

# The Old Warwickian

SUMMER 2013



OW news from **BAFTA to Vietnam**

Bookings take off for the **1960s Reunion**

**Lord Coe** opens the Halse Sports Pavilion

**2013 President's Dinner** a sell out

# Forthcoming Events

## 2003 Leavers' Reunion

All those who left Warwick School in 2003 are warmly invited to a 10 year anniversary reunion on the evening of Saturday 8 June 2013.

Join other 2003 leavers for informal drinks and a buffet/BBQ in the school's new Halse Sports Pavilion. 18.00-22.00. Wives and partners welcome. There will be a cash bar.

**Tickets:** £12, are available online at [www.oldwarwickians.org](http://www.oldwarwickians.org) or return the form on the back page of this newsletter.

**Booking deadline:** Friday 24 May.

## OWA President's Dinner

Tickets sold out very quickly for this year's President's Dinner which is being held at the Royal Regiment of Fusiliers HQ in HM Tower of London on 10 May.

## Summer Coffee Morning

The Summer OW Coffee Morning takes place at school on Sat 22 June from 10.30 to noon. Because this is Edward Halse's last OW coffee morning before he retires, it will be an opportune occasion for any OWs wanting to wish him well for the future.

### OW Events

OWA President's Dinner HM Tower of London Fri 10 May 17.45 to 22.10.	1960s Reunion Warwick School Sat 29 June 09.30-16.00.
Grafton Morrish Qualifiers Olton GC Sat 11 May.	1964/66 Leavers' Reception The Halse Sports Pavilion Sat 29 June 16.00-18.00.
OW Golf Spring Meeting Tadmarton Heath GC Tues 14 May 08.00.	OWs vs. School 1st XI Warwick School Sat 29 June 11.30.
2003 Leavers' 10 Year Anniversary The Halse Sports Pavilion Sat 8 June 18.00-22.00.	OWs vs. Denstone First round The Cricketer Trophy Denstone Sun 30 June 11.00.
OW Coffee Morning Warwick School Sat 22 June 10.30-noon.	The Cricketer Trophy Final is at Gerrards Cross CC on Sun 11 Aug at 10.45.
OWs vs. Warwickshire Imps Warwick School Sun 23 June 14.00.	OWs vs. Old Silhillians Rugby Warwick School Sat 7 Sept 12.30.



### Chapel Services

Sun 21 Apr 10.00 Holy Communion.	Sun 9 June 10.00 Family Service.
Sun 28 Apr 10.00 Family Service.	Sun 16 June 10.00 Family Service.
Sun 12 May 10.00 Family Service.	Sun 23 June 10.00 Lower Fourth Sunday.
Sun 19 May 10.00 Upper Sixth Sunday.	Sun 30 June 10.00 Foundation Sunday.



As dates and venues sometimes change you are advised to check event details on [www.warwickschool.org](http://www.warwickschool.org) and [www.oldwarwickians.org](http://www.oldwarwickians.org).

All boys and their families, Old Warwickians and all members of the school community are welcome at Chapel Services.

### Music and Drama

26 April WS String Orchestra and Ambrose Ensemble GNH 19.30	14-21 June A level Art Exhibition, BHT.
3 May WS Brass Concert GNH 19.30.	27 June Summer Concert, Warwick Junior School, GNH. 19.00.
8-10 May Hiawatha, Lower School Production BHT 19.00.	1 July Warwick School Summer Concert, GNH 19.30.
16-17 May The Snow Queen, Warwick Junior School, BHT 19.00.	

For further information and booking details for these and other music and cultural events in the BHT or GNH see [www.bridgehousetheatre.co.uk](http://www.bridgehousetheatre.co.uk) or tel: 01926 776438.



## Sat 5 July 2014 Save the date!

In 2014 Warwick School will mark its 1,100th anniversary with a full calendar of special events for boys, Old Warwickians and the whole school community.

One key event for OWs will be a summer celebration on **Saturday 5 July 2014**.

Mark the date in your diary – more details to follow.

# 1960s Reunion

Saturday 29 June 2013

Book now!



Tuck shop.



1963 3B.



Toad of Toad Hall stage crew.



Jack Swindlehurst's workshop.



1963.



Boarders playing pool.

**All Old Warwickians who left Warwick School between 1960 and 1969, and the staff who taught them, are warmly invited to this landmark reunion which takes place at school on Saturday 29 June 2013. The reunion will be a very special day for renewing friendships, seeing former teachers, reminiscing about your school days in the 1960s and seeing the superb facilities that Warwick School offers boys today.**

Over 100 OWs have already booked. A number are travelling from far afield, including the Far East, Africa, North America, Australasia and Europe. Nigel Robinson (WS 1955-66) says:

*"It should be an incredible day. Some of us won't have seen each other for more than 50 years – so name badges will be essential!"*

The OW 1st XI vs. School cricket match is also scheduled to play in the afternoon.

## Tickets

Book now to avoid disappointment! Wives/partners are always welcome but numbers will be capped at 300 due to limited Chapel and lunch space.

The cost for the day is £15 per person. To book your reunion ticket, simply complete and return the booking form on the back page of this newsletter or book online at [www.oldwarwickians.org](http://www.oldwarwickians.org).

## 1964/66 leavers' Birthday drinks

1964/66 leavers and their friends are invited to a celebratory drinks party in the new Sports Pavilion from 16.00 to 18.00, to mark a number of 65th birthdays. There will be a cash bar.

**Booking deadline:** Friday 14 June.

Bookings will be accepted on a first come, first served basis

## Plan for the day

- 09.30 Registration and coffee in the Guy Nelson Hall.
- 10.15 Welcome from the Head Master and Maj Gen Mike Huntley CB.
- 10.35 Group photograph.
- 11.00 Chapel Service.
- 11.30 Pimms under the Limes.
- 12.15 Lunch in the Pyne and Panel Rooms.
- 14.00 Tours of the school with prefects.
- 15.00 and 15.30 Boarding house tours.
- 15.00 onwards – Tea and cake in the Guy Nelson Hall.
- 16.00 Close.

## Evening arrangements

We expect many OWs will want to get together informally in the evening in local pubs or restaurants. If you would like to arrange something in advance of the event, a list of those attending is updated regularly on [www.oldwarwickians.org](http://www.oldwarwickians.org). An online password protected page of contact emails is also available, with details of those who are happy to circulate their email address to other attendees.

## New Year Honours

**Congratulations to the following OWs who were awarded in the New Year Honours List 2013.**

### **Stephen Lovegrove (WS 1978-85)**

*Companion of the Order of Bath, for services to the Government as shareholder.*

Stephen became Permanent Secretary at the Department of Energy and Climate Change in February. Prior to DECC he spent nine years at the Shareholder Executive and was appointed Chief Executive in 2007. Before that, Stephen spent ten years at Deutsche Bank, where he was the head of the European media team working on a wide range of capital raisings, acquisitions and divestments in all the sub-sectors of the media industry. Stephen sat on the board of the London Organising Committee of the Olympic and Paralympic Games and is a Trustee of the Charities Aid Foundation.

### **Michael Billington (WS 1949-57)**

*OBE, for services to theatre.*

Michael, The Guardian's theatre critic since 1971, is Britain's longest-serving theatre critic. He is also the author of many biographical and critical studies relating to the arts. Most notably, Michael is the recognised biographer of Harold Pinter.



### **Denys Shortt (WS 1975-82)**

*OBE, for services to the economy.*

Denys is a local businessman and founder of DCS Europe in Stratford. He received his honour for services to the economy through his work with the

Coventry and Warwickshire Local Enterprise Partnership. Denys started DCS in 1994, at the age of 29. The business has grown to become the UK's leading distributor of health, beauty and household brands, increasing its sales by £20 million in 2012, to £148 million. Denys recently invested more than £4 million in a new toiletries factory in Stratford and has also created two technology companies – Enable Software and Deal Track Limited.

## Lifetime achievement award



Proud Coventrian Joe Elliott (WS 1950-58) was honoured with a lifetime achievement award at the Pride of Coventry and Warwickshire Community Awards. Joe scooped the award after being nominated for his tireless work across the community and for his beloved Coventry City FC.

## In memory of Keith Brocklehurst

John Brocklehurst (WS 1963-68) visited school in February to see the biology laboratory named after his father Keith Brocklehurst. Keith taught at Warwick from 1949 to 83, first as Head of Biology and subsequently Head of Science. John met some of the boys who were using the microscope that his father's legacy helped purchase. The research standard, high-power compound,



*John Brocklehurst with school boys Will Butler and Harnek Singh and Biology teacher Graham Joyce.*

trinocular microscope allows a range of techniques to be carried out, including phase contrast and dark field microscopy. It is equipped with an SLR camera so the boys can record their samples digitally.

John retires in 2013, after a long career at sea, the last five years of which were spent as Master of cruise ship MV Discovery.

## Marathon men

**Good luck to all OWs running in the London Marathon on 21 April.**

Be sure to cheer on David Phillips (WS 1955-61) who has become the first UK runner to have run 400 full marathons and 300 half marathons. Having achieved his goal of running 400 full marathons and raising £50,000 for cancer charities, Dave has now set a goal to run 500 full marathons and raise £75,000. Dave will be running the London Marathon with the Telegraph Brain & Spine Foundation team. If you would like to support him, go to [www.justgiving.com/TeamPhillipsVLM2013](http://www.justgiving.com/TeamPhillipsVLM2013).



## Hayter joins Wasps

Wasps have snapped up Daily Mail Cup winning captain Charlie Hayter (WS 2000-07). The former Warwick School 1st XV captain has signed for the London club from Championship side Moseley.



## BAFTA floral displays

For the twelfth consecutive year, Simon Lycett (WS 1974-85) created stunning table displays for the BAFTAs. Simon can also be seen regularly on *The Alan Titchmarsh Show*.



*Simon's floral decorations for The King's Speech at the 2012 BAFTA Awards.*

## Vietnam climbing expedition



Photo: Dave Lucas.

Alex Twist (WS 1999-06) has returned from a British led climbing expedition to Vietnam. The aim of the trip was to go in search of new routes on unclimbed rock to develop the area as a rock climbing destination. The six man team climbed 104 new routes. Alex is

pictured at the top of Westminster – a new route on an unclimbed pillar of rock in the sea, which the team named Big Ben.

## OW climbing club

Alex Twist would love to hear from OWs young and not so young, who enjoy climbing and mountaineering at all levels. Initially the idea is to allow OWs to expand the number of climbing partners they have, but it is hoped that eventually the group might become an OW climbing club, with organised meets, trips, lectures and a maybe an annual dinner.

Please email [alex@alextwist.co.uk](mailto:alex@alextwist.co.uk) if you are interested.

## Oxford rowers

Devan Sinha (WS 2004-11) and Henry Maynard (WS 2007-12), both studying medicine at Brasenose, are rowing together in Brasenose Men's 2nd VIII. The boys won their blades in February at the end of four days of inter-college rowing.



## Freedom of the City of York

Commanding Officer Lt Col Jaish Mahan (WS 1985-92) and fellow army medics from 34 Field Hospital have been given the Freedom of the City of York. The honour marks decades of life saving by the army medics in conflicts across the world.

## Careers business lunches



Ryan Wong, OW Duncan Forsyth, Joseph Banks, Angus Firth.

A huge thank you to OWs who give their time and expertise in talking to current boys at the Careers Department's Business Lunches.

Last term, boys were delighted to hear from a range of speakers, including three OWs. Duncan Forsyth (WS 1985-95), Finance Director at Statkraft, talked to boys about working in renewable energy. Lewis Barge (WS 2005-12) spoke about a year in industry gap scheme and working at Rolls Royce. Anil Matoo (WS 1999-05) talked about studying philosophy.

If any other OWs would like to give a little time to talk to current boys about their career, studies or business, please contact Caty Oates, [co@warwickschool.org](mailto:co@warwickschool.org).

## News from overseas



Stephen Phillips.

A warm welcome back to Stephen Phillips (WS 1957-65) and Mike Heath (WS 1978-85) as they return to the UK after many years overseas.

Stephen Phillips retired as General Director of the State Opera of South Australia in 2011.

Mike Heath returns to the UK this summer after 20 years overseas, many of which have been spent directing strategic operations in a range of businesses, particularly in South East Asia.



Mike Heath.

Tim Cole (WS 1972-83) has been the British Ambassador to Cuba since August 2012. His previous postings for the Foreign Office were in Mozambique and Zimbabwe. Before joining the Government he worked for Christian Aid and Save the Children in central Africa.



Tim Cole.

Tim says that his experiences at Warwick have helped him advance in the diplomatic service – the combination of academic challenge, sport, amateur dramatics and rules and rituals have all proved useful in his role as Ambassador.

## The Faithful Soldier

Former Headmaster John Stover (WS 1977-88) has published a biography of Ernest Stover, who served as a soldier in British India and both World Wars, was a pioneer of air combat on the Western Front, escaped from a prisoner-of-war camp and finally, was a pastor in Holy Orders. *The Faithful Soldier* is published by I.B.Tauris.

## The Great War and the Public Schools



Warwick School's 1st XV, 1912-13, of whom nine lost their lives in World War I.

The Sunday Times on 17 February (*Bloody sacrifice of the Eton Rifles*) previews Anthony Seldon's forthcoming book *The Great War and the Public Schools*. The book lays bare the full scale of the sacrifice by Britain's public schools, including Warwick, in World War I.

# OW Sport

## OW Rugby

This year's encounter between Old Warwickians and Old Silhillians is scheduled for Saturday 7 September at 12.30 at Warwick School.

If you are interested in playing, please contact Freddie Dixon [ecrdixon@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:ecrdixon@hotmail.co.uk) or Hamish Smithers [hamish\\_smithers@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:hamish_smithers@hotmail.co.uk).



## OW Cricket

The following OW cricket matches are scheduled this summer.

### OWs vs. Warwickshire Imps

Warwick School  
Sun 23 June.  
14.00.

### OWs vs. School 1st XI

Warwick School  
Sat 29 June.  
11.30.

### OWs vs. Denstone

First round  
The Cricketer Trophy  
Denstone  
Sun 30 June.  
11.00.



## OW Golf

### Spring Golf Day Tues 14 May

Join other golfers at the Spring OW Golf Meeting at Tadmarton Heath Golf Club on Tuesday 14 May.

The day will follow the usual format of Edinburgh foursomes in the morning and an individual stableford in the afternoon, to allow members who only wish to play 18 holes the chance to participate in the afternoon.

The charge will be £70 for 36 holes, including lunch, 3 course dinner, green fees and prizes

and £60 for 18 holes, including lunch, 3 course dinner, green fees and prizes. Please contact Julian Marcus ([arkvets@hotmail.com](mailto:arkvets@hotmail.com)) if you would like to play. Five days notice is required for final numbers.

### Grafton Morrish Qualifiers Sat 11 May

The Grafton Morrish Qualifiers take place at Olton Golf Club on 11 May. Good luck golfers!



The Grafton Morrish Trophy.

## OW Hockey

On 29 December some 20 OWs and friends gathered for some light-hearted indoor hockey to blow away the Christmas cobwebs and complete a fantastic year of fundraising for local charities.

With profits going to charity 'Always A Chance', the match meant OW hockey raised almost £1,000 for charities in 2012 - a great effort by everyone involved.

The next big event for OW hockey players is the annual Reeves & Partners Charity Shield, likely to be in August 2013. If you are interested in playing, whether for OWs or potentially to register a club side for the tournament, please email Rob Pomfret at [rjp503@googlemail.com](mailto:rjp503@googlemail.com).



Back l-r: Chris Todd, John Macdonald, Kevin McGreevy, Michael O'Sullivan, George Macdonald, Anthony Baxter, Tom Devenport, Alex Van Dijk, Aaron Nagra, Will Murray. Front l-r: Nick Anscomb, James Hay, Rob Pomfret, Kamal Chhibber, Max Jennings.

# School News

## Warwick School in 110 objects – a new online museum

**Objects, artifacts and mementoes are still being sought for the new online museum marking Warwick School's 1,100th anniversary in 2014.**

Do you still have something you made or wrote at school? A letter home? Can you suggest an object that, for you, reflects something of the life of Warwick School?

Simply make your suggestion on the back page of this newsletter or online at [www.warwickschool.org/110objects](http://www.warwickschool.org/110objects).



*The original lock from the main front doors of the school. The lock was in use from 1879 to the early 1990s and was reunited with its original key in 2009.*



*A water lily collected by a member of Warwick School on the day that the First World War started.*



*Warwick School Rugby Cap 1931-32.*



*The OTC (CCF) bugle shown to Field Marshal Montgomery in 1947.*

## Warwick School Anniversary Book

**Anecdotes and memories are still being sourced for a new pictorial anniversary book of Warwick School, past and present.**

We are looking for anecdotes from the past about such things as your first day at school, experiences of boarding, teaching and extra curricular activities. Please write to us about any special memories, moments or days. Whether funny, sad or simply a reflection of your time at Warwick, we would love to record them in the school archives and consider them for publishing in the Anniversary Book.

**Please send your anecdotes and memories to Anne Douglas at Warwick School by Friday 10 May. Email [ad@warwickschool.org](mailto:ad@warwickschool.org). Address on page 8.**

For more information about the book and to order a copy at the special pre-publication price of £29.50 plus P&P, visit [www.tmltd.com/warwickschool](http://www.tmltd.com/warwickschool) or telephone +44 (0)20 7336 0144.

## Carmina Burana

Warwick and King's High Schools choir and orchestra continued their collaboration with Canticum to present a dramatic performance of Carmina Burana in St Mary's Church in March. Proceeds from this year's charity concert were donated to the fundraising campaign for St Mary's Church. For more details about this campaign for our local church, see [www.stmaryswarwick.org.uk](http://www.stmaryswarwick.org.uk).

## Daily Mail Cup

Congratulations to the school's U18 and U15 rugby teams, both of whom made it to the semi-finals of the Daily Mail Cup.

Congratulations to the U15 players who, as we go to press, are heading for the final of the Daily Mail Cup. In a nail-biting semi-final on 9 March they beat Bromsgrove School 17-16. Final to be played at Twickenham on 23 March.

Commiserations to the U18 team who lost 10-13 in the semi-final to Northampton School for Boys.



*The U15 semi-final, moments after the final whistle.*

## Halse Sports Pavilion

**Lord Coe CH KBE opened the new Halse Sports Pavilion on 15 March.**

This imaginative development has expanded and enhanced the previous sports centre by providing larger changing rooms, a modern and well-equipped medical centre (with physiotherapy room), new PE classrooms and a spacious hospitality area, with an extensive balcony, giving panoramic views over the sports pitches. The Halse Sports Pavilion is named after current Head Master, Edward Halse, who retires in August 2013 after 11 years outstanding service to the school.

Alongside the Sports Pavilion stands a new sculpture – 'Reaching for higher' by sculptor Matthew Lane Sanderson.



## New Deputy Head

Mr David Wickes, currently Deputy Head (Pastoral) at Abingdon School, has been appointed with effect from 1 September 2013 to succeed Gus Lock as the new Deputy Head of Warwick School.

# Booking Form

Please return this form to:  
Anne Douglas,  
Alumni Relations and Development  
Warwick School, Warwick CV34 6PP.  
Tel: 01926 776404.  
Email: ad@warwickschool.org.



## Personal Information

Title	
Full name	
Years at Warwick School: From (year)	To (year)
Address	
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Date	

Please tick this box if you are happy for Alumni Relations to hold this information on our Alumni and Development Database to enable us to contact you about events and other information we think may be of interest.

**Please tick this box if you are happy for your email address to be passed to other Old Warwickians. Your details will not be passed to any other third parties.**

## Warwick School in 110 Objects

I would like to suggest the following object:

\_\_\_\_\_

Please attach in 100 words or less why this object is significant to you.

Please send or email [alumni@warwickschool.org](mailto:alumni@warwickschool.org) an image of the object.

## Lighting up the Olympics

*Lighting designer Charlie Hain (WS 1999-10) was on the technical team for the Olympic and Paralympic Games.*



## Events

I would like to book the following:

### 2003 Leavers' Drinks and BBQ

Warwick School, Saturday 8 June 2013.

- I would like to attend.
- I would like to bring a guest.

Guests name \_\_\_\_\_.

Tickets are £12.00 each.

For the 2003 Leavers' Reunion, this booking form must be returned by Friday 24 May.

### 1960s Reunion

Warwick School, Saturday 29 June 2013.

- I would like to attend.
- I would like to bring a guest.

Guests name \_\_\_\_\_.

Tickets are £15.00 each.

- I would like a tour of the boarding house.
- I would like to attend the 1964/66 Birthday Reception from 16.00 to 18.00.
- I am happy for my email address to be shared with other attendees.

For the 1960s Reunion, this booking form must be returned by Friday 14 June.

**Cheques should be made payable to Warwick School Enterprises Ltd or WSEL.**

Please detail below any special needs or dietary requirements.

Front cover images:

Alex Twist on Westminster, Vietnam. Photo: Dave Lucas.  
Lord Coe and Edward Halse inside the new Halse Sports Pavilion.  
1963 School Cricket.