

# Time capsule is buried to celebrate school centenary

A DISTINGUISHED old boy of Long Eaton School met his old headmaster's three grandsons when they visited as part of its centenary celebrations.

Ninety-four-year-old Sir Gordon Hobday, the oldest of the school's most famous pupils, met Andrew, Peter and John Clegg, grandsons of the school's first headmaster, Samuel Clegg, at the present school in Thoresby Road last Monday and later toured its predecessor which opened in October 1910.



● Lady Campbell buries a time capsule with former head boy Roger Graham, head teacher Neil Calvert and pupils Scott Ridgway and Megan Asher



● Sir Gordon Hobday, left, with the Clegg brothers (left to right) Peter, John, and Andrew

Sawley-born Sir Gordon, former boss of Boots, was Lord Lieutenant of Nottinghamshire from 1983-91 and Chancellor of the University of Nottingham from 1978-92.

At the school he was interviewed by pupils Anghard Gallimore and Joe Bird, who asked him about his days at the old school in Tamworth Road for a permanent record.

Then later he went back to the old building where he studied from 1926-1934.

With the three brothers he was given a guided tour of the building, which was renovated by another former pupil, Kuldeep Bhardwaj, and is now the Mohan Business Centre.

Sir Gordon said he was pleased that a suite there, The Clegg Suite, had been named after him.

"It's nice to know that I retain links with the school," he said.

Peter described Sir Gordon as an amazing character.

"It's great that there is still someone surviving from the days when my grandfather was headteacher."

On the Friday, Roger Graham, who was head boy during the school's golden jubilee celebrations in 1960, visited again for its centenary – exactly 50 years ago to the day.

He launched the school's open days, which included an exhibition of old photos, taster lessons and trips to the original building on Tamworth Road.

In 1960 he proposed a vote of thanks to the most famous female ex-pupil, Mary Attenborough, mother of Richard and David and daughter of Samuel Clegg, the first headmaster.

Half a century on, he introduced the current most famous female ex-pupil, Baroness Campbell of Loughborough, who chairs UK Sport and the Youth Sport Trust and who, as Sue Campbell, was head girl of what was then Long Eaton Grammar School in 1966-7.

Lady Campbell buried a time capsule assisted by Mr Graham and head teacher Neil Calvert and the youngest boy and girl pupils Scott Ridgway and Megan Asher. Among the contents of the capsule, to be dug up in 100 years, are a souvenir mug, brochure and house badges.