

Remembrance Service, OCT Awards and Mr E G Price memorial unveiling

Tuesday November 11th, 2025

Always a significant day in the activities of the Trust and Society, 2025 was busier than usual with the Old Cestrefeldians' Trust (OCT) Remembrance Service, wreath laying and awards presentation at Sheffield Road and a parallel act of remembrance at Brookfield School attended by OC representatives and, later, the unveiling of a memorial plaque in memory of the final Chesterfield School Headmaster, Mr Geoffrey Price, at Brookside.

OCT Remembrance Service, Sheffield Road

OCT Secretary, Tony Hine welcomed all present including representatives of Brookfield School and Chesterfield College. The service was led by Revd Ron Smith, Past President of the Old Cestrefeldians' Society. Honoured guests included staff and pupils of Brookfield Community School (BCS) and Chesterfield College (CC) together with OCs. This year Brell Ewart DL MBE attended not only in his capacity as current President of the Old Cestrefeldians' Society but also, as Deputy Lieutenant of Derbyshire represented King Charles III.



At the front from left to right: Mike Ward, Director of BCS, Matthew Robinson, Deputy Head, BCS, Jo Down, Assistant Principal, CC, Pippa S, BCS, Sandra Cox, Project Innovation Manager, CC, Bess D, BCS, Sonny B, CC, Revd. Ron Smith, Brell Ewart DL, MBE, Tony Hine, OCT Secretary, Martin Tither, OCT Trustee.

The Last Post was heard before two minutes' silence was observed. The service concluded with the singing of the National Anthem.

[A video of the whole service is accessible here.](#)

The Wreath laying

Immediately after the service, those present reassembled outside the former Headmaster's Study.

Memorial wreaths were laid between the WWI and WWII memorials by Brell Ewart DL, MBE on behalf of King Charles, Martin Tither on behalf of the Old Cestrefeldians' Trust and Old Cestrefeldians' Society, Sonny B on behalf of Brookfield Community School and Jo Down on behalf of Chesterfield College.



From left to right: Revd. Ron Smith, Max Kerley (OC), Brell Ewart, DL MBE (the King's Wreath), Tony Hine (OCT), Martin Tither (the OCT/OCS Wreath), Sonny B (the BCS Wreath), Jo Down (the CC Wreath), John Thacker (OC).

Below are photographs of the four wreaths being laid.



[A video of the wreath laying ceremony is available here.](#)

The Old Cestrefeldians' Trust Excellence Awards – Chesterfield College

The Old Cestrefeldians' Trust has twin objectives:

- the gathering together, preservation and display of artefacts and documents relating to Chesterfield (Grammar) School over its long history.
- the provision of grants and awards to assist and reward the efforts of 11 to 20 year olds in Chesterfield over a wide range of educational activities. This involves liaising with the Heads of local educational establishments to identify areas of need and deserving recipients.

Tony Hine, OCT Trustee, introduced the presentation of awards to Chesterfield College students saying how pleased he was to be able to do this a part of a larger gathering.

The staff members concerned were invited to explain their recommendations.



Bron Jenkinson proposes recipient Ruben W - W



Sarah Ryder proposed recipient Madeleine B

[A video of the presentation ceremony and proposals is available here.](#)

We are very grateful to Chesterfield College, West Studios, for their assistance in making all of the above possible.

Unveiling of the Memorial to Mr Geoffrey Price at Brookfield Community School

Following the earlier Brookfield School Remembrance Service, members of staff and representatives of the Old Cestrefeldians' Trust and Old Cestrefeldians reconvened for the unveiling of a memorial plaque to the last headmaster of Chesterfield School, Mr Geoffrey Price.

Mr Price served as Headmaster from 1968 to 1991, almost the entire period of Chesterfield School's residency at Brookside.

They were joined by members of Mr Price's family including daughters, Wendy and Sara, son-in-law, granddaughter, and niece.

Rob Woodhead, OCT Trustee and pupil at Brookside from 1983 to 1989, began by outlining the objectives of the Old Cestrefeldians' Trust as stated above together with recollections of Mr & Mrs Price. He then passed the baton to Tim Hallett, who also started in 1983 and expanded on a pupil's experience of Mr Price, mentioning disciple, his love of French language (gained at Halesowen Grammar School, where he became head boy, and St Edmund's Hall, Oxford) and being a stickler for procedure in what was a difficult period for the School. Tim had generously sponsored the plaque.

Before the formal unveiling by Wendy and Sara, Wendy recounted some happy memories of their time here (including use of the swimming pool and badminton courts) as daughters of the Head. She said it gave them both great pleasure to be here and to unveil this plaque.

[A video of the occasion can be found here.](#)



Geoffrey Price's daughters, Sara Atkinson and Wendy Kelly unveil the memorial plaque.



Sara and Wendy are joined by Brell Ewart, the current Old Cestrefeldian Society President and Deputy Lieutenant of Derbyshire.

Photographs and videos are courtesy of Brookfield Community School and Derrick Priestley, OCS Chairman.