).

Bottom Right Casmir "Rowland" Blennerhasset. (g.s of Irish Privy Councillor & MP, Heir to kinsman Sir Marmaduke). 1st XV. WW Major Nigerian Regt. Controller of Customs Nigeria.



“More Sporting personalities and some less so”

Top Left: Patrick Tolhurst. (son of Ignatius (OB 81) & 1 of 4 Bros) 1<sup>st</sup> XV, Chartered Accountant . WW Lt Cameron Highlanders.

Top Right: Thomas Chaproniere

Bottom Left: Herbert “Percy” Purcell (from Eire.1<sup>st</sup> XV, Boxing Team. 5 years RAF then transfer to 3<sup>rd</sup> Ghurkhas. WW Lt Col took surrender Saigon. Sport - Irish Rugby trial, Inter Services Featherweight Boxing Champion, amateur jockey, Polo player, MFH)

Boat Back: John Pollard (WW Major R E). Anthony Rowe. Michael Miller

Near: John Tye, Archie Burden.



“Not the TUG OF WAR TEAM”

Rather than user a tractor or horses to pull down a tree – the boys were given the task.



Michael de la Bedoyere as a scholastic on the staff; skating on the Cow pond and after the Staff V Boys Hockey match.

Count Michael left the Jesuits in 1930 -1 and lectured at the University of Minnesota before becoming Editor of The Catholic Herald. He was a fierce anti-communist and as such supported the Nationalist cause in Spain though a critic of the bombing of Republican cities. He was threatened with prison during WW2 for criticising Churchill's appeasement of Stalin and the USSR. Four of his sons came to Beaumont.



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Arthur Finlow (emigrated to Australia). Freddie Wolff. Thomas Chaproniere.



This Photo of King George IV by Gerard Young, later theatre manager and agent for Sonnie Hale (OB) and his wife Jessie Mathews, was taken sitting on :-



The head of the "COPPER HORSE" in the GREAT PARK.



The Charabanc to Lourdes

POST CARDS OF THE COLLEGE FARM



The Farm was started not long after the school opened to provide fresh produce and milk. It was said that some Rectors paid more attention to the welfare of the animals than to the boys. The Farm produced many Champion Bulls and there was much competition between the College and the Royal herd at Windsor at many of the local shows.

Today the farm still exists but the dairy herd has been replaced by Sussex (beef) cattle, fresh fruit and vegetables and a horse livery yard.

In 2007 it suffered an outbreak of Foot & Mouth following a leak of the virus from an animal institute at Pirbright.





The Farm remains the last establishment to carry the College name apart from the preparatory school St John's Beaumont.

### ST JOHN'S BEAUMONT



St John's had been a part of the main College occupying the White House since Beaumont first opened, but in 1888 it moved a short distance to the first purpose built preparatory school buildings in the country. The Architect was J F Bentley and designed to accommodate 60 pupils.





104. Chapel, St. John's, Beaumont



23. Altar, St. John's, Beaumont College.

The stained glass windows were the gift of Mrs Dalglish Bellasis whose two sons were at the school in the 1890s. Rear Admiral Robin Campsie Dalglish CB and an Olympic fencer, Captain Charles Dalglish 1<sup>st</sup> Bn The Black Watch killed in action during The Battle of The Marne 8/9/1914.