SEDBERGH SCHOOL PHILANTHROPY TIMELINE

Sedbergh School owes its existence to the philanthropy of numerous individuals over the centuries. Founded in 1525 by Roger Lupton, through the centuries his endowment has been built upon by others with a strong belief in the ethos of the School. Some of these major benefactors are featured on this Sedbergh Philanthropy Timeline.

Our hope today is that this tradition of giving will continue to guarantee a strong future for the School.

- 1456-1600
- 1600-1700
- 1700-1800
- 1800-1900
- 1900-2000
- 2010- present

Roger Lupton
1456-1539
Born in the parish of Sedbergh, Roger Lupton was the founder of Sedbergh School. He was awarded a bachelor of Canon law by King's College, Cambridge and later a Doctorate in Canon law. He became a Canon of Windsor in 1500 and later Provost of Eton College. He established Sedbergh School to bring education to the 'rude people of the north' as well as for his 'soul's health'.

King Edward VI
1537-1553
Re-established the School with a Charter in 1552.

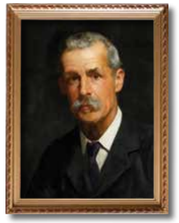
Robert Heblethwaite
c1544- c1585
Heblethwaite was a fellow of St John's College Cambridge in 1538 and Chantry Priest until c1547 when the Chantry was abolished. He was appointed the first Headmaster under Edward the VI's Charter and re-established links between Cambridge and Sedbergh school. He endowed scholarships and fellowships for pupils of Sedbergh School.

St John's College, Cambridge

The Lady Betty Hastings
1682-1739
Lady Betty established exhibitions to Queens College Oxford and made Sedbergh one of the twelve northern schools entitled to submit boys to the scheme. She left the estate of Wheldale, near Wakefield, to Queens College to support the exhibitions. She was a great philanthropist and gave generously throughout her life to a great number of educational charities.

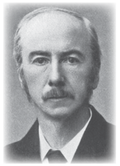
Bishop (Thomas) Otway
1616-1639
Otway was Church of Ireland Bishop of Ossory, he became Chaplain to Sir Ralph Hopton and was an active civil war royalist. He was taken prisoner during the war and banished to the West Indies where he remained until the Restoration. On his return to England he was at once marked out for preferment. He was Rector of St Botolph, Billingsgate (1663-1664) and of Etchingham, Sussex (1664-1670). He never married and left money in his will to fund three scholarships at St John's College Cambridge for Sedbergh School pupils.

Sir Francis Powell
(OS) 1843-1846
Chairman of the Governors 1874-1914
Powell was appointed Chairman of the Governors in 1874. The 1895 School register states 'It is impossible to estimate the value of his services to the School. Not only has he spent thousands on objects connected with the School "monumentum si quaeris, circumspice" the gymnasium, new School buildings, football field (and who knows what else?) but he has devoted quantities of valuable time, spared from one of the busiest of lives, to promote its welfare. That he may long be spared to preside over the Governing body must be the wish of every loyal Sedberghian'.



Bernard Wilson
Master 1876-1913
Wilson was instrumental in raising money for the stone chapel, compiled the School register and established the ten mile and three mile races. He contributed substantially to the School trust to raise money for the School site.

Henry George Hart
Headmaster 1880-1920
Hart was a fellow of St John's College, Cambridge and became the first lay Headmaster in 1880. He founded the modern Sedbergh, its institutions and traditions and contributed generously to the School trust for the expansion of the School site and provision of new buildings. In addition he added to the staff of the School at his own expense and to the Governors grants for master's salaries from his own income to ensure the School could attract strong staff.

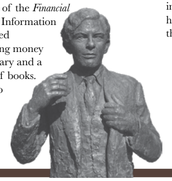


John Rankin
Late 1800s
Rankin was a member of the Finance Committee for Sedbergh School and a benefactor of John Garstang's excavations in Egypt from 1900 onwards. Any donors to Garstang's excavations received a selection of Egyptian artefacts in thanks and Rankin later donated his collection to several institutions including Sedbergh School.

Tom Hudson
Powell House 1924-1928
Hudson provided all the funds required to plan and implement the extension to the Chapel.

Ivan Christopherson
Staff 1922-1959
After serving as a Housemaster and Second Master, Christopherson retired and remained in Sedbergh as librarian and to pursue his interest in art. He left £90,000 to the School in his will and in 1984 a watercolour prize was set up in his memory by the OS club.

Viscount Bracken of Christchurch
School House 1920
After only one term at Sedbergh Bracken went on to become a journalist, MP and member of the Conservative cabinet. He founded the modern version of the *Financial Times* and served as Minister for Information under Churchill. Bracken donated generously to the School including money for the refurbishment of the library and a donation of his own collection of books. In addition he left a trust deed to purchase books for the library in perpetuity.



Herbert Sykes Wooler
School House 1907-1911
and
Charles Armytage Wooler
School House 1909-1914
A lieutenant and captain respectively for the West Yorkshire regiment during the First World War, both died of their wounds in 1916. Their parents established two exhibitions in their honour, each for £110 pa for sons of OSs killed in action or those who fought with the Yorkshire regiment.

Herbert Sykes Wooler *Charles Armytage Wooler*

John Raymond Danson
School House 1907-1912
After leaving Sedbergh Danson went to Trinity College, Oxford. He served as Captain in the First World War and was wounded in 1918. After the war he became a partner in the firm of FC Danson and Co and subsequently provided funds for Danson which was part of the Junior School site and is now the Physical Education Department.

Danson House

Mrs B de Byre
1900s
Several valuable awards were donated by Mrs de Byre in memory of Stuart Wilson (H 1921-1926). Wilson was a School prefect, won the Wilson Run in 1925, played for the 1st XV but was 'known more for his donnish manner and interest in literature'.

Denis Marshall
School House 1890-1895
After completing a BA at Trinity College, Oxford Marshall returned to Sedbergh as a Master from 1901-1936. He then acted as Governor from 1938-1954 and was OS Club Honorary Secretary from 1903-1951. Marshall worked on the development of the School site and was involved in the design of the cloisters and art school as well as the landscaping around the chapel. He donated his home, Brackensgill, now Marshall House to the School and left stocks and shares to the School in his will.

William Henry Wakefield
Governor 1882-1890
Wakefield died while still in the post as Vice-chairman of the governing body. The Charities Commissioners report on endowed charities, West Riding of Yorkshire 1895 states that 'it is clear that the Governors have at times been in danger of being seriously hampered in their plans for the development of the School by financial embarrassments and that, but for the generous and timely aid of friends, and especially of Mr WH Wakefield and Sir Francis Powell the expansion of the School would have been indefinitely retarded'. Wakefield gave the money for the swimming baths and an extension to the cricket field.

Maureen Robertson
Wife of Michael Robertson
Winder House 1929-1933
Robertson won a scholarship to attend Sedbergh. He went on to art school but this was interrupted by WW2. After leaving the military he became a teacher but continued to paint throughout his life. His wife was a travel writer who became particularly wealthy after selling the Cooper Roller Bearings company of King's Lynn. After her death she left a trust fund of £4.25m for the benefit of the School to be dedicated to scholarships and bursaries. Robertson House is named after Maureen and her husband.

Andrew, Count McMillan, Baron of Cleghorn
Sedgwick House 1933-1937
Contributed substantially to the School and Foundation's major projects and appeals for 40 years until his death in 2014. He left the majority of his estate, around £4.5m, to Sedbergh and is remembered with a memorial plaque in the Chapel as one of the school's major benefactors.

Dr Tim Pick MA, MB, BChir, JP
Evans House 1941-45
Won the Wilson Run in 1945 and played rugby for the 1st XV in 1944. After leaving Sedbergh he went to Cambridge and qualified as a GP and spent most of his life working in Barnsley. Tim became a Trustee of Sedbergh School Foundation in 2004 and has since supported many of the appeals including an annual donation to support the Roger Lupton Scholarships, a substantial gift to support the appeal for the Hirst Centre and was one of the founder members of the 1525 Society.

Michael Adams
Winder House 1946 -1950
After leaving Sedbergh, Adams managed the children's clothing business established by his mother in 1933 and continued in this role after the company was sold to Foster Brothers and then Sears Holdings. He served as a Governor for many years at Sedbergh and has been extremely generous to the School over many years. He funded the refurbishment of the Common Room club, sponsored a gap graduate teacher, provided sight screens for the cricket pitch, a stained glass window for the Chapel extension and pupil awards as well as supporting numerous other appeals including the cloisters and hockey pavilion.

EW (Tim) Hoult
School House 1947-1952
After an extremely successful School career including positions as Head of House and School and captain of rugby, Hoult went to Clare College, Cambridge. Later he joined Price Waterhouse, becoming a partner and then joint managing partner for Europe. He served as Governor at Sedbergh from 1982-2000 and as Chairman from 1997. He has made generous contributions over a number of years to projects including the purchase of Railton Yard, the refurbishment of the cloisters and School House and the development of cricket facilities. Hoult continues to make a substantial annual donation dedicated to the Roger Lupton Scholarships.

John L. Owen

Sue Owen
Made a major gift to the scholarship and endowment fund in memory of John L Owen (Hart House 1948-53).

John Guthrie
Hart House 1950-1954
After leaving Sedbergh Guthrie went to Cambridge and later established his own property business. He has acted as a Governor of the School, a Trustee of the Foundation and maintains a role as President of the Foundation. He has made significant contributions to many recent projects including the Cloisters, fives courts, hockey pavilion, cricket facilities and the Michael Thornely studio as well as to pupil expeditions. Guthrie continues to be one of the major benefactors of Sedbergh School.

1525 Society
The Society was established in 2002 for those individuals who had pledged to leave a gift in their will. Now the largest school legacy society in the country with 250+ members it provides the Foundation and School with substantial funds for capital projects, scholarship and bursaries.

Lady Joyce Singleton-Booth
Pledged a substantial legacy to fund scholarships and bursaries in perpetuity, in memory of her husband, Sir Christopher Booth (Powell House 1937-42) who died in 2012.

Maurice Eggeling
Powell House 1937-39
Worked in the UK Colonial Service and UN Development Programmes. Then became a professional forester in 16 countries including 12 years in Africa. As a 1525 Society member Maurice has pledged to leave a substantial gift in his will to support the Scholarship and Bursary endowment fund.

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