1980s Reunion Success

Two hundred 1980s Old Warwickians and guests enjoyed a very special day back at school on Saturday 2 July 2011.

OWs travelled from as far afield as the USA and Australia to attend. For many, it was their first return to school since leaving and the first time they had seen friends and teachers for some twenty to thirty years.

The reunion was relaxed and informal, with OWs renewing friendships and reminiscing about school days. The Head Master extended a warm welcome to old boys, staff and Mr John Strover (Head Master 1977-88). Martin Green and Brian Emmerson chaired the day with tales of mischief, misdemeanour and fun.

The Chapel Service was one of the most nostalgic parts of the reunion. OWs took their seats in the old wooden pews, listened to former WS Chaplain Revd David Houghton and joined together to sing hymns they had sung regularly some 25 years previously.

After drinks and lunch, OWs enjoyed tours of the school with prefects, seeing familiar classrooms and remarking on how much has changed with the development of many buildings and superb facilities. The loss of the outdoor swimming pool was briefly mourned!

The school 1st XI vs. OWs cricket match provided a tranquil backdrop for those who chatted under The Limes. In contrast, one of the far pitches on the site witnessed a game of 1980s touch rugby which showcased the full range of 1980s OW rugby talent, with some excellent tries, dubious tackles and no fatalities.

For many, the reunion continued well into the evening and rest of the weekend. Guy Stanton kindly organised a ‘Pie and a Pint’ at the Leamington Real Tennis Club and local pubs provided further opportunities for refreshment and reminiscing.

Many thanks to all who came and helped make this a memorable day. Special thanks to Martin, Brian and the Head Master for their fantastic support.

Armed Forces Dinner
Sat 28 Jan 2012

Brigadier Mark Banham MBE (WS 1967-76) is delighted to announce the date of the next OW Armed Forces Dinner. The dinner will take place in the Pyne Room at School on Saturday 28 January 2012. All OWs who are currently serving, or those who have served in the Armed Forces are warmly invited to attend. Wives and partners welcome. See page 3 for full details.

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Warwick School
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Hong Kong Reunion,
The Excelsior Hotel, Hong Kong

OW Golf, GM Finals,
Hunstanton & Brancaster Golf Clubs
7-9 Oct 2011.

OW Coffee Morning,
The Pyne Room, Warwick School
Sat 5 Nov 2011, 10.30 - 12.00.

OW London Reunion,
The Army and Navy Club
Wed 16 Nov 2011, 19.00-21.00.

OWA AGM, The Conference Room,
Warwick School
Sat 3 Dec 2011, 18.15.

OWA Annual Dinner
The Pyne Room, Warwick School
Sat 3 Dec 2011, 19.00 for 19.30.

2001 Leavers Christmas Drinks
Warwick pub tbc
Fri 23 Dec 2011, 19.00.

OW Armed Forces Dinner
The Pyne Room, Warwick School
Sat 28 Jan 2012, 18.30-22.00.

1990s Reunion, Warwick School
Sat 30 June 2012.

OWS Winter Fair

Sat 26 Nov 2011, 12.00-16.00.
Guy Nelson Hall.
If you are able to provide Raffle or Silent Auction prizes for the Winter Fair, please Email Gill Cumberland (gc@warwickschool.org). All money raised by FOWS is spent on project items requested by teaching staff, which are not funded from the school budget. Items funded last year included musical instruments, sports equipment and transport for school trips.

Chapel Services

Michaelmas 2011
11 Sept 10.00 Holy Communion.
18 Sept 10.00 Family Service
2 Oct 10.00 Harvest Festival
9 Oct 10.00 Launch of Confirmation
2 Nov 13.30 Midweek Communion
6 Nov 10.00 Grandparents’ Service
13 Nov 18.30 Remembrance
27 Nov 18.30 Advent Service of Light
4 Dec 16.30 Christingle Service

All Old Warwickians and their families and friends are welcome at these services.

Theatre, Music and Drama

Sir Ben Kingsley Lecture – Chris Ryan
Guy Nelson Hall

Canticum Workshop
Guy Nelson Hall
Sun 25 Sept 2011, 17.00.

Warwick Words Literary Festival
– Carol Ann Duffy, Guy Nelson Hall
Sat 1 Oct 2011, 20.00.

– Melvyn Bragg
Guy Nelson Hall
Tues 4 Oct 2011, 20.00.

– Martin Bell
Bridge House Theatre

– Alastair Hignell
Guy Nelson Hall

– Stuart Maconie
Bridge House Theatre

‘Pravda’ by WS performing arts.
Bridge House Theatre.
Thurs 10 to Sat 12 Nov 2011, 19.00.

Sir Ben Kingsley Lecture – Sir Ranulph Fiennes
Venue TBC
Thurs 1 Dec 2011.

WS Winter Concert
Guy Nelson Hall
Fri 2 Dec 2011, 19.30.

WS Carols and Readings
Guy Nelson Hall

U5-U6 Carol Service
St Mary’s Church, Warwick

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.

Forthcoming Events, Chapel Services, Theatre, Music and Drama

2001 Leavers Christmas Drinks – ten years on
Fri 23 Dec 2011, 19.00

All OWs who left in 2001 are invited to this informal, ten year anniversary, Christmas get together.

Please let Phillip Rothwell know (pjr@warwickschool.org) if you’d like to come.

1990s Reunion, save the date!
Sat 30 June 2012

A reunion for all those who left school between 1990 and 1999, and the staff who taught them. Full details to follow in the January newsletter and on www.oldwarwickians.org.

Book events online at www.oldwarwickians.org
Forthcoming Events

OW London Reunion, Army and Navy Club
Weds 16 Nov 2011, 36-39 Pall Mall

All OWs are invited to attend the 2011 London Reunion at The Army and Navy Club on Wednesday 16 November from 19.00 to 21.00.

Situated in relaxed refinement in the heart of St James’s, the Army and Navy Club, often known by its nickname, “The Rag”, prides itself on combining the ambience traditionally found in an officers’ mess, with the comfort and facilities of an exclusive hotel.

The Reunion at the Army and Navy Club takes the form of a drinks and canapes reception in The Library.

There is no charge for attending this event. As numbers are limited (maximum 90), bookings will be accepted on a first come, first served basis. To book your place, please complete the booking form on the back page of this newsletter or book online at www.oldwarwickians.org.

Dress: Lounge suit. Ties must be worn.

Booking deadline: Friday 4 November 2011.

2011 OWA Annual Dinner
Sat 3 Dec 2011, The Pyne Room, Warwick School

The annual OWA dinner is a hugely enjoyable opportunity to get together with old friends back at school.

Pre-dinner drinks will be served in the Panel Room (Old Dining Room) at 19.00, followed by dinner at 19.30. Cash bar facilities for wine and spirits are available before and after the meal.

Tickets: £35.00, are available by completing the booking form on the back page of this newsletter or book online at www.oldwarwickians.org.

Recent school leavers in full time undergraduate education are offered discounted tickets at £20.00 and are limited to the first 20 applications. Some wine for recent school leavers will also be made available, courtesy of the Head Master.

Dress: Black tie.


The school museum will be open to visit from 17.30 to 19.30 on Saturday 3 December.

2011 OWA AGM, Warwick School
Sat 3 Dec 2011, Conference Room

The OWA AGM will take place in the Conference Room at School on Saturday 3 December at 18.15. The agenda and committee nominations will be posted on www.oldwarwickians.org.

The Trustees are pleased to report that, following the AGM last December, Old Warwickian Trust, a company limited by guarantee, was incorporated on 14 January 2011 and that the Charity, Old Warwickian Trust, was entered on the Register of the Charity Commission on 8 June 2011.

It is anticipated that the assets of the Association (including its shares in Old Warwickian Properties Limited) will be transferred to the Charity within the next six months.

The purpose of the Charity is to make Grants to Warwick School for the provision of bursaries to pupils or prospective pupils and for capital projects.

Armed Forces Dinner Sat 28 Jan 2012

Greetings to all OW members and ex-members of the Armed Forces from Brigadier Mark Banham (Late RA) currently Commanding 143 (West Midlands) Brigade from a HQ in Shrewsbury.

Mark is delighted to announce the next OW Armed Forces Dinner will take place in the Pyne Room at School on Saturday 28 January 2012. All OWs who are currently serving, or those who have served in the Armed Forces are invited to attend. Wives and partners are most welcome. Mark says “After the highly successful Armed Forces Dinners in 2009 and 2010, it would be great to see as many of you as possible for the third dinner at school. With all that is going on in Defence at the moment, we have a lot to talk about and I look forward to hearing it before and during dinner. This OW Armed Forces Dinner is a really good tradition that we have started, so please try to get here and keep it going.”

Tickets: £25.00, include a reception drink, canapes, four course dinner and coffee. Cash bar facilities for wine and spirits are available before and during the meal.

Tickets are available by completing the booking form on the back page of this newsletter or book online at www.oldwarwickians.org.

Dress: Black tie with miniatures.

Booking deadline: Friday 13 January 2012.

Hong Kong Reception
The Excelsior Hotel, Hong Kong
Mon 26 Sept 2011

The Head Master invites all Old Warwickians in Hong Kong to join him at a Cocktail Reception on Monday 26 September from 19.30 to 21.30.


Peter O’Grady, Deputy Head, will also be attending.
New OW QC

Congratulations to Adrian Keeling (WS 1975-85), newly appointed Queen’s Counsel. Adrian says: “To be appointed Queen’s Counsel is a great honour. I was delighted to discover it was one I shared with four other old boys: Mr Justice Sir David Foskett QC I knew before as I had appeared before him in a murder case in his Court. I learnt, to my amazement, that we shared not only Warwick School, but that both of us had acted the part of Ratty in Toad of Toad Hall – albeit in different productions!”

I am very grateful to David for the kind idea of gathering the other three Old Warwickian Silks for a photo, to them for giving their valuable time and to the School for organising it. I very much look forward to making their closer acquaintance at School reunions.”

RateMyPlacement wins £50,000

Chris Wickson’s London based business, RateMyPlacement, is one of nine regional winners in Barclays’ ‘Take One Small Step’ competition.

Denys chairs flagship LEP

Denys Shortt (WS 1975-82), Chairman and CEO of DCS Europe and chair of the newly formed Coventry and Warwickshire Local Enterprise Partnership, was delighted to host the first national LEP summit in March. The conference was attended by the Prime Minister, Deputy Prime Minister and four other government ministers.

Hamlet on tour


Imagine Theatre

Steve Boden (WS 1979-88) brings greetings from Imagine Theatre, the third largest producer of pantomime and children’s theatre in the UK. It supplies everything from a single prop through to the staging of spectacular family shows in venues throughout Britain.

Oliver wins Global Counsel Award

Oliver Dale (WS 1983-88) was announced as the Global Counsel Employment Lawyer of the Year at a gala dinner and awards ceremony in New York in June, hosted by the International Law Office and the Association of Corporate Counsel.

Oliver, who is Head of Employment Law for Europe, Middle East and Asia with The Royal Bank of Scotland Group, was recognised as the European Counsel Employment Lawyer of the year at a similar ceremony held at The Dorchester in March.

By Royal Appointment

The school is enormously proud of the achievements of Simon Lycett (WS 1974-85), who must be among the best floral artists in the world. Simon was involved in the flowers for the private dinner hosted by Her Majesty the Queen the night before the Royal Wedding in April.

Tolga and Ben walk the UK

As we go to press Tolga Necar (WS 2001-08) and Ben Walshe (WS 2001-06) are walking from John O’Groats to land’s End to raise money for Cancer Research UK. The trail is over 1000 miles and will take approximately 10 weeks. You can support the boys at www.justgiving.com/walktheuk.
NEWS FROM OVERSEAS
Many OWs are living and working overseas

Rob Hirons (WS 1961-67) and his American wife Marta have spent the past ten years in Belize where they have built and run an eco-lodge on the banks of the Rio Grande in Belize's southern rainforest. They were tourism pioneers in this remote corner of the former British Honduras and, in 2009, The Lodge at Big Falls won the award for Best Small Hotel in Belize. www.thelodgeatbigfalls.com.

Upon graduating in the UK, Alec Davis (WS 1964-69) returned to his home country, Kenya, to join the family business. Alec has run Davis and Shirtliff since his father's death in 1982. The company is now the leading player in the regional water industry, with operations in six countries apart from Kenya.

Mark Clemens (WS 1974-85) emigrated to Canada in 2000. He is currently a Professor and Medical Oncologist at Ottawa Hospital Cancer Centre and has published and lectured widely around the world on the management of breast cancer.

Architect Grant Elliott (WS 1974-83) took time off work in 2007 and 2008 to work as an architect for Turquoise Mountain Foundation on a restoration project in Kabul. The Turquoise Mountain Foundation www.turquoisemountain.org was founded at the request of HRH The Prince of Wales and the President of Afghanistan, to keep the country's famous craft skills alive and restore Kabul's former beauty as well as a sense of pride in Afghanistan's culture. Grant returned in April 2011 for the official opening of a new college.

Rob Hirons

Alec Davis

Grant Elliott

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Congratulations to Martin Green who, with wife Judy, completed a 727 mile charity bike ride from Land's End to Lowestoft, raising money for Myton Hospice and the Alzheimer's Society. Martin would like to pass on huge thanks to everyone who supported them before, during and after the trip.

Fast Hyde on go-slow ride for Charity

Former drag racer Norman Hyde (WS 1956-63) made one of the slowest rides of his career in March in aid of Help for Heroes. Norman, who made a career out of racing and producing performance parts for Triumph motorcycles, joined members of the Triumph Trident Owners Club who entered the John O’Groats to Lands End run on a 50cc moped. Having broken numerous world records during his racing career, Norman’s biggest challenge was to cope with the slow pace of the elderly moped.

Norman says “Riding the bike, which had 1.2bhp when new in 1974, was quite scary at times. With no indicators or rear mirrors, approaching traffic islands on dual carriageways at 20mph, with cars passing at 70+ km/h, knowing that a right turn was needed, was daunting.”

The ride was in aid of Help for Heroes, a charity Norman feels passionate about, following the death of OW Joe Whittaker, who was a friend of his son Alexander.

If you would like to make a donation, please visit www.justgiving.com/norman-hyde/.

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Ben Hanlin (WS 1999-04) returned to school to speak to the Lower Sixth in the final weeks of the summer term. As well as performing some of his magic tricks, Ben spoke to the boys about studying and career options. If you have been following Ben’s adventures you’ll know he has been running a series on YouTube called “Magic Boy finds...” You can now catch up on any episodes that you may have missed and hear about upcoming adventures on www.magicboy.tv.

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Recent Events

A magical evening

Seventy OWs and guests enjoyed a magical President’s Dinner at Lensbury, hosted by OWA President Clive Mather (WS 1959-66).

Clive chose Lensbury, the former Shell Club, having retired from Shell in 2007 after a 38-year career which spanned all its major businesses. Most recently he was President and CEO of Shell Canada and before that, Chairman of Shell in the UK.

Lensbury rests on the banks of the River Thames at Teddington Lock. Many OWs took advantage of the club’s superb sports and leisure facilities to turn the occasion into a relaxing short break.

The President’s Dinner was a magnificent evening, topped off with a breathtaking display of magic by two international magicians, Nick Einhorn and Nigel Mead.

Thanks to Clive and his wife Ann for a wholly memorable evening.

OW Coffee Mornings

The OW Coffee Mornings take place once a term in the Pyne Room at school. They are proving a very relaxed and informal opportunity for OWs to get together.

The next coffee morning in the Pyne Room is scheduled for Saturday 5 November 2011, 10.30am to 12 noon. No need to book, just turn up for coffee, cake and a chat.

Upper Sixth Graduation – goodbye and welcome!

The Upper Sixth Graduation Evening is an opportunity for the school to officially say goodbye to its boys and for the Old Warwickian Association to welcome its newest members.

At this year’s graduation, on 30 June, Owen James (WS 1993-03) spoke about the value of his OW friendships and the fantastic professional networking opportunities offered by the OWA. Owen extended a very warm welcome to our newest Old Warwickians and strongly encouraged them to stay in touch with the school and each other over the years to come.
1980s Reunion
Saturday 2 July 2011
A selection of images and reflections on the day.

“A marvellous day, full of nostalgic recollection of events, incidents and personalities of the 1980s at Warwick School. Many (occasionally apocryphal?) tales of the classroom and beyond added much to the enjoyment and laughter of the day. I am not sure whether it was reassuring or worrying to find that most of those attending were remarkably unchanged from the 1980s edition, despite some thinning of the hair and widening of the waist!

It was such a pleasure to meet everyone again, both to reflect on the past, but also to share in news of their successes over the years since leaving school. Long may it continue!”

Martin Green (WS Staff 1970-2010).

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Mike Hobson (WS 1979-86).

“Another excellent day. Particularly impressed at how you managed to sort the weather for the second year running...”
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Mike Hobson (WS 1979-86).
“When do we get to do it all again?”

“It was great to see fifty hardy OWs venture to the Real Tennis Club post event, where pasties and pints were enjoyed… although Simon Blake eating seven was a bit excessive! Then off to Warwick to meet up with more OWs in various establishments. Truly a great night - it exceeded all expectations. When is the next one?”
Guy Stanton (WS 1977-88).

“Many thanks for a wonderful day. It was great to see so many people whom I haven’t seen since the day I left. The day started with memories from Pauline Fawcett in my first year aged eight and continued all day. Very well organised, lovely to be back in chapel and great to have a run around the rugby pitch playing touch.”

“When do we get to do it all again?”

“We can’t wait for 2014!”

“Lunch was excellent. What happened to the infamous Warwick School catering portion control?”
Malcolm Fry (WS Staff 1979-89).

“My son, Tony, who had travelled from Australia specifically to be there on Saturday, joins me in saying what a very happy and interesting occasion it was. Tony enjoyed it hugely - worth travelling all those miles!”
Judith Fogg (WS Staff 1977-93).

1980s Reunion – 2 July 2011
“Those of us who are now parents understand well that parties for small boys generally work better if they are given the chance to run around on the grass screaming for at least some of the time. So it seems is also true for 40-something OWs.

Undeterred by the heat or the prospect of tearing muscles we had forgotten we had, the intrepid headed to the far corner of the fields, one of the few bits of the school we recognised and played an intense hour of touch rugby.

Within minutes the years had fallen away and a generation of rugby rivalries and hierarchies were re-established. On one side Guy Stanton feinted, dummied and played to the edge (and beyond) of the rules. Rich Skan spent the entire game offside, except when showing that his pace hadn’t lost its edge. Tim Walton and Patrick Wegerat tried punching holes up the middle, while Nick Short lurked on the wing, Giles Conway confused opponents and team-mates alike with his subtle angles. Sid Cooper who, implausible as it sounds, knew what he was doing, tried to inject some tactics. The Lane brothers defended with grim determination. I got the chance to boss everyone around again, with about as much authority as 20 years ago. Some laid bodies on the line – Gordon Banner limping off after one clash. As faces got redder and legs more tired, the game came down to one last swing of the ball along the line to Short, who danced around his marker for an equaliser, to end the match 4-4.

Some thought they detected a tear in the eye of a watching Martin Green.”
Angus Lapsley (WS 1981-88).

“I suspect there were quite a few sore heads on Sunday. I left the Bowling Green about midnight and it was still going pretty strong then. Some things never change!”
Paul Haynes (WS 1974-83).

“Best of all was standing in our L4 form room (N3. I think it was) with guys who I started with in that room 32 years ago - and memories did come flooding back.”
Clark Sargent (WS 1979-86).
1980s Reunion Attendees

David Tomlinson 1971 1976
Alun Lewis 1975 1980
Roy Dixon 1973 1981
Anthony Harris 1974 1981
Adrian Hartley 1973 1981
Martin Hill 1971 1981
Richard Hyde 1975 1981
Richard Lacey 1972 1981
Paul Reynolds 1970 1981
Andrew Shufflebotham 1974 1981

Bob Andrews 1971 1982
Jonathan Atack 1975 1982
Jono Ball 1971 1982
John Caldwell 1974 1982
Phil Calverley 1971 1982
Steve Dyde 1972 1982
Peter Edwards 1974 1982
Jez Shacklock 1973 1982

James Bragg 1972 1983
Paul Cook 1978 1981
Nigel Croot 1972 1983
Grant Elliott 1974 1983
Andrew Froud 1978 1983

Jonathan Goodchild 1973 1983
Percy Harris 1975 1982
Stephen Hayden 1973 1982
Simon Marsh 1971 1982
Spence Miles 1971 1982
Stuart Podmore 1975 1982
Al Porter 1971 1982
Jez Shacklock 1973 1982

Stephen Tubb 1971 1982

1980s Staff

John Strover 1977 1988
Penny Birt 1969 1986
Randal Cousins 1983 2004
Cliff Daniel 1970 2005
Brian Emmerson 1968 2006
Geoffrey Eve 1961 1989
Robert Fair 1977 2004
Pauline Fawcett 1976 1994
Judith Fogg 1977 1993
Ken Freeborn 1957 1993
Elizabeth Freeman 1974 1994
Malcolm Fry 1979 1989
Gervald Frykman 1981 Date
Martin Green 1970 2010
Louise Haines 1986 Date

1980s Reunion Attendees - 2 July 2011
Anniversary Celebrations

Congratulations to Kenneth Haselock (WS 1935-42) who celebrated his Diamond Wedding Anniversary last year. Kenneth and Pamela were delighted to receive a Royal Telegram.

John Woodward (WS 1945-53) and his wife Rosemary celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary in August 2010. They celebrated with their three children and eight grandchildren. One of John’s grandchildren starts at Warwick Junior School in September.

Real tennis success

Tom Lewis (WS 1997-08) has been selected for the real tennis British Junior Development Squad, along with only five others players in the country. Tom also entered the Under 21s and Under 24s British Open tournaments in January this year. Tom reached the singles quarter finals of the Under 21s and the semi-finals of the Under 24s doubles.

Birth congratulations

Congratulations to Matthew Chan (WS 1999-07) whose team from Oxford’s Magdalen College beat the University of York in the Final of the University Challenge competition.

Marathon Men

Congratulations to all OWs who completed the London Marathon in April.

Alex Reynolds (WS 1984-94) married Tori at Hidcote Manor Gardens last summer. On 4 June Alex, with a number of fellow OWs, competed in the 2011 Blenheim Sprint Triathlon.

Nicholas Thompson (WS 1999-06) ran the Shakespeare Marathon with his father Paul in May, to raise money for the New Futures Orphanage in Cambodia. To find out more about the orphanage and New Futures, please visit www.newfuturesorganisation.com. All of the money raised will go directly to the orphanage. Please donate via www.justgiving.com/thethompsontwins.

David Phillips (WS 1955-61) completed his 392nd marathon at the London Marathon in 4 hours, 52 minutes. His run raised £5,000 for the Daily Telegraph Brain and Spine Foundation.

Richard 'Jim' Hawkins (WS 1973-80) was delighted to come back to school in the spring and says "I loved coming back to School. It was amazing to see how the place has changed – the incredible new buildings and facilities – and heartwarming to see how it hasn’t – the inclusive, supportive but ambitious atmosphere, the blend of heritage and forward-thinking."

Another welcome return

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Did you explore the Vernet tunnels?

Were you one of the 25 boys who went on a trip to Vernet in 1950? Bryan Diamond (WS 1946-54) recently returned to the town and found some closed former iron mine tunnels which he remembers exploring with other boys. If you can remember anything about the visit, please get in touch with Bryan. Email: bryan@bjdiamond.plus.com.

High Sheriff finds new horse

Nigel Brown OBE (WS 1957-64) has taken possession of a new bike created by OW Norman Hyde. The hand-over took place three days before Nigel laid down his sword as High Sheriff on 8 April.

Chan’s Challenge

Congratulations to Matthew Chan (WS 1999-07) whose team from Oxford’s Magdalen College beat the University of York in the Final of the University Challenge competition.

Degree results

Congratulations to all our OWs who graduated this summer. A full list of degrees awarded will be printed in The Portcullis magazine.

James Mower (WS 2002-07) has been awarded a scholarship to begin a Masters in Applied Translation at the University of East Anglia.

Richard Morris (WS 1998-09) has just achieved a First in Part 1 at Cambridge and has been awarded a senior scholarship by Trinity. Richard is specialising in early modern European history.

Birth congratulations

Congratulations to Gavin Jasper (WS 1985-96), whose fiancée Katherine gave birth to baby Olivia on 12 December 2010. Gavin and Katherine are due to marry in July 2012.

Another welcome return

Richard ’Jim’ Hawkins (WS 1973-80) was delighted to come back to school in the spring and says "I loved coming back to School. It was amazing to see how the place has changed – the incredible new buildings and facilities – and heartwarming to see how it hasn’t – the inclusive, supportive but ambitious atmosphere, the blend of heritage and forward-thinking."
An amazing variety of activities and pursuits took place over the summer months. Academically, Warwick School continues to deliver outstanding results and, although we all know league tables have their limitations, being ninth in The Times Independent Boys’ Schools list is worthy of mention!

The A Level results this year were again first class. 85% were achieved at A*-B grades. 25% of entries received were at the highest possible A grade and 17 boys gained three or more A’s. It is worth emphasising that these positive results were obtained mostly in the traditional “hard subjects”, not the “soft option” commented in the media recently. GCSE results brought considerable joy to the 127 boys who sat them, with 100% of boys gaining 5B grades or more at GCSE. Overall, 94% gained A*-B grades and 26 boys gained 100% A*A grades.

Edward Halse, Head Master, says “Once again hard working boys and our talented teaching staff deserve these splendid results. The boys achieved these excellent results alongside widespread successes in a myriad of other extracurricular activities. I am delighted to congratulate them all on their fine performances.”

Our biologists have had their best ever results in the national Biology Olympiad. For the sixth consecutive year, a Warwick School boy has been awarded the highly prestigious scholarship for research at the Weizmann Institute in Israel. Our debaters won national competitions, our technologists won a prize at the House of Commons and, after winning the National Robocup Championships, boys secured a place in the Robocup World Finals.

Musicians too, have achieved national acclaim by winning gold and two platinum medals at the National Concert Band Finals in Glasgow. This came at the end of an exceptionally busy and hugely rewarding year for our talented musicians who have travelled far and wide delivering stunning performances, including a wonderful summer concert which can be viewed on YouTube.

Drama productions continued to showcase a depth and breadth of artistic talent among our boys.

In sport, swimmers continue to break their own ‘PBs’ and school records. Our junior swimmers finished second at the ESSA National Finals. In hockey, the school’s U16s progressed to the National Indoor Hockey Finals, while the Clay Pigeon Shooting team also finished strongly in the British Nationals. The Cricket Club enjoyed one of its best seasons for many years and had a great tour to Sri Lanka this summer.
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Some one hundred boys, parents and staff travelled to the National Concert Band Festival in Glasgow. Jazz Lab and Foundation Wind Orchestra picked up Gold Awards and the Wind Band and Little Big Band achieved the highest accolade of Platinum. Outstanding school performances – congratulations to all!

A wonderful, colourful and professional production of 'Joseph and his Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat' continued the fine tradition of Junior School plays.

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What can you do for your school?

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How you can help

Support bursaries – set up a regular donation to our bursary fund to ensure all talented and able boys can experience a Warwick School education, regardless of family financial constraints.

Leave a legacy – pledge your long-term support by leaving a gift in your Will, to help the school continue to thrive and provide outstanding educational opportunities in the decades to come.

Volunteer – work with our Careers department to provide advice to boys, or volunteer with our Alumni Relations team to publicise or organise events.

Detailed information on all of the above will follow. If you wish to discuss these, or other ways to become more involved with the school during this exciting time please write, Email or call.

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OWs vs. School
1 July 2011, Stratford-on-Avon Golf Club

On yet another stunning Friday evening OWs took on the might of the school’s emerging and highly talented young golfers. Teams of six squared up to play 4-ball better-ball match play, played off ¾ handicap difference, with the school so talented they were giving us shots at times!

OWs fielded three new players as part of team rotation. The match is always a great occasion to catch up on old times and it was especially good to see the return of Kim Kerton.

Geoff Tedstone (8) and Julian Marcus (7) led off for OWs. The school pair took early advantage in a keenly fought game. OWs struggled but managed to come back from 3 down to lose 1 down on the last putt of the match.

The second pair of James Cumberland (5) and Phil James (5) found the school second pair more of a challenge. They brought the close match to a conclusion on the 18th green with a half.

Our final pair of Kim Kerton (9) and Andy Dunnell (16) managed to get home halving the match on the 18th - a game that again went to the wire.

Final score: OWs 1, School 2.

The Jack Marshall trophy was presented by Julian Marcus to school captain Sam Gill.

Grafton Morrish Qualifier, Olton Golf Club, 14 May 2011

The Grafton Morrish team, hoping to qualify at Olton GC for the fifth consecutive year, fielded three team members playing Olton for the first time. New pairings were put to the test by the toughest of conditions. OWs were drawn against Solihull School.

The weather affected everyone’s game and 3-putting seemed to be the order of the day. With grit and determination the team managed a very creditable 72 pts, were placed fifth and achieved qualification once more.

We are delighted to have Old Warwickians represented at the Finals from 7 to 9 October 2011. Congratulations to all the players!

Clay Pigeon Shooting

OWs entered two teams into the old pupils section of the British Schools and Young Shots Clay Pigeon Championships in early May.

This was a 50 bird sporting competition and both teams had success. The first team, Stefan Haig McMahon (WS 1969-79), Paul Fox (WS 1965-74) and David Stone (WS 2002-09) won the competition. The second team, Peter Hodgson (WS 1988-92), Tom Twigger (WS 1992-03) and Nick Edwards (WS 1999-05) were placed fourth.

Paul is one of two coaches who coach the Warwick School team. If you would like further information on OW clay pigeon shooting, please contact Paul. Email paul@foxagriculture.freeserve.co.uk.

Photo courtesy Clay Shooting magazine.

Stefan Haig McMahon and Paul Fox.
**OW Cricket**

Many thanks to A N Crockert for the following reports. Full versions can be found on www.oldwarwickians.org.

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**OWs vs. School 1st XI Saturday 2 July**

School, electing to bat first in a 45 over game, raced to 79 off 11 overs. The pace slowed to lunch, 132-2 off 25 overs, thanks to some good bowling from Steve Dellow, Joe Melly and Tom Lewis and astute captiancy from Kamal Chhibber. Rigby and Ed Melly took a wicket each but OWs never regained control and school finished on 253-4.

In reply, with 9 off the first over, anything was possible. Unfortunately both openers were out by the third over! Kamal (with a broken finger) (31) resisted and Ed Melly (22) entertained with a six to the longest part of the ground and onto the marquee, but the rest never made a start and the innings closed on 93 off 26 overs. School won by 160 runs.

OWA Chairman, Roy Dixon, presented the Peter Treadaway Trophy to the School Captain.

Thanks to Jono Ball (Wkt) and Andrew Shufflebotham who made a welcome reappearance for OWs.

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**OWs vs. Warwickshire Imps Sunday 26 June, Friendly**

The Imps skipper elected to bat on a scorching afternoon at school.

The OWs’ opening attack of Andy Harris and Mark Banham set the tone, the first wicket falling at 23 runs. There followed a steady second wicket partnership of 67, taking the Imps score to a promising 85-1 (P Williams 50, Sam Wood (OW) 35). Imps slowed up in the middle order. Chris Kroeger bowled effectively, taking 2 wickets in only 5 overs. There was a late flourish from Golding (33) only briefly threatening OWs control who launched an assault on Steve Dellow (4-0-26-0). Harris was brought back in the attack and Golding soon fell to a fine running catch by Danny Dalton. Danny also took the wicket of Paul Rowe (OW), a great catch by Oli Lunel. Imps declared their innings closed at 185-7 in 46 overs.

In reply, OWs’ opening stand of 160 between Charlie Mulraine (102) and Tony Crockert (50) was the highlight of the day. Charlie played some superbly controlled lofted extra cover drives and a couple of straight sixes. Jamie Collins and Danny Dalton finished the innings with more than 4 overs in hand for a convincing 8 wicket victory for Old Warwickians.

Team: C Boast (Scorer), Don Williams (Umpire), A N Crockert (Capt), C Mulraine, J Collins, D Dalton, A Harris, MP Banham, A Streeter (Wkt), O Lunel, T Lewis, S Dellow and C Kroeger.

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**The Cricketer Trophy**

With the demise of the Cricket World Trophy and The Brewers Cup, a new independent competition has been set up for three years – The Cricketer Trophy. Warwick was one of eight schools invited to submit a team.

**Round 1: OWs vs. Old Georgians, Weybridge, Sun 17 July 2011**

OGs won the toss and invited OWs to bat first. The Captains agreed 40 overs a side, maximum 8 overs per bowler, the result to be decided, if necessary, on ‘net run rate’. OW openers started cautiously against some accurate bowling, with an opening stand of 38 off 15 overs (Crockart 9, Mulraine 34). Roots joined Wood and they took the score to a steady 86-2 after 28 overs, when storm interrupted play.

After tea, Roots and Wood, with some powerful stroke play, took our total to 217-2 at the close. Wood 91 not out, Roots 61 not out (150 partnership: 120 deliveries, 72 mins, 8 4s, 6 6s.). This was a superb partnership and very entertaining to watch!

In reply, OGs started briskly with 62 off 17 overs. Chris Kroeger and Andy Harris slowed the pace and Mark Banham took a brilliant catch for the first wicket. The other opener was also dismissed, bowled by Kroeger for 57. OGs finished on 171-8 (13 extras).

A fine win for OWs in their first game of the new competition.

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**Round 2: OWs vs. Old Denstonians, Warwick School, Sun 24 July 2011**

Another scorching day! Denstone elected to bat and played in correct tempo against some very tight bowling and good fielding, finishing on 279-4. In reply, OWs never got going and lost too many wickets early on. 108 all out.

Man of the match: A Siddique.

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Booking Form

Events

I would like to book the following:

London OW Reunion
The Army and Navy Club
Wednesday 16 November 2011, 19.00-21.00.

I would like to attend.
For the London OW Reunion, this booking form must be returned by Friday 4 November latest.

Old Warwickian Association Annual Dinner
The Pyne Room, Warwick School
Saturday 3 December 2011, 19.00 for 19.30.

I would like to attend and enclose a cheque for £35.00.
I would like to attend, am in full time undergraduate education and enclose a cheque for £20.00.
For the OWA Annual Dinner, this booking form must be returned by Wednesday 23 November latest.
Cheques should be made payable to Warwick School.

OW Armed Forces Dinner
The Pyne Room, Warwick School
Saturday 28 January 2012,

I would like to book ___ ticket (s) at £25.00 each and enclose a cheque for £_________.
Name of guest ____________________________.
I/we would like a tour of the school at 17.30.
For the OW Armed Forces Dinner, this booking form must be returned by Friday 13 January latest.
Cheques should be made payable to Warwick School.

Personal Information

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

Please detail below any special needs or dietary requirements.

Thank you for your photos

Please keep sending in your photos (address and Email above).


1954 Trip to Stonethwaite, Lake District. Courtesy Keith Brocklehurst (WS Staff 1949-83).

1976 Harvest Bread (Seeny, Bleeny and Thomas). Courtesy Roger Usherwood (WS Staff 1957-86). Please let us know if you can help identify the third boy from the left.

1984/85 rugby season, when the 1st XV played a touring team from Argentina in six inches of snow! Courtesy Charlie Shepp (WS 1980-85).


Please return this form to Anne Douglas, Alumni Relations, Warwick School, Warwick CV34 6PP.
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