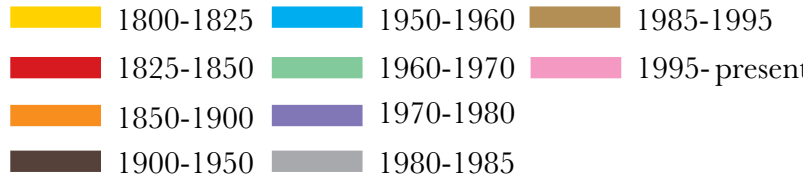


SEDBERGH SCHOOL ENTREPRENEURS & BUSINESS LEADERS TIMELINE

Sedbergh has had its fair share of entrepreneurs and business leaders over the years. While the professions in which we serve are many and varied there is a unity of purpose. Entrepreneurship is a state of mind, requiring vision for the things that might be and the passion, drive and self-discipline to make them happen. While Economics and Business Studies are more recent additions to the classroom at Sedbergh, the values we learned – the winning mind, competitive spirit, the collective power of the team, resilience, self-sufficiency, interpersonal skills, and creativity – were part of the wider curriculum, the ‘added value’, for which Sedbergh is renowned. Here we include a few of those many Sedbergh entrepreneurs who in one way or another have made their vision a reality.



Jan van der Velde (L77-82)
Lupton House 1977-82
Founding Director and former CEO of The Kit for Kids Group, an international company focusing on the care, development and growth of children. Previously a designer for advanced jet aircraft (GEC Avionics) and a qualified chartered accountant (Price Waterhouse, London). OS Club Chairman since 2008.

John Radcliffe
Hart House 1978-83
Qualified as a Chartered Surveyor in 1989 and has worked in the commercial property development industry since then. In 1995 he became the fifth generation to join the family company John Radcliffe & Sons and took control in 2005.

Freddie Peart
Winder House 1979-84
Managing Director of Peart Group; independent businesses wholly, or partly owned by Freddie Peart & Roger Peart. Over 20 years the Peart Group has evolved from a traditional family business into a portfolio of entities in a wide range of sectors including distribution, manufacturing, recruitment, training, property and lighting technology.

Richard Page
Powell House 1979-84
Managing Director of Inspired Pet Nutrition. After 20 years in the City working as an Investment Banker for CSFB and NMRothschild, Richard took over at IPN, from his father, in 2006. Sales have grown from £14m to in excess of £100m in that time. In 2008, the company developed what is now the fastest growing brand in pet food – Harringtons – itself named after William Harrington Page.

Adam Holdsworth
School House 1979-84
Owner and Managing Director of N.Peal brand since 2007, Holdsworth has had more than 35 years of experience in cashmere manufacture. Sweaters have been worn by Daniel Craig as James Bond in *Skyfall* and *Spectre*, and will also be worn in the 2020 film *No Time To Die*. In 2018 N.Peal opened a new store in Madison Avenue, New York which was a key step in its international expansion.

John Hodgson Charlesworth
1824-33
In the 1841 census he is described as a coal master and by 1855 he had been appointed as a magistrate. On the death of his father, he inherited Chapelthorpe Hall and continued to live there, managing his colliery business until his death in 1880. MP for Wakefield 1857 and 1859.

Montague Ainslie
c.1805-10
In the early 19th century, he inherited the Grizedale Estate from his parents. He planted vast numbers of larch trees in the valley, continuing the development and growth of Grizedale Forest. He built Ford House in Ulverston from which to manage his business interests which included Harrison Ainslie, another iron company and also an operator of shipping from Ulverston.

Joseph Barratt
1839-44
After leaving Sedbergh he went to King's College London and the School of Mines in Jermyn Street. Became a Director and Manager of the Coniston and other mines.

William George Ainslie
1842-48
Son of Montague Ainslie. 1849, he entered the family firm of Harrison Ainslie & Co and became senior partner in 1863. He was the first chairman of the North Lonsdale Iron and Steel Company when the company was established in 1873. 1868, the Office of the Commissioners of Patents for Inventions gave Ainslie provisional protection “for the invention of improvements in means for drying peat, peat compounds, and other materials”. MP for North Lonsdale 1885.

Edmund Sharpe
1827-29
An architect, architectural historian, railway engineer, and sanitary reformer. His architectural practice, Sharpe and Paley, (by then, Austin and Paley) designed the School boarding houses and chapel. An elected town councillor for Lancaster and mayor 1848-49.

Tim Rix *CBE*
Powell House 1976-81
Chairman of the family firm J.R. Rix & Sons Ltd which is involved in commercial, residential and marine fuel distribution, fuel cards, ship owning, stevedoring, warehousing and offshore wind farm support to holiday home manufacturing, car retail and property. Awarded CBE in 2018 for services to the economy and regeneration in the Humber region.

Bryan Eyre Coote Comber
1846-51
Went to Assam as a tea planter before returning to London with his acquired wealth. First recorded OS to work in tea planting.

Thomas Haigh
1850-51
Created a successful cotton spinning business before dying in his early 40s. The first OS recorded in the textile industry.

John Reeves
Winder House 1970-74
After starting his career as a surveyor he has held positions in property development, investment and management companies including Partner of Colenso Property Services, Chairman of Helmsley Group Ltd and Joint Managing Director of JRK Properties Ltd.

Mark Spoor
Evans House 1973-76
Managing Director of Scandic Food Ltd supplying the UK and Europe with frozen high quality food products.

Jonathan Short
Sedgwick House 1974-79
After working at Lazard Bros, Barings, SG Warburg and American National Bank and Trust Co of Chicago, he founded INTERNOS Global Investors in 2008. In 2018 it was bought by U.S. giant Principal Global Investors for a reported price of €40M-€50M and Short is now Executive Chairman, Principal Real Estate Europe.

Jonathan Theakston
Powell House 1989-94
Worked at Charles Wells Brewery and Pub Company for five years in a sales capacity before joining The Black Sheep Brewery as Sales and Marketing Director. Now leading new innovations such as Black Sheep Gin.

Philip Foster Nicholson
School House 1883-89
Civil Engineer who went on to become Managing Director at New Waterway Shipbuilding and Engineering Co., Holland. Returned to the UK to work as General Manager of Hamilton and Co. Shipbuilders, Port Glasgow.

Alfred Tate
1886-91
Son of Sir Henry Tate, sugar merchant and philanthropist. Alfred worked as a sugar refiner in his father's business, Albert Tate & Sons, and after his father's death merged the company with Abram Lyle to create Tate and Lyle in which he and his brothers continued to play a managerial role.

James Lupton, Baron Lupton *CBE MA*
Powell House 1968-72
Qualified as a solicitor in 1997. Co-founded investment bankers Greenhill London in 1998 and is Chairman of Greenhill Europe. Also Chairman of Ashmolean Museum and Lloyds Bank Corporate Markets. Former Treasurer of the Conservative Party. Appointed as a life peer in 2015.

Julian Newiss
Winder House 1966-71
After starting his career at Jones Lang Wootton in London and New York, he was then European chairman of Colliers followed by European Chairman of Kennedy Wilson. He founded Catalyst Capital LLP in 2000. Catalyst has formed and manages a number of pan European property funds and has approx £3bn of funds under management.

Patrick Bourne & Co.
PRIVATE ADVISORS AND FINE ART DEALERS
A dealer in British Art for over 35 years and a past Chairman of The Society of London Art Dealers. He left as Managing Director of The Fine Art Society to form Patrick Bourne & Co in 2014.

Robert Theakston
Powell House 1987-92
Became a qualified brewer and then worked at Carlsberg in Leeds for two years before returning to The Black Sheep Brewery to become Assistant Brewer in 2007. Became Managing Director in 2011.

Geoffrey Langdon
School House 1901-03
First Sedberghian to study Business, at the University of Commerce at Cologne.

Sir (John) Hubert Worthington *OBE*
Lupton House 1900-05
1923, Worthington was appointed Professor of Architecture at the Royal College of Art, resigning in 1928 to return to the family firm of Thomas Worthington & Son. Awarded OBE in 1929. Designed many buildings for Oxford University. Following Percy Worthington's death in 1939, Hubert became the Principal of the family firm.

Jonathan Wild
Powell House 1965-70
Son of Victor Wild, he was former Chairman and Chief Executive of 'Betty's and Taylors of Harrogate'. Recognised for his environmental work as he founded the Yorkshire Rainforest Project and the firm has twice received the Queen's Award for Enterprise for Sustainable Development. Granted the Freedom of Harrogate in 2012. The current Chair of 'Betty's & Taylors of Harrogate' is his wife Lesley, whose father Geoffrey Allison was a contemporary of Victor's in Powell House.

Patrick Bourne
Powell House 1966-71
A dealer in British Art for over 35 years and a past Chairman of The Society of London Art Dealers. He left as Managing Director of The Fine Art Society to form Patrick Bourne & Co in 2014.

Tim Broadhurst
Evans House 1988-93
Co-owner of Suttons Transport Group, he is the grandson of the founder Alf Sutton and has worked there for over 20 years.

Jon McNeish
Evans House 1989-95
In 2001, Jon built a global recruitment company, which included 10 international offices, employing 21 nationalities, successfully selling to Private Equity in '13. Jon is now the CEO and Founder of MacGregor Black, the largest UK specialist recruitment company within the Consumer Products & Retail industries, supporting many of the world's largest brands.

Mike Adams
Winder House 1946-50
Managed the children's clothing business, Adams, which was established by his mother in 1933 and continued in this role after the company was sold to Foster Brothers and then Sears Holdings. OS Club Vice-President, former OS Club Chairman and former School Governor.

Ronald Nelson
Lupton House 1949-53
Served as a Director on numerous community and professional associations. Worked with major international companies in Canada, USA and Cyprus; consulted to off-shore companies in Russia, Africa, India, Central Asia and South America. Listed in Who's Who in Canada and Who's Who in the USA.

Bob Umbers
Evans House 1952-56
His father was a brewer, and Robert continued in this industry selling malt to breweries.

Tom Boyd *OBE*
Powell House 1953-59
A key figure with the Hull fishing industry, he was Chairman & Managing Director of 'Boydline Ltd. Former Chairman of the Fish Producers Organisation. Prime Warden of the Fishmongers' Company in 2011.

Paul Theakston *(right)*
Winder House 1959-63
Managing director of 'Theakston Brewery since 1968 after taking over from his father. Left in 1988 and purchased an old maltings in order to start a new brewery in Masham. The Black Sheep Brewery was established in 1991. The brewery quickly became successful, and now produces over 60,000 barrels a year, and sells beer nationwide and internationally.

William (Bill) Page
Hart House 1953-57
His father set up an animal feed mill, Page Feeds, in 1923. By 1990, Bill had switched the business from animal feed to pet food, changing the name to Waggy. The business opened its first dog food extrusion facility in 2002, aiming to make 40,000 tonnes per annum; it now has four, producing over 130,000 tonnes of pet food a year. Now called Inspired Pet Nutrition, the business exports to 16 countries, mostly in Europe.