

The Old Warwickian

SUMMER 2011



*We hope you enjoy these OW newsletters.
Please get in touch with your own news and
let us know if there's anything else you
would like to see or read about here.*

Ticket sales soar for the 1980s Reunion

All Old Warwickians who left Warwick School during the 1980s are warmly invited to this landmark reunion which takes place at school on Saturday 2 July 2011.

The reunion will be a very special day for renewing friendships, seeing former teachers, reminiscing about your school days in the 1980s and seeing the superb facilities that Warwick School offers boys today.

Plan for the day

09.30 Tea and coffee in the
Guy Nelson Hall.
10.15 Welcome.
10.35 Group photograph.
11.00 Chapel Service.
11.30 Drinks reception followed by lunch.
14.00 Tours of the school with prefects.
15.30 Afternoon tea.
17.00 Day ends.

Dress code is informal and wives and partners are welcome.

Booking Tickets

Book now to avoid disappointment!
Numbers will be capped at 300 due to
limited Chapel and lunch space. The
cost for the day is £15 per person.

Booking deadline: Friday 17 June 2011.
Bookings will be accepted on a first
come, first served basis.

Book now!

To book your reunion tickets simply
complete the form on the back
page of this newsletter or book
online at www.oldwarwickians.org.

Evening Arrangements

From previous experience, 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, an
online password protected page of contact
E-mails will be available for those who are
happy to circulate their E-mail address to
other attendees.



1979 Junior School.

Attendees

A list of those attending is posted
and updated regularly on
www.oldwarwickians.org.



1980-81 School House.



1988 Athletics Team.

1985 Ocean Youth Club Sailing Weekend,
I-r R Pond, S Woodward and G Havers.

Last chance to book for the OWA President's Dinner

There are still tickets available for the OWA
President's Dinner at Lensbury on Saturday
14 May. This dinner promises to be a hugely
enjoyable event with great food, wine, fellowship
and some surprise entertainment. The dinner
is open to all Old Warwickians and their wives,
partners and friends.

Book online at www.oldwarwickians.org or
complete and return the booking form on the back
page of this newsletter.

Booking deadline: Friday 15 April.

Events and Reunions

OWA Past Presidents' Dinner

The Head Master and 2011 OWA President Clive Mather were joined by twelve Past Presidents of the OWA and guests for a special dinner at Oriel College, Oxford, on 8 February. Pre-dinner drinks were served in the Benefactors' Room and dinner was served in the Champney's Room.

In his toast to the school, Clive said he felt privileged to be among so many former presidents who had each brought their own unique style and character to the OWA and who were united in their support for the school and the Association. He gave particular thanks to Peter Bailey for organising the dinner and for arranging a special lapel badge for each president.



L-r OWA Presidents Robert Holl-Allen (1990), John Cavanagh (2009), Clive Mather (2011), Jonathan Meredith (2010), David Phillips (2003), David Stevens (2008), Roy Dixon (2005), Mike Stephens (1992), Ian Thorpe (1997), Tom Bellamy (1999), Peter Bailey (1998), Don Hanson (1996), Tom Flynn (2004) and the Head Master.



Guests gather for dinner in the Champney's Room.

Floreat Society Luncheon

A number of OWs who have supported the school's legacy campaign or who have kindly made a provision for the school in their will, were invited to lunch with the Head Master on 24 March.

The school is enormously grateful to OWs for all their support. If you would like to discuss leaving a legacy to the school, please contact, in confidence, Phillip Rothwell, Development Director, on 01926 776402, E-mail: pjr@warwickschool.org.

Reunion at the Ashes

Richard Skan (WS 1981-88) and Julian Ball (WS 1978-86) enjoyed a reunion during the final Ashes tour, while Richard was on holiday in Australia with his son Tom (now also at Warwick School).



L-r Julian Ball, Richard and Tom Skan on day four of the final Ashes Test at Sydney Cricket Ground.

OW Coffee Morning

Over sixty OWs and their wives, partners and friends enjoyed an informal coffee morning at school on 26 February. We were delighted to welcome a number of OWs who hadn't been back to school for many years. They included David Fox (WS 1939-47) who met Tom Bellamy (WS 1941-47). David and Tom discovered, to their mutual surprise, that they were in the same Third Form in 1941! The Portcullis Room was also open for those who wished to have a look round the school museum.



L-r David Fox and Tom Bellamy.



L-r Anthony Gibbs, John Randall and Peter Davy.



L-r Mike Beeston, Celia Bellamy and Ann Hill.

The next OW Coffee Morning takes place on Saturday 25 June in the Pyne Room at school from 10.30am to 12 noon. OWs, wives, partners and friends are all welcome. No need to book, just turn up.

Forthcoming Events

OW Events

OWA President's Dinner
Lensbury
Sat 14 May, 19.00.

OW Golf Grafton Morrish Qualifier
Olton
Sat 14 May.

OW Golf Spring Meeting
Tadmerton Golf Club
Tues 17 May.

OW Coffee Morning
The Pyne Room, Warwick School,
Sat 25 June, 10.30-12.00.

OW 1st XI vs. Warwickshire IMPs
Warwick School
Sun 26 June, 14.00.

OWs vs. School Golf Match
Fri 1 July.

1980s Reunion
Warwick School
Sat 2 July, 09.30-17.00.

OWs vs. School 1st XI
Warwick School
Sat 2 July, 11.30.

Lord's Taverners vs. Get A-Head
Warwick School
Sun 10 July.

OWs vs. Old Georgians
Round 1, The Cricketer Trophy
Venue tbc
Sun 17 July.

OW Golf Day
Broadway
Fri 16 Sept.

OW 1st XV vs. Old Silhillians
Warwick School
Sat 24 Sept, 12.00.

Chapel Services

All boys and their families, Old Warwickians and all members of the school community are always welcome at Chapel Services. The following services may be of particular interest to OWs this summer term.

8 May	10.00	Holy Communion
15 May	10.00	U6 Sunday
22 May	10.00	Songs of Praise
12 June	10.00	Third Years' Sunday
26 June	10.00	First Years' Sunday
3 July	10.00	Foundation Sunday.

There is no service on:
1 & 29 May, 5 & 19 June and 10 July.

Music and Drama

GCSE productions

Four dynamic 30 minute plays either written or adapted by U5 Drama students.
Warwick School
Weds 4 May, 19.00.

Joseph and his Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat

Performed by Warwick Junior School
Bridge House Theatre
Thurs 19 & Fri 20 May, 19.00.

The Insect Play

Warwick School Drama
Guy Nelson Hall (numbered seating)
Weds 11-Fri 13 May, 19.00.

Warwick School Summer Concert

Guy Nelson Hall
Fri 1 July, 19.30.

Warwick Junior & Prep School, Festival Day Concert

Bridge House Theatre
Weds 6 July, 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 or tel: 01926 776438.

Celebrity Charity Cricket Match

**Lord's Taverners vs. Get A-Head
Warwick School
Sun 10 July.**

Fun for all the family with plenty of activities for children including access to the swimming pool, face painting, competitions and prizes. Get A-Head is a local head and neck cancer charity adopted by Warwick School as one of its chosen charities this year. Celebrities appearing in recent years have included Lord Coe, Chris Tarrant, Dion Dublin and Ashley Giles.

For more information and to book a table in the marquee for lunch and tea, contact Neil Smith: nmks@warwickschool.org.



Lord's Taverners 2009.

Old Warwickians Online

www.oldwarwickians.org

The Old Warwickian network continues to grow with over 4,300 OWs throughout the UK and overseas. Get in touch with fellow Old Warwickians through WebAlumnus, an online OW database on www.oldwarwickians.org which is being relaunched in 2011.

WebAlumnus is fully compliant with the Data Protection Act 1998, password protected and only available to Old Warwickians who register. All former pupils of Warwick School are warmly invited to register. There is no charge.

Once you have registered, you will be able to:

- Check your own personal information and decide what you would like to share with other OWs.
- Search for OWs in specific jobs and industries.
- Develop new personal and professional contacts.

Register today by going to: www.oldwarwickians.org, clicking on OWs Online, WebAlumnus and then 'register'.

WebAlumnus is being relaunched to Old Warwickians in 2011. This is a new version of the database and, as such, all Old Warwickians are asked to register or re-register to access the site. Every OW will have a new username and password in 2011. Please register now. The more OWs who register, the better the site.



Joe's sister pays tribute at his memorial in Afghanistan

Kate Whittaker, sister of Joe (WS 1999-05), has visited his memorial in Helmand for the first time during a tour with the Band of the Parachute Regiment. Joe, who was attached to the 2nd Battalion the Parachute Regiment, was killed in action in Afghanistan in 2008.

Musician Kate proudly wore her brother's maroon beret when she visited his memorial in January as part of a whirlwind tour with the Band of the Parachute Regiment.

Kate had auditioned for the Army School of Music three weeks before Joe died. She said: "Joe had wished me well for the audition, he was so chuffed I was following him into the Army, he would have hated for me not to join up because of what happened to him."

The idea to see the memorial was suggested by Major Sherrington, who was Joe's Commanding Officer at the time of his death. Kate said: "It finally brings all the pieces together for me. It felt weird as I knew my mum would be lighting a candle where Joe's ashes are buried at St Andrew's Church in Stratford, at the same time as I was at his cross in Helmand. It's amazing to see that Joe's cross is still there and not forgotten about."



Marathon Men

Good luck to all OWs running in the 2011 London Marathon on 17 April.

By the time of the London Marathon in 2010, David Phillips (WS 1955-61) had raised £46,000 for various charities. His aim is to reach £50,000 in Olympic year 2012, in London, running his 400th full marathon. Just £6,000 and nine marathons to go! In the 2011 London Marathon David will once again be running with the Brain and Spine Foundation Charity and The Daily Telegraph team. Please support David at www.justgiving.com/David-Phillips3.

Anthony (WS 1993-04) and Alistair Wilkinson (WS 1995-06) will be running the London Marathon as part of the MS Society Superstars team. By February the brothers had raised over £2,600 – more than 50% of their target. Training has been going pretty well with Alistair enjoying some training in the heat and humidity of India. Follow his entertaining blogs at <http://wilkosuperstars.wordpress.com/> and support the brothers at www.justgiving.com/WilkoSuperstars.

Phillip Rothwell (WS 1994-01), Warwick School's new development director, is also running in the Marathon. Phillip is running for One World Action. Please support him at www.justgiving.com/philrothwell.

Gnomeo and Juliet

Steve Hamilton Shaw (WS 1981-92) is one of the producers behind the new UK animated film 'Gnomeo and Juliet' – a re-imagined version of *Romeo and Juliet* featuring garden gnomes.

The idea to create the film was born ten years ago when Steve joined Rocket Pictures, founded by David Furnish in 1997 with backing from Disney. The film is set to Elton John's music and features an all-star cast which includes Patrick Stewart, Richard Wilson, Julie Walters, James McAvoy, Emily Blunt and Michael Caine.

Operatic news

Stephen Phillips (WS 1957-65) leaves the State Opera of South Australia in June having completed twenty two years with the company, of which sixteen have been as General Director. Stephen's innovative programming of traditional and non-traditional operas has balanced exciting new works like *Dead Man Walking*. His 2004 production of Wagner's *Ring Cycle* cemented the position of State Opera of SA as a significant cultural force nationally and internationally. Stephen says "After I've finished here in Adelaide in late June, I hope to be able to return home to secure a leading performing arts administration position somewhere in the UK. If that eventuates I will certainly make sure I create and program a future OW community operatic event!"

Dixon dominates in National Tournament

Freddie Dixon (WS 1996-07) has become the Real Tennis Aspect Open Champion for 2011 after winning an exciting final at the Leamington Tennis Court Club. The real tennis handicap competition is open to all-comers and is the largest of its kind in the UK. This year saw an intake of fifty six players competing for the coveted trophy over four tense days of competition. Having won all of his group matches, Freddie reached the final with three strong performances in the knockouts and, although 3-4 down in the final, he came back to take the title 5-4.



OWs secure a double

Richard Starkey (WS 1955-62) followed Freddie Dixon's success at the Leamington Tennis Court Club by winning the club's over 60 doubles handicap. Starkey was partnered by Olaf Dixon, father to Freddie. The win completed an unprecedented family double for the Dixon family.



Olaf Dixon and Richard Starkey.

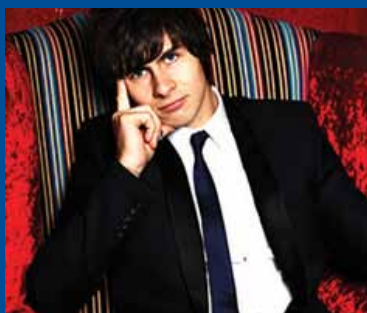
News from the High Sheriff



The Hon. Sir David Foskett QC and Nigel Brown OBE.

Nigel Brown OBE (WS 1957-64) writes: "The highlight of my year as High Sheriff of Cambridgeshire might have been the OW Dinner at Girton College... but was actually my High Sheriff's Justice Service which I held in Great St Mary's Church in the middle of Cambridge on 3 October 2010.

A mighty procession, 123 people strong, including most of the county's mayors, two bishops and attendant clergy, the University proctors, other 'adjacent' High Sheriffs, the Lord Lieutenant, seventeen judges plus barristers, magistrates and other court officials – formed a column in Trinity Great Court and processed down to the church. A pageant indeed, and all recorded by countless tourist cameras no doubt unaware of what they were capturing! Top judge was OW The Hon. Sir David Foskett QC (WS 1956-67) – hence the cheerful picture!



Magic Boy meets The Hoff

Ben 'Magic Boy' Hanlin (WS 1999-04) has been on another adventure to track down a celebrity and perform a trick to them. The target was David Hasselhoff. Watch the clip on YouTube (MagicBoyTV) or see www.benhanlin.com.

Stuart Goldsmith

Comedian, actor and warm-up artist Stuart Goldsmith (WS 1985-93) returned to Stratford College earlier this year to put on his debut solo stand-up show, 'The Reasonable Man'. Stuart studied A level drama at the college in the mid 1990s. As a stand-up comic, Stuart has supported Mark Watson on tour and warmed up TV studio audiences for Miranda, The IT Crowd and Loose Women.

For more information on Stuart visit www.stuartgoldsmith.co.uk.



Photo courtesy Wasi Daniju.

England Students' Rugby Cap

Sam Miller (WS 2002 - 09), a first year student at Bath University studying Politics with International Relations, has been selected to play for England Students as part of a three-match series. The team's first match at Richmond Rugby Club resulted in a 25-23 win over France Universities with Sam scoring one of the three first half tries. However, the team faced a difficult test against Portugal's national side, who currently rank 20th in the IRB world rankings, finally going down 29-25. A return fixture against France Universities takes place in Versailles on 26 March.



McGuire at the Globe

Congratulations to Josh McGuire (WS 1999-06) who has won the lead role in *Hamlet* at Shakespeare's Globe this summer. Josh stars with a handful of players in performing a raw and thrillingly elemental production. *Hamlet* plays at The Globe and at a variety of venues on a small scale tour of the UK and Europe. See www.shakespeares-globe.org for tour dates and venues.

A challenge for Chan

As we go to press Matthew Chan's team from Magdalen College, Oxford, is battling it out in the semi-finals of University Challenge. Congratulations and good luck Matthew!

Top Dog



Congratulations to Peter Jinman (WS 1958-69) who became President of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons in July 2010.

Peter graduated from the Royal Veterinary College, London, in 1974 and has worked in general practice all his life, initially in Broadway, Worcestershire, and then in Herefordshire, where he has recently retired as senior partner of a four-person practice.

Peter has always been an active member of local and national representative bodies of the veterinary profession, most notably being elected President of the British Veterinary Association in 2002. He has served on various governmental consultative committees, dealing with matters of animal health and welfare and human health and has been Chairman of the BVA Ethics and Welfare Group from 2006.

Peter was awarded the OBE in the Queen's Birthday Honours list of 2004 for services to the veterinary profession.

School House Group 1953

Fifteen OWs from the 1953 (ish!) School House Group enjoyed their tenth annual dinner on 4 March. It was lovely to welcome three OWs for the first time to the dinner. Two of the group (David Carmichael and Peter Groom) have passed away this last year and were sadly missed.



L-r A Penn, J Gridley, R Thornton and I Branton.

Rare 1920 School Photo



L-r The Head Master, Ray O'Brien and School Archivist Gervald Frykman.

A rare original of the first ever whole school photo, taken in 1920, has been found. The 1920 photo was discovered, with a 1953 school photo, by Mr Ray O'Brien when sorting out his late father's belongings. Neither gentlemen have any connection with the school and so it is a mystery why they were kept by Mr O'Brien senior. Ray travelled down from Liverpool to kindly donate the photographs to the school.

School wins Renewable Energy Challenge Grand Final

Budding engineers from Warwick School won a Renewable Energy Challenge grand final which was held at the House of Commons in January. Each competing school was challenged to build a structurally sound wind turbine using a variety of resources and materials. The boys' final designs were assessed for effectiveness, aesthetics, power output and build costs.



Warwick School engineers celebrate their success.

An audience with Pope Benedict XVI

In February half term the Warwick School Choir visited Rome for the experience of a lifetime. Highlights of the trip included singing High Mass in St. Peter's Basilica. On 23 February, at the Papal Audience, the choir sang Mozart's *Dona Nobis Pacem*. The trip was a fantastic success and one that will be remembered for a long time to come.



The Warwick School Choir.

Debating success

Devan Sinha and Collis Tahzib are Debating Champions after representing Warwick School in the national Nottingham Union Schools Debating Competition in January. The boys' arguments remained standing at the end of prolonged debates and the Warwick team won all five judges' votes - a unanimous, popular and well deserved victory.

Oxbridge Success

Twelve Warwick School students have been offered places at Oxford and Cambridge Universities. The students are set to study their chosen subjects which include Engineering, Philosophy, Classics, Medicine and Natural Sciences.



Good luck to these and all our boys taking A levels this summer.

RAF Sixth Form Scholarship

Luke Price (U6) has been awarded a prestigious RAF Sixth Form Scholarship. The scholarship, one of only 80 that are awarded nationally each year, is for those about to enter Sixth Form who want to join the RAF as either an Officer, Non-Commissioned Aircrew or as a Non-Commissioned Air Traffic Controller.



L-r Mr Martlew, Wg Cdr Hamilton Elliott, Luke Price, Flt Lt Mark Myatt and Mr John Jefferies.

Please help our Careers Department

Warwick School's Career's Department is very grateful to OWs for their continued support and this is also greatly appreciated by the boys. If you are able to help with any of the following, please contact Caty Oates, Head of Careers, (co@warwickschool.org.)

- Telephone advice
- Informal talk to boys at a Business Lunch
- U5 work experience, usually in the summer
- Exhibit at the school's Career's Fair.

Many thanks to OWs Chris Long, Charlie Mulraine, David Rowe, James Cumberland and Ross McDermott who have kindly spoken at Business Lunches this academic year.

OW Sport

OW Rugby

Old Warwickians will take on Old Silhillians at Warwick School on Sat 24 Sept at 12.00. Last year's match was played in great spirit with some great tries, scrums and tackles. This year's squad will be strengthened by the return of five OWs who left in 2001 who, to mark their ten year anniversary of leaving school, have set themselves the personal challenge of playing with the OW team. All supporters are very welcome.



Team talk before the 2010 match vs. Old Silhillians.

If you would like to play OW rugby, contact Freddie Dixon (ecrd201@exeter.ac.uk).

OW Cricket

The Cricketer Trophy

With the demise of the Cricket World Trophy and The Brewers Cup, the committee of The Cricketer Cup felt a need for more schools to be able to play under Cricketer Cup conditions. Warwick School is one of eight schools invited to set up their own competition to start this summer. This will be an independent competition for three years, after which discussions will be held about the possibilities of incorporating the competition into The Cricketer Cup.

The first round is scheduled to take place on Sunday 17 July. Old Warwickians will play Old Georgians. Good luck lads!

OW 1st XI vs. School

The annual OWs vs. School cricket match is scheduled to take place at 11.30 on Saturday 2 July.

All supporters very welcome. Please note the school car parks will be busy that day as it is also the 1980s reunion.

OWs vs. Warwickshire IMPs

This match is provisionally scheduled to take place at Warwick School on Sunday 26 June at 14.00.



Real Tennis Club Launch

We're delighted to announce the launch of the "OW and Friends Real Tennis Club". The formation of this Club mirrors the successful launch of the school's Real Tennis Club two years ago, which has resulted in a groundswell of popularity for the game amongst current pupils. It is anticipated that the OW and Friends Club will encourage OW players to continue playing after their school career. The new Club will put out a team to take on the school as well as possibly compete against other alumni based teams. The inaugural social and sporting event is proposed for the first weekend of September at Leamington Tennis club. We will be hosting a handicap tournament, accompanied by a two course lunch.

For all those wishing to join and for any further information please contact Dr Beverleigh Twohig-Howell (Chemistry and Biology) at bth@warwickschool.org.



A picture from the archives – 1931-32 OWs 1st XV.

OW Golf

Good luck to our OW golfers who play in the Grafton Morrish qualifier at Olton on 14 May.

The OW Golf Society Spring Meeting will be at Tadmarton Heath Golf Club on Tuesday 17 May. It will follow the new 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 cost will be £70 for 36 holes and £60 for 18 holes. This includes lunch, 3 course dinner, green fees and prizes. Five days notice will be required for final numbers. Anyone wishing to play should contact Julian Marcus, E-mail: arkvets@hotmail.com.

The annual OWs versus school golf match is scheduled to take place on Friday 1 July.

The OW Golf Society would love to see some new players.

If you would like to play OW golf, please contact Julian Marcus, E-mail: arkvets@hotmail.com.

OW Bowls

If you're interested in playing OW bowls, please contact Anne Douglas, tel: 01926 776404. E-mail: ad@warwickschool.org.

OW Squash

The annual OWs vs. School squash match took place on 12 February. OWs secured a 4-1 win against a depleted school team which was supplemented by Mr Giudici and Mrs Lucy Emsden. The pick of the matches was Chris Wilson narrowly going down 3-2 to Lucy Emsden. Special thanks must go to the extended Family Robinson for their support.



L-r: Freddie Dixon, Jack Robinson, Tom Robinson, Mark Wilson and Chris Wilson.

Booking Form

2011 Events

I would like to book the following:

OWA President's Dinner

Lensbury, Sat 14 May 2011, 19.00-23.00.

- I would like to attend
- I would also like to bring a guest/guests.

Name(s) of guest(s)

Tickets are £50 each. I enclose a cheque for £ _____ made payable to Warwick School.

I would like to book _____ seat(s) on the coach to and from Warwick School.

Booking deadline: Friday 15 April 2011.

1980s Reunion

Warwick School, Sat 2 July 2011, 09.30-17.00.

- I would like to attend and enclose a cheque for £15 made payable to Warwick School.
- I am happy for my email details to be passed on to other 1980s Reunion attendees.
- I would like to bring a guest/guests. Tickets £15 each

Name(s) of guest(s)

For the 1980s Reunion, this booking form must be returned by Friday 17 June 2011. As numbers are limited to 300, bookings will be accepted on a first come, first served basis.

Personal Information

Title

Full name

Years at Warwick School: From (year) _____ To (year) _____

Address

Postcode

Tel

E-Mail

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.

Please detail below any special needs or dietary requirements.

Please return this form to
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E-mail: ad@warwickschool.org



Thank you for your photos

Please keep sending in your photos (address and E-mail above).



1958 Lower IVa – Courtesy Geoff Lamley (WS 1958-65).



1941 1st XV – Courtesy Bill Wiggins, son of K Wiggins (WS 1940-42).



1954 Visit from the Town Crier – Courtesy L Victor McDonald (WS 1947-54).



1963 CCF Band – Courtesy Paul Wilmot (WS 1959-64).



1962 School Orchestra – Courtesy Ron Lowe (WS 1958-65).