

The Old Warwickian

LENT 2010



2009 was a special Old Warwickian year, with a range of highly enjoyable sporting fixtures, great dinners, gatherings and reunions. 2010 looks set to be just as exciting. We hope the many events planned will encourage you all to share some time together and to stay in touch with the school and each other.

Join us in Cambridge for the OWA President's Dinner

Girton College, Cambridge

Saturday 24 April 2010



Girton College

President of the OWA, Jonathan Meredith (WS 1953-63) warmly invites Old Warwickians, wives, partners and friends to join him at Girton College, Cambridge on Saturday 24 April 2010 for the OWA President's Dinner.

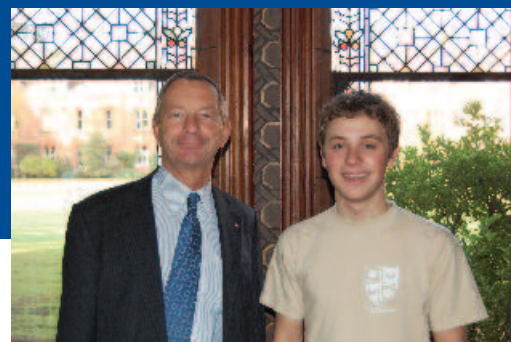
Established in 1869 as the first residential women's college in England, Girton occupies spacious grounds 2½ miles to the north-west of Cambridge city centre. The college became mixed in 1977.

Tickets for this year's dinner are very reasonably priced at £45 and include pre-dinner drinks from 18.30 in the Stanley Library and a three course dinner with coffee from 19.30 in the Great Hall. Dinner wine can be booked, and paid for, during the drinks reception.

Dress: Dinner jacket.

OW Ed Button (WS 1997-2008), currently at Girton, is kindly hosting the dinner. Ed says, "I am thrilled the OWA has chosen to have its 2010 dinner at Girton. I am very proud of the college and look forward to welcoming people here in April. The dinner is also a perfect opportunity for those who are studying or who studied at Cambridge to get together".

Ed is offering a guided tour of Girton at 18.00.



Jonathan Meredith and Ed Button invite you to Cambridge

Tickets available now!

To book tickets for the President's Dinner simply complete and return the booking form on the back page of this newsletter. Booking deadline: Friday 26 March 2010.

Parking and Travel

There is plenty of parking at Girton. Organised coach travel to and from Warwick School may be available if there is sufficient demand. Costs are likely to be between £18 and £35 per person, depending on numbers. Please indicate on the booking form if you would like to book a seat on the coach.

Overnight Accommodation

Why not make a weekend of it?

We recommend you book your accommodation early. If you are staying in Cambridge, we are advised that it is an easy taxi ride to Girton and there are usually plenty of taxis available. There are also a couple of basic rooms available at Girton. If you would like to stay overnight at the college, please indicate on the booking form. Rooms will be offered on a first come, first served basis.

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Recent Events

Hong Kong Reunion 2009

A group of OWs living and working in Hong Kong enjoyed drinks at The China Club on 17 September 2009.

The reception, hosted by the Head Master, was a great opportunity for OWs to share their experiences and find out about latest school developments. OWs were particularly delighted to renew contact with teacher Peter O'Grady, who had also travelled to Hong Kong.

The reunion was also the perfect opportunity for OWs Joe Chow and Man Kong Ho to present the Director of Hong Kong Samaritans with a cheque for over £1,300. The money had been raised by the school's Boarding House who supported Samaritans as their chosen charity. Special thanks to OW Jamie Barr for making all the arrangements at the China Club.



L-r Joe Chow, Jean Halse, Liz Chamberlain (Director of Hong Kong Samaritans) and Man Kong Ho.



View from the China Club

2010 Hong Kong Reunion

All OWs living and working in Hong Kong are warmly invited to the 2010 Hong Kong Reunion. Details will appear in the next OW newsletter and will be posted on www.oldwarwickians.org.

Music Praise

A new Chapel Service, celebrating music at Warwick School, was enjoyed by many on Sunday 11 October. Many thanks to OWs who sang with the Canticum choir.

Museum Open Evenings

Two Open Evenings were held in September, giving OWs the opportunity to look round the new Warwick School Museum. Thanks to all who came.



2009 Museum Open Evening – Cecil and Pat Hinton with School Archivist Gervald Frykman

London Reunion 2009



L-r Harry Greenway, John Cavanagh and Ed Halse



L-r Phillip Rothwell, Lewis Galloway, Chris D'Este-Hoare, Elliot and Nigel Grainger

Sixty OWs, many of whom are studying or working in the City, gathered at the London Reunion, which was held at The Carlton Club on 18 November 2009.

The Carlton Club, founded in 1832 by Tory Peers, MPs and gentlemen as a place to co-ordinate party activity, was a great setting for an OW reunion. While the Club is no longer used as a central party office, it still retains historic items from a political era spanning hundreds of years.

OWs enjoyed drinks in The Cabinet Room, under the watchful eyes of Messrs John Major and Ted Heath and Baroness Thatcher (some of the many portraits in the room!). Harry Greenway warmly welcomed OWs to the club. John Cavanagh QC, OWA President 2009, spoke about recent and forthcoming OWA events and the Head Master gave an update on school news.

The evening continued with good wine, much laughter and some delicious chipolata and mini hamburger canapés.

OWA Annual Dinner 2009

The OWA Annual Dinner was held in the Pyne Room at school on 5 December 2009. OWs from every decade since the 1940s enjoyed a splendid five course dinner in great company. John Cavanagh QC, 2009 President of the OWA, was delighted to welcome back many familiar faces... and to welcome many new ones. The dinner also provided a great opportunity for some of the 1999 leavers to celebrate their 'ten year anniversary'.



Forthcoming Events

Three major OW events are planned for the first half of 2010; the OW Armed Forces Dinner in March, the President's Dinner at Girton College, Cambridge in April and the 1970s Reunion in July.

Join Lt Col Jaish Mahan at the OW Armed Forces Dinner

Saturday 20 March 2010, The Pyne Room, Warwick School

An invitation from OW Jaish Mahan, Lt Col RAMC (WS 1985-92):

Last year we held our first OW Armed Forces Dinner at the school. I am reliably informed that the dinner was a great success although I missed it myself due to a short notice deployment to Afghanistan. Unfortunately an old boys' dinner didn't carry much weight with RAF movements!



Jaish Mahan and Ed Halse at the Remembrance Service in Chapel in November

The original plan was to hold the dinner every two years. However, since both the school and I have received a significant amount of correspondence from those who missed the dinner but would have

loved to have come, we have decided to hold the next one on 20 March 2010. I am sure you are all aware that Warwick has a strong and proud tradition of sending people on to a career in the Armed Forces and I am glad to confirm that this continues today. I was fortunate to experience this first hand when I attended the school Remembrance Service in November. The chapel was packed and the congregation consisted not only of pupils and parents; but also several OWs, from WWII veterans through to a young infantry officer who had just returned from Afghanistan.

I have found that as my military career progresses, I have even more to thank Warwick for than I first thought. So, if you fancy returning to your 'Alma Mater' to enjoy the company of your Service colleagues past and present, please join us on Saturday 20 March. The invite includes partners and I can promise a night of festivities and banter! I am sure you all have several stories of 'daring do' and where better to 'spin a dit' than the place where the adventure first started!

Booking details

The OW Armed Forces Dinner will start at 18.30 with a Chapel Service. A pre-dinner reception will be at 19.00, followed by dinner. Dress: black tie with miniatures. Carriages 22.45. Tickets are very reasonably priced at £24 and include a four course dinner with coffee. Wine may be ordered and paid for on the night.

To book your ticket, simply complete and return the booking form on the back page of this newsletter, or book online at www.oldwarwickians.org.

Booking deadline: Friday 5 March 2010

Enjoy Warwick School Choirs in London

OWs are warmly invited to a Warwick School Choirs concert at 19.30 on Saturday 8 May 2010 at St Andrew's Church, Holborn in the City of London. The concert, which will be given by Warwick School Choirs, including Canticum, will feature music by Handel. It promises to be a wonderful evening. The choirs will 'raise the roof' with Handel's Hallelujah Chorus at the end of the evening.

The choirs will also perform music by John Stanley, Master of the King's Music in the late 18th century. This music has been rediscovered by Trevor Barr, and has not been performed for over 200 years. The music by John Stanley was written for the Chapel of the Foundling Hospital in London which featured in the school's production of 'Coram Boy'. The author of 'Coram Boy', Jamilla Gavin, will attend the concert and has agreed to read from her award-winning novel. The church is also the final resting place of Thomas Coram who founded the Foundling Hospital. The organ case was a gift by Handel himself.

Tickets will be available from the Bridge House Theatre, Tel: 01926 776438 or visit www.bridgehousetheatre.co.uk

Book early. This concert, with so many performers, is likely to sell out quickly!

OWA President's Dinner, Girton College, Cambridge

Saturday 24 April 2010

All OWs, their wives, partners and friends are warmly invited and encouraged to attend this very special dinner. If you've never attended an OW event or reunion before, then this Cambridge Dinner is a perfect opportunity to meet old friends... and make some new ones. Tickets are also very reasonably priced this year so we hope to attract record numbers.

For full details see page 1... and to book tickets see the back page of this newsletter, or book online at www.oldwarwickians.org.

Booking deadline: Friday 26 March 2010.

Forthcoming Events

1970s Reunion

Warwick School

Saturday 3 July 2010

Brian Emmerson and Martin Green are delighted to invite those who were at Warwick School in the 1970s to a reunion at school on Saturday 3 July 2010. This will be a special day for renewing friendships, reminiscing about your school days and seeing the superb facilities that the school offers boys today. Above all, the day is about spending time with old friends and new.



Martin Green and Brian Emmerson

Plan for the day

- 09.30 Coffee in the Guy Nelson Hall.
- 10.15 Welcome address.
- 10.30 Group photograph.
- 11.00 Chapel Service.
- 11.30 Sherry reception followed by lunch in the Pyne and Panel Rooms.
- 14.00 Tours of the school. Chance to relax and watch the annual OWs vs. School 1st XI cricket match.
- 16.30 Afternoon tea.
- 17.00 Day ends.

The cost for the day is £15 per person.

Dress code is informal and wives and partners are most welcome.

Evening Arrangements

All OWs are invited to continue the reunion in the evening at The Warwickshire Golf and Country Club in Leek Wootton. The informal evening will begin at 19.00 with a drinks reception. It will be followed at 19.45 with a three course carvery. The cost for a pre-dinner glass of wine and the carvery is £25 per person. A cash bar is available for other drinks and dinner wine. Carriages: 23.00.

If you are worried about potentially missing an England World Cup Match, fear not as there are a number of plasma screens in the bar area at The Warwickshire.

A separate evening event, with ex-Warwick School Band Bacchus, is being organised on 3 July for interested Warwick School and King's High School leavers from 1973-1975. For further details about this evening function contact OW David Stevens, E-mail: david.stevens@homecall.co.uk.

Booking Tickets

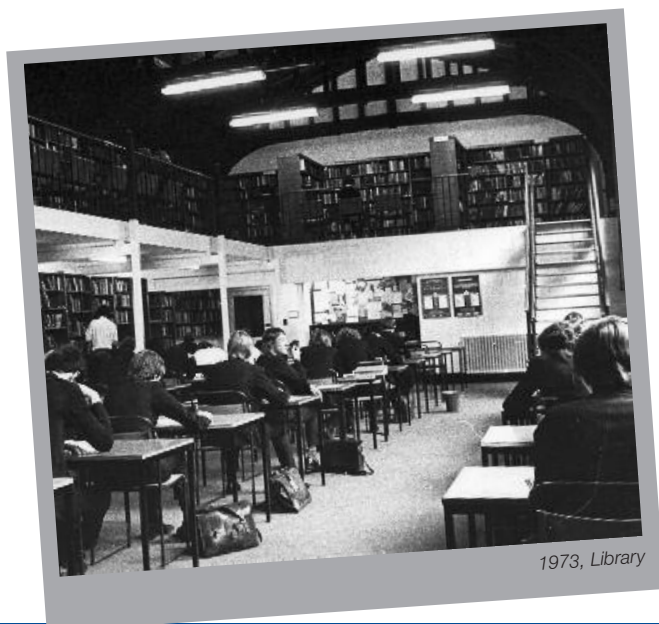
To book your ticket(s), simply complete and return the booking form on the back page of this newsletter or book online via www.oldwarwickians.org. **Booking deadline: Friday 18 June 2010.** As numbers during the day are limited to 240, bookings will be accepted on a first come, first served basis. If numbers reach 240, all other bookings will be offered the opportunity to attend from 14.00 onwards. There will be a nominal charge of £4 for those just attending the afternoon. 100 tickets are available for the evening at The Warwickshire.

Accommodation

If you are thinking of returning to Warwick for the weekend, please book your reunion ticket first and then your accommodation as soon as possible. Warwick is likely to be busy that weekend. You might find the following websites useful in searching for accommodation: www.warwick-uk.co.uk and www.shakespeare-country.co.uk

Finding friends from the 1970s

If there are any particular OWs from your school days with whom you've lost touch and would like to 'find', please contact Alison Lima in Alumni Relations, E-mail: al@warwick-school.org. There's plenty of time to try and trace old friends to make this a special day for you all.





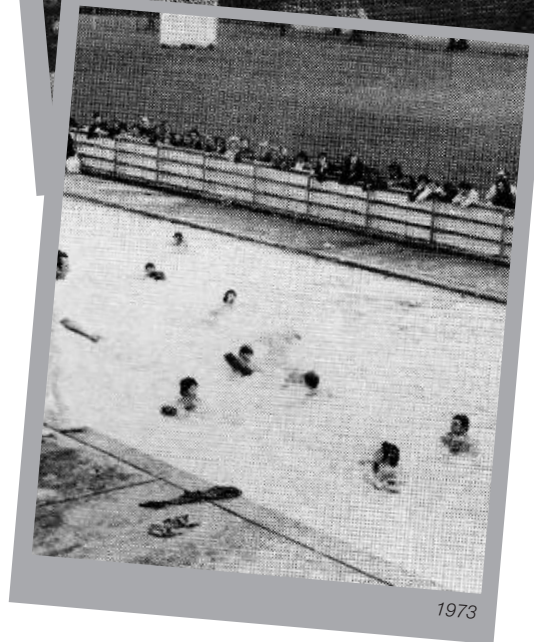
1976, 'Oliver'



1973

1970s Photos urgently required

We are very short of school photos from the 1970s. Please send us any photos you may have – informal or formal. We'll scan and return them immediately. Photos should be sent to Alumni Relations, Warwick School, Myton Rd, Warwick CV34 6PP. E-mail: ad@warwickschool.org



1973



1978, Biology Field Course



1979, 1st XV

Diary of Events

Forthcoming Events and Chapel Services

OW Events

OW Armed Forces Dinner
Warwick School
Saturday 20 March 2010, 18.30.

OWA President's Dinner
Girton College, Cambridge
Saturday 24 April 2010, 18.30.

Warwick School Choirs' Concert
St Andrew's Church, Holborn, London
Saturday 8 May 2010. 19.30.

OW Golf
Tadmarton Heath Golf Club
Tuesday 18 May 2010.

1970s Reunion
Warwick School
Saturday 3 July 2010.

OWs vs. School 1st XI
Warwick School
Saturday 3 July 2010.

Chapel Services

Lent 2010

10 Jan	10.00	Holy Communion
17 Jan	10.00	Lower Fourth Sunday
7 Feb	10.00	Confirmation Service
28 Feb	10.00	Mayor's Sunday and OW Sunday Service
14 Mar	10.00	Mothering Sunday
20 Mar	18.30	OW Armed Forces Service
21 Mar	10.00	Passiontide Communion.

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



www.oldwarwickians.org

We're delighted to announce the launch of a new website for OWs. Here you can:

- Browse a selection of images from recent events.
- Find out more about forthcoming events and reunions.
- Send us your news.
- Advise us of any change in contact details.
- Read about the Warwick School Story.
- Explore archive images – and send us any others!
- Use the online database to search for fellow OWs (this database will be available as a trial for the next six months).



Adam Streeter – Sports Personality

Congratulations to Adam Streeter (WS 1997-2008) who been named Southampton University's 'First Year Sports Personality'. Adam has just started his second year at Southampton University where he is a regular sports volunteer. He has also spent time back at school, working on the 'Summer Action' programme.

OWA President 2010 – Jonathan Meredith

Born in Leamington in 1946, it was perhaps a natural step that Jonathan followed his father, uncles, cousin and brother into Warwick School.

On leaving school, he joined local accountants Burgis & Bullock where he rose from student to senior partner, retiring at the end of 2008. He now runs his own accountancy practice from home, juggling the time between being an accountant, an active Rotarian, treasurer on the local PCC and chairman of a local charity.

Jonathan married Jane in 1973 and they settled in a small village near Banbury. They have two sons who also attended Warwick.

Warwick School has been part of Jonathan's life almost continuously since leaving. He became OWA treasurer in about 1967 and then chairman, overseeing the completion of the sports ground at Hampton Road. After a short rest, he served The Friends of Warwick School as treasurer for ten years, before becoming OWA treasurer again in 2002; and still is.

Jonathan's main interests are rugby, cricket, foreign travel and walking the dog in the lovely Oxfordshire countryside.



Jonathan Meredith

The Old Warwickian Association AGM took place on Saturday 5 December 2009 in the Conference Room at Warwick School.

Clive Mason kindly chaired the meeting as Chairman Nigel Robinson was unwell (but thankfully made a swift recovery!). The Chairman gave an overview of the current status of the 'Way Forward for the OWA' project.

Change of Rules

Because the Alumni Relations Officer has already taken over most of the secretarial and administrative functions of the Association, the committee has decided that the Association can now be managed by a much smaller committee. Members agreed that Rules 5 and 6 be altered to read "The Association shall be managed by an executive committee of OWs composed as follows: The President, Chairman, Hon Treasurer, OWA Trustee and Director of Property Co. and the Head Master. The Alumni Relations Officer should be in attendance at the meetings. The committee will maintain the principle of co-option".

Amendments to the Trust Deed

The OWA committee has asked Richard Thornton to look at the Trust Deed with a view to broadening the ways in which the OWA can spend its funds. Currently, under the terms of the Trust Deed, the OWA is restricted to only financially supporting 'the members of the Club' i.e. OWs who are paid-up members of the Association. Introducing some flexibility into the Trust Deed, would enable the OWA to support scholarships, school projects, non-OWA members of OW golf team, rugby team etc.

Thanks

The Chairman extended thanks to Anne Douglas for her work and support to the Association and was pleased to announce that the committee had made her an Honorary Member of the OWA. He thanked the Head Master for making the school available to the OWA for meetings, since the closure of the Portcullis Club, and for his unflinching support of the Association. Thanks were also extended to outgoing President John Cavanagh, who has been extremely active and gave such a superb evening at Middle Temple. The Chairman also thanked the Committee, who have been working hard on the members' behalf on organizing the OWA's future.

Goodbyes

Goodbyes were extended to two stalwarts of the OWA – Tom Bellamy and Peter Bailey.

Tom has served on the OWA committee for almost 20 years and Peter, who seems to have been active within the OWA since its inception, has held almost every position within it. Both will be sadly missed.

2010 Committee

The following appointments were made:

President: Jonathan Meredith

Chairman: Nigel Robinson

Treasurer: Jonathan Meredith

OWA Trustee/Director of Property Co.: Clive Mason

Head Master: E B Halse

President-Elect: Clive Mather.

New War Memorial

We mentioned in the last newsletter the school has plans for a new war memorial in remembrance of OWs killed in active service since WWII. We have learned that OW Corporal Richard F Musgrave, serving with the King's Own Scottish Borderers, was reported as Missing in Action at Maryang-San, Korea, 4-6 November 1951. Richard was at Warwick School from 1937 to 1942.

Simon Lycett

Simon Lycett (WS 1974-85) made a welcome return to school on 15 October and gave a spectacular flower demonstration to the Warwick Ladies' Lifeboat Guild.

Simon's floral decorating career took off in 1993 when he was asked to arrange the flowers for 'Four Weddings and a Funeral'. With a wonderfully extravagant style of floral decoration, his work is now much in demand for TV commercials, lifestyle magazines and films. More recently he has provided fabulous floral decorations for 'Young Victoria', 'The Golden Compass' and the premières for 'Quantum of Solace', 'Calendar Girls', 'Love Actually', 'Shrek' and 'Wallace and Gromit'.



Simon also appears regularly on ITV's Alan Titchmarsh Show and has commitments throughout the year to Raymond Blanc at Le Manoir aux Quat'Saisons and the RHS at the Chelsea Flower Show.

His clients include Her Majesty the Queen, former US President George Bush, Sir Elton John, Joan Collins and Ringo Starr. His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, David Beckham, Thierry Henry, Ashley Cole and Gary Neville have all commissioned him for their weddings.

Simon writes: "I was at Warwick School from the age of 7 to 17. I was a precocious child and loved treading the boards of the Guy Nelson Hall in many a stage production.

Sometimes teased by class mates and fellow pupils for having an interest in flower arranging, in my Lower Sixth year, I was the most popular boy in class! My skills were much in demand supplying cheap bouquets to fellow pupils on Valentine's and Mothering Sunday. When asked by Martin Green to arrange the flowers for the Centenary Dinner for the school Rugby club, I happily recognised this was the closest I was ever going to get to being in the rugby team!"

Congratulations to OW Roy Dixon

Congratulations to OW Roy Dixon (WS 1973-81) who has been elected president of the British Society for General Dental Surgery. Roy, a former Harley Street dentist and a Lieutenant Colonel in the Royal Army Dental Corps, is an expert in cosmetic dentistry. He has also recently opened the Augusta Dental Centre in Leamington Spa.

Marathon Man

Dave 'Taff' Phillips (WS 1955-61) has completed marathon number 371 and is still on target to do the 400th in London in Olympic year 2012 and to raise £50,000 for charity. At the Anglesey Marathon, Taff won the Welsh Masters AAA's Gold Medal in his age category (over 65s) in 4 hours, 28 minutes. Keep on running Taff!



Two weeks in Cognac

Bill and Vicki Johnson enjoyed two weeks last summer at OW Robert Taylor's gîte in Bourcelaine, France. A short flight took them from Birmingham to La Rochelle. Vicki says, "Robert's beautiful home is situated in a friendly hamlet where open views, vineyards and sunflowers abound. It is a place of perfect peace. There is plenty to explore nearby with Cognac a short drive away, Romanesque churches on the Pilgrim route to Santiago, medieval villages and many local markets. Who but the French could display such 'joie de vivre' at the Festival of the Tractor and at the sight of a procession of 2CVs rolling through the spacious countryside?"

Sincere thanks to Robert for kindly donating the £500 rental of his gîte to the new School Museum. If any OWs would like to enjoy one or two weeks at Bourcelaine in 2010, Robert would be happy to donate £100 per booking to the School Museum.

For further details see www.bourcelaine.com.



Bill Johnson, in Bourcelaine

Warwick rower goes for Gold

OW James Lee (WS 1998-2005) is aiming to win Gold for Great Britain at the European University Rowing Championships and score a successful place at the World Championships.



James Lee

James has taken on the challenge after being appointed Team Manager for Great Britain at the World University Rowing Championships in Szeged, Hungary (13-15 August 2010), and the European University Rowing Championships in Amsterdam (19-22 August 2010).

Commenting on his new positions James said: "Having been Assistant Team Manager for the Europeans for the last two years, it seemed the natural progression and I am really excited about leading a team to hopefully be overall champions. The World's appointment is incredible. It is a huge responsibility but I can't wait for the challenge!"

James is currently studying on the BA Events Management degree course at Bournemouth University.

Send us your news

We love to hear and share OW news in this newsletter and on the new OW website. Please send us your news and images. E-mail: ad@warwickschool.org or post to Anne Douglas, Alumni Relations, Warwick School, Warwick CV34 6PP.

OW Squash

Thanks to Mark Wilson for the following report on the 2009 match. If you're interested in playing OW squash, please contact Mark, E-mail: wilsons.theclose@btinternet.com.

OWs vs School

11 September 2009

A strong OW squash team achieved a clean sweep against the school in the match held on 11 September. A good competitive level of squash was played throughout the match; a Byrd family duel being played out at number 3!

Thanks to all who played, both OWs and the school, and to Mr Giudici for organising. For the record, the results were:

Tom Robinson 3 vs. Liam Robinson 1
Jack Robinson 3 vs. Tristan Appleton 0
Alex Byrd 3 vs. Jonathan Byrd 0
Mark Wilson 3 vs. Oliver Gray 0
Freddie Dixon 3 v Ben Tolliday 1



Team (l-r): Alex Byrd, Freddie Dixon, Tom Robinson, Jack Robinson and Mark Wilson.

OW Hockey

In the 2009 OWs vs. School Hockey match, Old Boys won 6-5. If you're interested in playing OW Hockey, please contact Ian Best, E-mail: ianbest609@btinternet.com



OW Rugby

Thanks to Freddie Dixon for the following report on the 2009 OW rugby match. If you're interested in playing OW rugby, please contact Freddie, E-mail: ecrd201@exeter.ac.uk.

OW Rugby Match

12 September 2009



A glorious day on 12 September created a fantastic setting for the rejuvenated OW rugby match. The game, which took place during the early afternoon of the opening 1st XV game of the season, saw nearly forty Old Boys from the last five years play for and against each other in a truly breathtaking curtain raiser.



For many of the OWs it was a chance to roll back the years and dust off the cobwebs; this mouth-watering prospect clearly being a big enough carrot for the large crowd which turned out to watch. The standard of the rugby was very good which led to a usually animated refereeing performance from Mark Nasey being somewhat subdued. His measured

banter still, of course, managed to make itself heard.



After the formalities most of the players and some spectators enjoyed a look at the new OW museum and following that, had a lively evening in the Pyne Room. The caterers put on a memorable spread and thanks go to John Cumming and his staff. As for next year – Altiora Peto!

The 2009 Sidmouth Tour



After a long summer of planning, the OW cricket tour came together on Sunday 16 August 2009 in Sidmouth, Devon. Sidmouth is widely regarded as one of the most beautiful places to play cricket in the country, with the pitch backing on to the beach!

Sunday was a lovely sunny day. Sidmouth had picked a strong side for our first game. Captain Nathan Reay won the toss and elected to field. 40 overs a side was agreed (8 overs maximum per bowler).

Harris made an early breakthrough, trapping their opener LBW for 4. Chris Carr bowled their number three for 95. McLellan took 3-37 with 2 maidens off his 8 overs and Tarrant claimed 3 wickets for 22 off only 4 overs to clear up the middle order. Roots 8-0-45-0 and Ben Carr 8-0-34-0 also bowled. Sidmouth finished on 246 for 8 wkts off their allotted 40 overs.

In reply, OWs struggled and lost wickets regularly. However, B Carr (31) and McLellan (45) came together and provided us with entertainment and respectability. C Carr chipped in with 17 and Reay was 4 not out at the finish. OWs 177 all out (36.4 overs).

Monday was another beautifully sunny day by the sea. The traditional time game commenced at 11.30. Roots, captain for the day, won the toss and elected to bat. The openers set the tone with a 120 partnership in 80 minutes (R Rigby 61, Crockert 34) Beard (33), Roots (71 not out) and Todd (60 not out) entertained the crowd with some big hitting out of the ground, enabling OWs to declare at 300-3 after 48 overs.

In reply, Sidmouth also had a rapid start with an opening partnership of 100. With the clock ticking near to 7.30pm, the whole game came down to the last over with Sidmouth 8 wickets down, 3 balls to go and 2 runs required! An exciting run out (Rigby, direct hit) delighted the crowd but with 2 balls left, Sidmouth hit a 4 over the close ring of fielders to win the game. OWs bowled 65 overs in reply.

Although registered as a loss, this was a great game enjoyed by all and one which attracted a large crowd.

In summary, a hugely enjoyable tour and one that will hopefully be repeated for many years to come.

A huge thank you to everyone concerned. The unstinting support of the squad and also, vitally, the non-playing supporters, including umpire, was so much appreciated.



Back l-r: W.Noble (Guest), D.Cook (Umpire), R.Rigby, C.Carr, J.Beard (Guest), N.McLellan (Guest), B.Carr, A.Harris, C.Todd, M.Smith, G.Watson. Front l-r: A.N.Crockert, N.Tarrant, N.A.L.Reay, D.G.Roots. Not pictured T.Whiteside.

The 2010 tour will take place from Sunday 11 to Tuesday 13 July. We hope it will be a 40 over game on the Sunday afternoon, a 20 over match on the Monday evening, followed by a traditional day game on the Tuesday.

If you are interested in the 2010 OW Cricket Tour please contact Nathan via E-mail: nathan.a.l.reay@uk.pwc.com

OW Golf

Thanks to Julian Marcus for the following OW golf reports. If you would like to play OW golf, please E-mail Julian: arkvets@hotmail.com.

OW Golf Meeting, Broadway 9 October 2009

Battling with Edinburgh foursomes for the prestigious OW Tankards in the morning, six intrepid pairs and a single took to the course, in harsh, cold and blustery conditions. In the afternoon two additional OWs made for five 3-balls and increased the competition for the much sought after OW Salver. The weather did little to dampen the continued friendship enjoyed by us all.



L-r: R Budd, C Kaye, P Baird, M Lines, D Rotherham (OW capt), C James, A Dunnell, B Woodhams, P Gedge, P Twigger, R Simmons and T Harry.

OW Tankard results

Tim Harry (15) and Richard Budd (18) triumphed as the winners. Runners up were Geoff Thorpe (22) and Richard Simmons (15) – nice to see Richard again. The prizes were, as always, gratefully received - two Nike golf balls for each of the winners and a single ball to the runners up.

OW Salver results

In third place – Richard Simmons (15). In second place and with a precious prize of two golf balls – Brian Woodhams (20). But in first place, your secretary and organiser – Julian Marcus (7). The spoils – a beautiful trophy and three golf balls.

Player of the Year – The Higginson Plate

Sadly, only a few OWs made it to both the spring and the autumn meeting. Peter Gedge took third place with 56 pts and Duncan Rotherham took second with 58 pts. Retaining his title on 60 pts – Julian Marcus. His prize – a lovely silver plate... and more engraving!

Next meeting – Tuesday 18 May 2010 – Tadmerton Heath Golf Club

Please do your very best to try and support the club – it is trying to grow and needs everyone to do their bit. All are always very welcome and it would be lovely to see some new faces.

2009 Grafton Morrish Finals

Our eager team of golfers set off for a great golfing weekend in Norfolk in late September 2009 for the Grafton Morrish Finals.



Team (l-r): Steve Tubb (7), Peter Hill (5), Julian Marcus (7)(capt), Tim James (5), Charlie Higgins (1) and Richard Tidman (1).

Having failed to progress beyond the first round in the previous two years, our captain was hopeful of an improvement in the team's fortune.

Sadly, however, we drew Malvern School for the first round. Malvern were yet another top team, having won the Grafton Morrish in 2005 and 2006. Our difficulties of getting through to the second round seemed destined to continue.

OW first pair of Tim and Charlie gave stiff opposition to a strong Malvern pair, gaining a well deserved half. Unfortunately Steve and Julian lost 7 and 6. Peter and Richard also succumbed, losing 6 and 5. We had been well beaten, felt very deflated, but they were simply just a little better than us on this occasion.

So, into the plate competition – The Solihull Salver – and a scratch foursome stableford at Brancaster. Both KES Birmingham and Coventry had suffered similar early departures and this made for a very enjoyable and friendly game.

Warwick finished a creditable equal 10th with Repton on 84 pts and only failed to progress into the last 4 and Sunday's Committee Bowl final at Hunstanton by the narrowest of margins.

Our six gallant representatives are even more determined to return in 2010, and to go one better.

OWs vs. Old Edwardians 15 September 2009 – Moseley Golf Club

On a lovely but very blustery day, ten OW golf members took on the Old Edwardian golf team in the inaugural meeting of our two clubs. The two captains had agreed a framework for a 5 pairing, four ball better-ball matchplay game under $\frac{3}{4}$ handicap allowances, followed by a dinner and minor speeches.

Leading off first and hoping for an early shower, Mike Barnwell (12) and Peter Gedge (18) unfortunately ran into two Old Eds off handicaps of 5 each (and who played to a lot better). The Old Eds promptly dispatched our luckless pair a little too early towards the bathroom. Sadly, 1 down – needing more putts to drop!

Chris Adams (8) and Pat Twigger (18) managed to put their opposition to the sword with much satisfaction. Tim James (5) and Richard Budd (18) gallantly managed a half with the last putt on the 18th. Match still all square.

Julian Marcus (7) and Michael Wilkes (18) managed a wonderful victory. A half was all that was required and this was duly delivered.

Bringing up the rear, Peter Baird (17) and Pip Whitting (14) managed early crippling blows, from which their opposition failed to recover, leading the team to an overall solid win: $3\frac{1}{2}$ to $1\frac{1}{2}$.

A lovely dinner allowed for small speeches of congratulations and a firm promise to organise a return match in 2010.

Remembrance Sunday



Remembrance Sunday, Warwick

On Sunday 8 November Lt Col Jaish Mahan (WS 1985-92) spoke to a packed congregation at the Remembrance Service in Chapel. A surgeon in the Royal Army Medical Corps, Jaish had recently returned from a tour in Afghanistan. Jaish spoke about personal risk and family, humanity and the responsibility of command. He mentioned his operational duty from Sierra Leone, to the Balkans, through to the Gulf and Afghanistan. He spoke movingly of the demands and intense challenges of operations today and the need for strong values and standards. Above all, Jaish highlighted the very important role that schools like Warwick play in honing those values and standards which form the backbone of difficult decision making in operations.

For details about the OW Armed Forces Dinner, which Jaish is hosting, see page 3.

Full Marks

Two Warwick School boys have achieved first place out of thousands of children nationally in a GCSE. Julian Darby and Christopher Marshall, both aged 14 at the time of the exam, gained the highest marks in GCSE ICT. This feat was even more remarkable given that the boys sat the GCSE exam two years early.



Julian Darby and Christopher Marshall

'Romeo and Juliet'

Warwick School Drama department presented their 'Mods and Rockers' interpretation of 'Romeo and Juliet' to packed houses in November. The company was made up of pupils from Warwick School and girls from King's High School. Hamish Riddle, U6 writes: *"After only four shows we found ourselves longing for just one more night, having lived and breathed the show for the past two months. 'Romeo and Juliet' really was a fantastic experience and I know I speak for all the actors in the Upper Sixth when I say it was a great show to be our last."*



More Medals for our Musicians!



Little Big Band

Once again the School came away with an enviable collection of trophies at the National Concert Band Festival. Jazz Lab, Wind Band and Little Big Band won respectively Silver, Gold and Gold. The Foundation Wind Orchestra also had a successful day, gaining a Platinum Award. This is a new category reserved for exceptional performance and admits automatic entry to the National Finals held at Birmingham Conservatoire in April. Bravo to all musicians.

Daily Mail Cup Success

Following a victory against KES Birmingham in the 4th round of the Daily Mail Cup, the 1st XV faced local rival Solihull.

Although the Warwick 1st XV made hard work of their Round 5 Game, they secured a 17-8 victory. It was always going to be a fiercely contested affair but to add to the occasion, the conditions were heavily affected by high winds and a wet, heavy pitch.

Warwick faced Bedford Modern in round six in mid December and progressed to the last 16 with a convincing win (36-3).

Throughout the encounter the Warwick forwards dominated with a consistent supply of ball from the scrum and line-out.

At the time of going to press, we await the result of the fixture between Ellesmere College and Oakham School to decide the school's opponent for a place in the quarter finals.



Leaving a Legacy to Warwick School

We have received a number of OW enquiries about leaving a legacy to Warwick School, and in particular, to support bursaries. A new leaflet, explaining how a legacy to the school can make a real difference, will be available in the spring.

Booking Form

Please return this form to
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Title	
Full name	
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Postcode	
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Signed	
Date	

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

Events can also be booked online at www.oldwarwickians.org. Please post your cheque, made payable to Warwick School to Anne Douglas, Alumni Relations, Warwick School, Myton Road, Warwick CV34 6PP.

Please detail below any special needs or dietary requirements

2010 Events

I would like to book the following:

OW Armed Forces Dinner

The Pyne Room, Warwick School.

Saturday 20 March 2010.

..... tickets @ £24 each.

I would like to bring a guest

Guest's name:

I am interested in a tour of the school at 17.30.

Armed Forces Dinner booking deadline: Friday 5 March 2010.

OWA President's Dinner

Girton College, Cambridge

Saturday 24 April 2010.

..... tickets @ £45 each.

..... seats on the coach to and from Warwick School.

I would like to bring a guest/guests

Name(s):

I am interested in a tour of Girton at 18.00.

I am interested in staying overnight at Girton.
Please contact me.

President's Dinner booking deadline: Friday 26 March 2010.

1970s Reunion

Warwick School

Saturday 3 July 2010.

..... reunion tickets @ £15 each.

..... evening dinner tickets at The Warwickshire
@ £25 each.

I would like to bring a guest

Guest's name:

If possible, I would like to see the current boarding house as part of my tour of the school.

I am happy for my e-mail address to be printed on a 1970s Contact Sheet which will be produced for the reunion. I understand this sheet will only be distributed to those attending the reunion.

1970s Reunion booking deadline: Friday 18 June 2010.

Cheques should be made payable to Warwick School.