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Warwick School
students enjoy being
back on campus

OW **networking**
platform expanded

175 OWs enjoy Martin
Green's Zoom lecture



School News

Throughout lockdown, staff and boys found a way to continue, not only teaching and learning, but also delivering a broad range of activities beyond the virtual classrooms.

These few news stories from the Lent term – selected from many – reflect Warwick School's perseverance, adaptability and creativity during difficult times. Physics, Maths, Chemistry and Linguistic Olympiads went ahead remotely. Debating and Young Enterprise continued. House CrossFit Fest, House Music Bingo, House Chess, the Middle School production 'Brainstorm', Music podcasts and the Bubble Sessions are all evidence of imaginative new approaches necessitated by ongoing restrictions.

We hope this Summer term brings the return of sports fixtures, music and drama performances and even educational visits.

School re-opened on 8 March



Over 4,000 lateral flow tests were taken across the Foundation to welcome students back on 8 March



It has been fantastic to see boys back in the science laboratories. Year 7 boys conducted their own hands-on practical investigation into how light reflects and refracts



Year 3 were pleased to be back in the Maths classroom, tackling time



32 students entered the UK's Senior Physics Challenge



After months of making music via Teams, boys enjoyed returning to live ensembles



Boys enjoyed being back in action on the hockey and rugby pitches

Thank you

Happy Anniversary to Grounds Supervisor Garry Delday who has been caring for the Warwick School grounds for 40 years. Decades of OWs will recall the site of Garry preparing their pitches in all seasons and all weathers. Garry marked the occasion by digging fence post holes.

Caretaker Paul Rodway retired in 2019 after 48 years' service to Warwick School.



Paul Rodway



Garry Delday

Brainstorm

Year 10 students from Warwick and King's High rehearsed remotely for a filmed production of *Brainstorm* – a play which explores the world of teenagers' brains.

The Portcullis

Follow these and other Warwick School stories on www.warwicksschool.org. The annual Portcullis magazine is also available on demand. If you would like to receive The Portcullis 2021 and have not yet requested it please email alumni@warwicksschool.org or call Alumni Relations on 01926 776404.

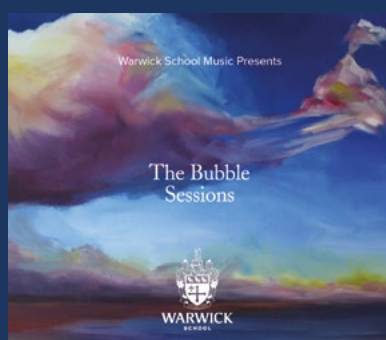
Careers Support

Further thanks to architect Duncan Gunn (WS 1978-85) who continues to support Warwick School Careers. Duncan provided information and insights on being an architect to over a dozen WS students via a virtual careers session with Q&A.



Duncan Gunn

The Bubble Sessions



The Bubble Sessions features 28 tracks from Pop favourites to Baroque classics performed by 300 pupils from Warwick Junior and Senior Schools; rehearsed and recorded between September and November 2020. The CD, £10.00, is available via d.robertson@warwicksschool.org. Proceeds will go to Brass For Africa and The Dominic Community Foundation.

The Kingsley School

We are delighted to welcome The Kingsley School to our Warwick Independent Schools Foundation family. While Kingsley shares our values and our vision, it has its own proud history and educational track record and will remain distinct from the current Foundation schools. This is a merger of the charities which run the schools, not a merger of the schools. A number of current Kingsley Governors will join the current Foundation Board.

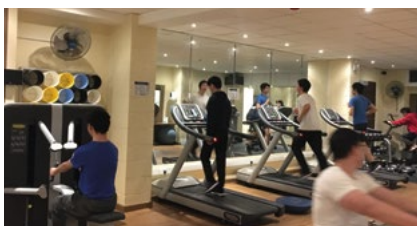
Charity and community

'Serving Our Community', the desire to develop a duty of service and have a positive impact on the world, is one of Warwick School's key priorities.

Through a full calendar of activities, the school has, to date, raised £8,874 for charitable causes this academic year.

Kissing it Better, a charity long supported by the Warwick School community, challenged staff and pupils to run, walk or cycle as many miles as they could for our Winter Sports charity fundraiser.

During lockdown our School House boarders (with 19 students from Hong Kong and China) virtually travelled the distance of 1,965 km from Hong Kong to Beijing. They covered the distance through a combination of walking, running, cycling, rowing and playing basketball.



Boarders in the gym

Lockdown Live Lessons

During lockdown our teachers became inventive delivering live lessons in all subjects via Microsoft Teams.

A virtual Year 5 Science lesson about the phases of the moon



Comic Relief



The Junior School raised over £600 for Comic Relief on return to school in March

David Stooke Memorial Humanities Prize

The David Stooke Memorial Humanities Prize has been established by a group of OWs. Bill Penn (WS 1970-75) was inspired to set up an annual memorial prize in honour of the unique and inspiring English teacher who taught at Warwick from 1970 to 1998. The appeal closed in January 2021 with donations of over £4,500. An annual award of £250 will be made to an outstanding Warwick School pupil, determined by the Head of English, Senior Tutor and Head Master on submission of an essay.

Music Podcasts

During lockdown the Music department continued lessons and rehearsals and created a great series of podcasts for the whole school community to enjoy.

Listen to the podcasts via www.oldwarwickians.org/2021



Wellbeing Hub

The Warwick Independent Schools Foundation launched a Wellbeing Hub, dedicated to young people's mental health and wellbeing. www.foundationathome.co.uk/wellbeinghub



The Great Science Bake Off

Boys baked something with a science theme for the Great Science Bake Off, one of many activities organised to celebrate Science and Technology.



OW Events and Reunions

New networking platform – www.warwickfoundationconnect.com



We are delighted to launch our new, free, online networking platform, which brings together the alumni and communities of Warwick School and King's High School.

The new platform www.warwickfoundationconnect.com capitalises on the collective strength of our Warwick Independent Schools Foundation community by combining our online alumni networks. Our new platform is open to the communities of Warwick and King's High Schools, including alumni, parents and friends.

www.warwickfoundationconnect.com offers you the opportunity to:

- Connect with OWs and, for the first time, members of the wider Foundation community
- Join the OW Group – an exclusive area for OWs to connect with each other, share photos, personal updates and hold group discussions

- Join your year-group and find and connect with old friends
- Request or offer mentoring opportunities
- Search the Foundation directory and manage your own profile
- Register for events
- Promote your business on the new Business Directory
- Search for or advertise jobs or work experience
- Keep up to date with the latest developments
- Plus much much more!

Joining the new platform only takes a few steps and can be made even simpler by connecting your LinkedIn or Facebook profile.

900 OWs have already transferred across from the old platform (www.warwickschoolconnect.org). Join them now by signing-up on www.warwickfoundationconnect.com.

OW Book Club

An OW Book Club has been created, with four 'vertical' Book Groups meeting monthly. For some, the Book Club is an exciting challenge. For others it is more an opportunity to read books one has always meant to read or never thought of reading. For all, it is a refreshing and stimulating opportunity to try something different and meet with fellow OWs online, for an hour, once a month.

Each book group has a spread of OWs from different decades. There are a few places available if you would like to join.

Email a.douglas@warwickschool.org if you are interested.

Huge thanks to former teacher of English Louise Haines (WS staff 1986-2018) who has helped form the Book Club and to Dr Scott Wilson (WS staff 1979-2010) who has also kindly offered some recommendations. See the books chosen so far on www.oldwarwickians.org/bookgroups.



OWA Annual Dinner

Many OWs were disappointed not to be able to attend the OWA Annual Dinner in person last December. It was great to see that our regular table of 2003 leavers managed to recreate the event in virtual form. Not everyone got the memo regarding dress code.



OW Anniversary Reunions – 1961, '71, '81, '91, 2001 and 2011 leavers

Sat 10 July 2021 – Drinks under the Limes and a tour of the school, 14:00-17:00



Subject to the easing of national restrictions and with Health and Safety adhered to, we are pleased to announce plans to hold OW Anniversary Reunions at school on Saturday 10 July.

These gatherings are for those who left at the end of the U6 in 1961, '71, '81, '91, 2001 and 2011, and contemporaries who may have left earlier after O levels or GCSEs.

We hope staff and former staff will also attend.

The reunions will be as simple and outdoors as possible, with registration, an official welcome, informal drinks under The Limes

with a cash/card bar and the opportunity to see the older parts of the school and the exterior of the new campus. No food will be provided. There are contingency plans to use Warwick Hall and The Pyne Room if it is raining.

Arrangements for the event will be continually reviewed as national guidelines and restrictions change and will be regularly updated on www.oldwarwickians.org/2021reunions.

Please book on www.oldwarwickians.org/2021reunions.
All attendees must pre-book.

Warwick School 2020 Leavers – Graduation Evening

Tues 29 Jun 2021, 19:00

The long-awaited Graduation Evening for our 2020 leavers is set for Tuesday 29 June at 19:00.

We really hope you are able to be there. We very much hope this will be a live event in the Warwick Hall, streamed live for those who are unable to attend. Full details about arrangements on www.oldwarwickians.org/2020graduation.

OW events during lockdown



With the absence of 'in person' events, a number of online events were introduced in the Lent term to engage OWs. They included a special broadcast to OWs from the Head Master, a meeting with the Foundation Principal, readings from The Master's Books 1881-1906, a Young OWs Catch-up with Senior Tutor John Jefferies and an online coffee morning, complete with iced buns, for some of our OWs from the 1960s.

In March, 175 OWs attended a hugely successful Zoom lecture from Martin Green (WS staff 1970-2005). See page 6.

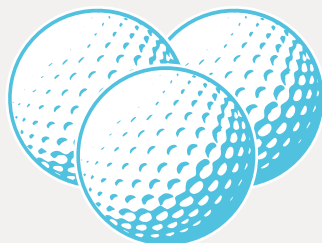
OW Golf Day

Fri 10 Sept 2021

A provisional plan has been put together for an OW Golf Day on Friday 10 September at Leamington & County GC. Thanks to a legacy from Joan Marshall, widow of JMA Marshall, we are able to offer young OWs the opportunity to play at a very reduced rate.

Please contact OW Golf Secretary Julian Marcus on arkvets@hotmail.com if you would like to receive details.

The school vs. OWs golf match will hopefully take place towards the end of this term. The match is provisionally set for 2 July.



OWA President's Dinner

Both the 2020 and 2021 OWA President's Dinners were understandably cancelled due to Covid. 2020 OWA President Peter Varnish OBE (nominated to be re-elected President in 2022) and 2021 OWA President Peter Baird FRCS have plans to hold a joint President's Dinner in May 2022. Details will hopefully be confirmed at this year's AGM in December.

OW Virtual Event

Zoom lecture with Martin Green (WS staff 1970-2005)

Warwickshire's Industrial Heritage and Warwick School



Martin Green



Successful navigation of the Saltisford Arm of the Birmingham and Warwick Canal 1975. Bob Bleasdale, Simon Rowberry, Peter Webb, Nick Waterworth, Peter Webb's son, Judy Green



The Nelson Club, the social club of George Nelson Dale & Co., for whom Guy Nelson (WS Governor 1938-63) was a key figure

175 OWs from across the globe and decades zoomed in to Martin Green's enthusiastic talk on Warwickshire's Industrial Heritage and Warwick School in March. From Scotland to San Diego and Sydney to South Africa, OWs reconnected with each other, with Martin and with the school.

Many OWs will be familiar with Martin Green's economics teaching or his rugby coaching, but fewer will know about his abiding interest in the country's industrial heritage, particularly that of his native Warwickshire.

In this fascinating lecture, Martin shared his enthusiasm and highlighted some important connections of the school to the industrial heritage of the county, including the 32-year connection as venue for the monthly meetings of the Warwickshire Industrial Archaeology Society.

Watch the recording via www.oldwarwickians.org/wias.

The number and variety of OWs attending, and scores of post-event emails, pay testament to the loyalty of Martin's following at Warwick School.



Unidentified late 70s Sixth formers (with characteristic hairstyles of the era) try to show interest in Rock Mill, Leamington Spa



Nelson's cricket tin



The talk prompted Peter Knight to remember a 1979 barging holiday in Llangollen with fellow OWs

"Just lovely to hear Martin's dry tones after all these years and to see old mates. Wonderful to also see Chris Widdows, my old history teacher. His first comment was to remind me I'd pushed him into a canal on a school trip."

Alan Jones, WS 1963-71

"Martin is a 'rock star' of teachers. Once a rock star, always a rock star."

Russ Houlden, WS 1967-77

"Martin has lost none of his sparkle."

Jamie Magraw, WS 1974-79

"A delightful talk delivered with terrific enthusiasm in Martin's inimitable style!"

Iain Hacking, WS 1952-63

"His infectious enthusiasm and linkage with his time at the school made the talk all the more memorable. To make gas holders interesting and memorable is a feat in itself."

Peter Baird, WS 1953-61, OWA President 2021



Zoom!

In conversation with...

Ralph Thornton (WS staff 1948-89)

When Ralph Thornton retired in 1989 after more than 40 years at the school, his colleague and lifelong friend Ken Freeborn wrote in *The Portcullis* that *'his energy, clarity, patience and understanding had always been linked with an intolerance of slackness and shoddy work, and that those attributes had helped make him a figure respected and well loved by those he taught.'*



Nigel Robinson, WS 1955-66, former OWA Chairman and President, was delighted to meet with Ralph and kindly put together this article. Both fully vaccinated.

Chatting with Ralph in his drawing room at Coten Lodge, his Warwick home for 50 years, it was clear that he remains deeply committed to the school. Many say that his contribution was one of the reasons why the school remains so strong today – after all, why else would he have been honoured by having a magnificent three-storey maths building named after him!

Ralph was one of the immediate-post war generation of masters whom he described as 'came and stayed' and provided the solidity and bedrock of the teaching staff, putting in 30 to 40 years of service.

He was born in a village on the outskirts of Leicester, the son of a stoker on the railways and a seamstress. Although his father had left school aged 12, Ralph and his three older brothers all won scholarships to Wyggeston School, where Ralph became head of school, captained the 1st XV and developed a love of mathematics.

In 1942 he won an exhibition to Merton College, Oxford, where he studied for a year before joining the Royal Aircraft Establishment at Farnborough. There he became something of a boffin, researching and working on radio control technology. In 1946 he left and returned to Merton to finish his degree.

Arriving at Warwick School in 1948, where he was to teach mathematics for the next 40 years, he met a young teacher in the Junior School, Miss Christine Wilford, who played hockey for Leicestershire and was a keen tennis player at Warwick Boat Club.

They were married in 1952 by the Rev H. E. Cullis, an OW who returned to Warwick to teach chemistry. Christine left the school the following year and went on to have two sons, Nick and Richard (who both attended Warwick), and a daughter Alison, who went to King's High School.

A keen sportsman, Ralph played at blindside for Merton, he teamed up with Jack Marshall, who was head of Warwick Junior School and Senior Games Master, and they set about taking the senior teams to the forefront of Midlands rugby. Ralph concentrated on the forwards, proudly wearing his old college jersey at training sessions. He was also chairman of the Warwickshire Schools U19 group for many years.

On the academic front, it was in 1963 that he took over as Head of Mathematics from Leslie Charman and in 1980 he was appointed Second Master, taking over from John Beeching, and relinquishing his post as housemaster of Guy to Geoff Lane.

In 2008 he was called back to school to open the splendid three-storey Thornton Building, dedicated to the teaching of mathematics, classics and religion & philosophy.

Outside of school, he was chairman of the OWRFC and secretary of the OWA for many years. He was always a popular face at old boys' dinners and events and was a regular on Saturday lunchtimes at the Portcullis Club, sharing a beer with OWs and former colleagues, often accompanied by his wife Christine (who sadly died in 2013 after more than 60 years of marriage), their son Richard and grandchildren Sam and Emily.

His popularity among the alumni has never faltered. Who has not seen an orderly queue of ageing old boys at various OW events, patiently waiting in line for their chance to reminisce with him? And he never disappointed. Even at 97, with his wonderful memory for names and faces, he is always able to recall some nickname, a fact or an anecdote about each and every one of them.



Ralph Thornton 1961



1980s first computers

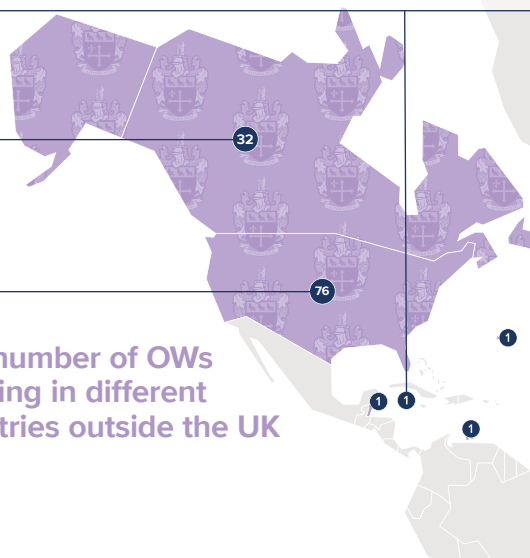


Ralph's retirement ©CET

Opportunities for camaraderie, friendship and networking

If you would like to make contact with fellow OWs overseas, please ask to be put in touch by emailing alumni@warwickschool.org. You can also get in touch directly through www.warwickfoundationconnect.com.

A man with short dark hair, wearing a bright blue hooded jacket and light blue jeans, stands on the deck of a ship. He has his hands in his pockets and is looking towards the camera. In the background, a large tugboat with a red and white hull and a black funnel is docked. The sky is overcast, and the water is calm.

A portrait of a man with a light beard and mustache, wearing a blue baseball cap with the word "AGAIN" in white capital letters. He is also wearing black-rimmed glasses and a white collared shirt. The background consists of white bookshelves filled with various books.

The number of OWs residing in different countries outside the UK

A portrait of a man with glasses and a striped shirt, looking directly at the camera. The background is a bookshelf.

If you are based overseas please send an image and copy for inclusion in the next Old Warwickian to Anne Douglas on a.douglas@warwickschool.org

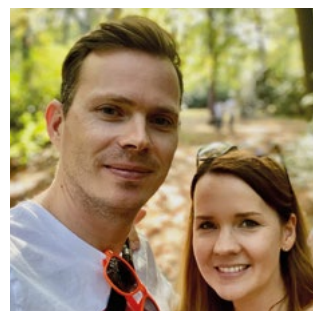
THE OLD WARWICKIAN OLD WARWICKIANS AROUND THE WORLD

Jonathan Collett (WS 1967-77) studied Architecture at Cheltenham and Oxford, gaining a BA and Diploma in Architecture. After 30 years of running his own company (Calarel Developments), he decided in 2013 that it was time to move to Austria – a country he fell in love with during school ski trips in the mid-1970s, organised by Ken Freeborn and Brian Emmerson. Jonathan and his wife Tracey bought a run-down hotel in Haus im Ennstal and converted it to six and then ten apartments. Jonathan enjoys regular visits from his three grown up children and would welcome any OWs who feel like a trip to the slopes!



After leaving Warwick, Ross Mason (WS 1993-98) bounced around between the USA and the UK, but for the last eight years has settled in Germany with his wife and three daughters.

Currently, Ross is Vice President for an international education and insurance company, with offices in the USA, Germany, Mexico and China. When not in lockdown, he is often flying around the world meeting clients at various events.



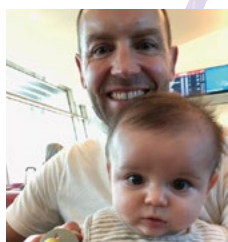
Duncan Whatmore (WS 1973-81) moved to Riyadh in January 2020 to work on Giga-Projects in Saudi Arabia as an urban designer and masterplanner (pictured on site at Qiddiya, Saudi's future capital of entertainment). He managed to get a diplomatic flight back to the UK and spent lockdown in East Lothian, working remotely. Duncan hopes to return to Riyadh in May.

Colin (Percy) Harris (WS 1975-82) has been in Sydney since 1995, working for insurers Suncorp Group. Percy regularly catches up with fellow OWs in Sydney and, like many others, also enjoys reunions further afield.

Percy was pleased to meet up with Bob Andrews (WS 1971-82) at the Rugby World Cup in Japan in 2019. Bob is CEO of Benenden Healthcare Society and lives in North Yorkshire with his wife and three 'adult' children, several horses and more sheep than he says he really should keep.



Chris Heath (WS 1980-87) has lived in Sydney since 2002. He has been an Australian citizen for over ten years (as well as maintaining his British passport!). Chris currently runs a commercial team for nbn, a government sponsored Telco building the National Broadband Network in Australia. Chris welcomed son George four months ago.



Julian Ball (WS 1978-86) is also living in Sydney. Julian worked in the textile industry until retraining and becoming a Fashion and Textile teacher. Julian is married with two sons, aged 11 and 13.



Percy is pictured with brothers Chris and Mike Heath and Julian Ball on a boys' rugby tour to watch England play in the World Cup in Japan in 2019. They unfortunately got stuck in Typhoon Hagibis and only got to see England vs. Argentina live. The school friends are now planning for RWC 2023 in France.

Mike Heath (WS 1978-85) worked in Singapore for 13 years and, on retiring in 2018, returned to the UK. In his last role he worked for a printing ink manufacturing business, Flint group, and was responsible for South East Asia and Australia and New Zealand. Mike and his family are now based near Reading.

New National Security Adviser

Congratulations to Sir Stephen Lovegrove KCB (WS 1978-85) who became National Security Adviser in March. Prior to this, Stephen was Permanent Secretary at the Ministry of Defence 2016-21 and Permanent Secretary for the Department of Energy and Climate Change 2013-16.



Sir Stephen Lovegrove

Immersive history adventures



Thanks in no small way to John Jefferies' love of history, Rob Taylor (WS 2001-03), is writing a series of immersive history adventure books, aimed at teenage boys. Aside from writing, which he currently views as a hobby, Rob runs a children's football coaching business (Star

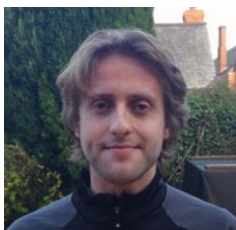
Strike Football Coaching) and works for a charity in Nottingham which tutors teenagers who have been excluded from school.

Baroness Shirley Williams and her links to Warwick School

Veteran politician and Lib Dem peer Baroness Shirley Williams, who died at the age of 90 in April, visited Warwick School in November 2010 as part of the Sir Ben Kingsley Lecture Series. She was the daughter of political scientist and philosopher Sir George Catlin (WS 1908-12) who was 1966 President of the OWA. Shirley succeeded OW Fred Mulley as Secretary of State for Education and Science.

Keepy uppies raise £1,300

Keen sportsman Alfie Ratcliffe (WS 2009-16) undertook an NHS fundraiser challenge in January and completed an hour of 'keepy uppies' every day for 30 days. Alfie was out in all weathers, usually in the dark after work, and raised £1,368 for NHS Charities Together.



Alfie Ratcliffe

OW Survey – we need your views

To help shape future relationships between Warwick School and our Old Warwickians we would like your views on the support we offer. Please take a few minutes to tell us what you think. Your views will help us develop our OW communications, events and reunions so that we have an OW programme which offers services that you find exciting, interesting and relevant.

www.oldwarwickians.org/2021survey

Whittaker Way

The legacy of Joe Whittaker (WS 1999-2005) will live on in Warwick after a street has been named in his honour. Joe was killed in action in Afghanistan in 2008 while serving with the Parachute Regiment. Whittaker Way is one of the new streets in the Myton Green development off Europa Way.

Rob Yates 120 not out

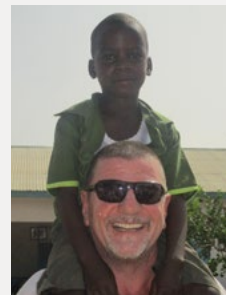
Rob Yates, WS 2011-18, was in fantastic form reaching 120 not out for Warwickshire CCC in their pulsating win over Essex in the LV= Insurance County Championship in April.



Rob Yates reaching 120 not out

Assisting communities with education

Simon Potten (WS 1977-84) continues his second headship at Oakwood School in Horley, Surrey. Pre-Covid, Simon introduced fundraising at Oakwood for the Building and Assisting Communities with Education charity, who were building a school in Gambia.



Simon Potten

Virtual cross country running

Cross country runners Martin Garrett (WS 1965-72), Simon and Dom Bostock (WS 1994-01 and 1998-05) ran for OWs in the virtual Thames Hare & Hounds 5 mile alumni race in December. All being well, the race will be back over Wimbledon Common this year and any OW runners are welcome to take part.



Dom and Simon Bostock

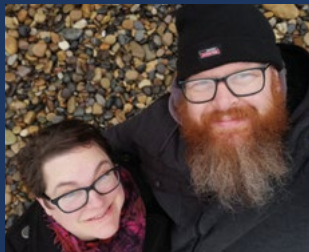
Devils

Actor Tom McKay (WS 1993-98) stars as Chris Bailey in Sky Atlantic's new high-finance banking drama, Devils. Tom has recently been out in Italy filming the second series. If you are into gaming, Tom is also the lead character in the video game Kingdom Come: Deliverance.



Tom McKay

Responsibility, resilience and compassion



Tim Bird and wife Sue

While we regularly celebrate OWs whose achievements are in the public eye, the wife of Tim Bird (WS 1989-96) has wisely reminded us that there is more to celebrate about our Old Warwickians. It is worth reflecting on the strength and characteristics of our OW community who, often quietly

and under the radar, are making a difference to the lives of others.

Warwick School's mission statement declares: We aim to develop responsible, resilient and compassionate young men of character, equipped to succeed in a changing world.

Tim's wife Sue says *"Tim is one of many OWs who fulfil Warwick's mission. He does this in his day-to-day life, and is an example of the values in action. While he doesn't own a business, work in politics, have celebrity status or athletic greatness, he shows responsibility, resilience and compassion."*

He came to Warwick on a scholarship place. He left his studies at Loughborough to support his young family. I experienced post-natal depression, had a breakdown, was diagnosed with bipolar disorder at 32 years old and then autism at 40 years old. Throughout it all Tim was consistent, hardworking, a tower of strength, determined, loyal, adaptable and loving. My diagnosis never threw him. With his support, I managed my illness, I completed my degree, we raised our boys and we found our careers. It is no exaggeration to say that I am here and able to live a full, vibrant life because of him."

Tim currently works as a bus driver and mentor. His friends and colleagues know him as someone they can trust, rely on, and talk to. He consistently supports people with their mental health and shares his extensive knowledge of maintaining wellbeing and 'living your best life'. As Sue rightly summarises, *"As we move to a world of greater knowledge of mental health, neurodiversity, and acceptance of all, we should recognise that whether OWs are a foundation stone or a star on the top of the tree, they are all valued as part of our strong OW community"*.

RAF Engineer Officer of the year

Congratulations to Sqn Ldr Colin Green (WS 1980-90), winner of the 2020 Worshipful Company of Engineers Award – Officer, for the Royal Air Force. The award was given for Colin's performance over 14 months as lead for the Logistics Pillar for 135 Expeditionary Air Wing during the build-up and execution of the RAF's NATO Capability Evaluation (CAPEVAL) on the Typhoon Force.

Did you hear?

Maanuv Thiara (WS 2001-12) starred as Neville Landless in BBC Radio 4's *The Mystery of Edwin Drood*.

Butterflies from James TW

Singer-songwriter James TW (WS 2005-15) has released his first single in two years – *Butterflies*, written during lockdown. James has revealed there is more music to come... all written in lockdown, mainly over Zoom calls. James is looking forward to performing in London in August.



Hayter leads Great Britain Sevens

Charlie Hayter (WS 2000-07) hopes to put rugby sevens at the forefront of people's minds as team leader for GB sevens for the 2020 Summer Olympics in Tokyo.



Charlie Hayter

PhD with a new puppy, while parenting

Peter O'Grady (WS staff 1975-date) was delighted to hear from one of his former maths students, Ryan McCrickerd (WS 2005-07) who submitted his PhD thesis *'On spatially irregular ordinary differential equations and a pathwise volatility modelling framework'*. With Soccer Blues for both Oxford and Cambridge, Ryan completed his research while working in Derivatives and exercising his new dog. He also welcomed a new baby in March.

Ryan was also a member of the 2007 Daily Mail Cup captained by Charlie Hayter!



Ryan McCrickerd with dog Juniper and son Audley

Apprenticeship awards for Spicerack

Digital creative agency Spicerack, founded by David Harrison (WS 1985-92), and co-owned with Managing Director Justin Boynton (WS 1990-92), has been recognised for services to apprenticeships. Early last year Spicerack won 'Small Company of the Year' from Bridgwater & Taunton College. The college then nominated the agency for the National Apprenticeship Awards and Spicerack was Commended as Regional SME of the Year. The agency designs and develops websites, web applications and digital campaigns for a diverse mix of regional, national and global clients.



Dave Harrison and Justin Boynton

McCarthy makes 75th appearance

Prop Sean McCarthy (WS 2002-09) made his 75th appearance for Bedford Blues in March 2021. Sean has embedded himself in the Blues front row. Captain since 2019, he has remained ever-present in the squad as a superb scrummager with exceptional handling skills, plenty of pace and a calm head. Sean is retiring from professional rugby at the end of this season to pursue a career in property development.



Sean McCarthy

Bacchus strikes gold



Bacchus in the 1970s



On stage 2010

In 1971, Jack Butler (WS 1967-74) combined skills from Mr Swindlehurst's woodwork classes with electronic advice from Pete Westerman, the school's lab technician, to make his first electric guitar. On completion, Jack's friend, Rob McNeil-Wilson, pointed out that an electric guitar has little purpose without a band to go with it – and Bacchus, Warwick School's longest running rock band, was born.

Fifty years on, Bacchus is stronger than ever. Jack plays guitar (a slightly more refined model these days), Rob is on bass, harmonica and vocals, while two OWs from the same class of '74, Steve Carter and Toby Beaufoy, add lead guitar trade-offs and harmonies. With two non-OWs on keyboards and drums, the six-piece band serves up a heady and driving mix of strong original songs and crowd-pleasing covers. In the band's early days the line-up also included Dick Smith (WS 1964-74), a professional blues-man who still sits in on occasional gigs.

Although the band's activities have been curtailed in the past year, 2019 was Bacchus's busiest-ever year, playing 30 gigs in the Midlands, South West and London.

The band celebrated its first 25 years with a performance in the Guy Nelson Hall in 1996. We hope to mark their half-century at the earliest opportunity with a 'golden gig'. Watch this space and find out more on www.bacchus-band.co.uk.

White Eye of the Needle

Former national and regional journalist Chris Campbell (WJS 1991-97) has released a second book of poems exploring human connections, both passing and intimate. David Linklater writes *"These poems are sparkling with affection. Campbell finds beauty in the everyday, in the connections to each other and to the land. In a world where we are feeling cut off, these poems are like a bridge back to some sense of balance"*.



Chris Campbell

Did you see?

Junior doctor and DJ Kishan Bodalia (WS 2002-13) has made frequent appearances in the media since his interview with JJ.

Mentoring Scheme

A new Warwick and King's High Mentoring Scheme is proving popular with our recent leavers. The Scheme connects our younger alumni, who are looking to gain more experience in work or study, with members of the wider Foundation community.

One of the first mentoring success stories matched Rudy Yuen (WS 2015-20), based in Hong Kong, with Greg Mann (WS 1998-2005).

Rudy says *"Greg has been my mentor under the OW mentoring scheme since November 2020. I am aspiring to be a researcher, and Greg has shared his hands-on experience being a researcher in the UK and also being a PhD student. He also shared the process of writing journal articles including some information that is not widely known"*.

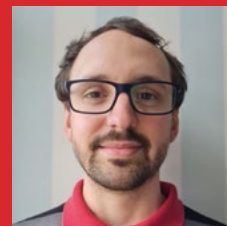
Greg Mann (WS 1998-2005) studied for a BSc in Chemistry and an MSc in Forensic Materials at Heriot-Watt University, before gaining a PhD in Chemical Engineering (Fuel Cells) at the University of Strathclyde. Since finishing his PhD Greg has worked at Johnson Test Papers in Birmingham, where he is Head of Research and Development.

Another success story matched Amber Parr (KHS 2016-2020) with Duncan Gunn (WS 1978-85). Duncan says *"I am passionate about sharing knowledge, especially with young people. GUNN Associates allocates time for staff to mentor students and, in fact, one of our own young designers is progressing his education through an architectural apprenticeship. Currently, I am mentoring two former King's High students, at different points in their architectural education, both of whom are engaging, enthusiastic and focussed. We connect on a monthly basis and discuss their work, challenges and how to best move forwards"*.

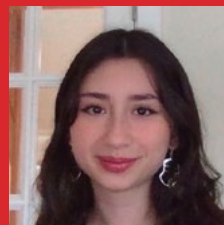
Thanks to all who are already supporting this programme. If you would like to find out more about receiving mentoring support or becoming a mentor, please contact Mrs Sam Crane: s.crane@warwickschool.org.



Rudy Yuen



Greg Mann



Amber Parr



Duncan Gunn

England U20 selection

Congratulations to fly half Fin Smith (WS 2013-20) on his selection to the England U20 EPS squad 2021. Fin became the second-youngest player to play for Worcester Warriors in the Premiership when he made his debut earlier this year. He is one of four OWs at Warriors this season, alongside Jamie Shillcock (WS 2004-15), Tom Dodd (WS 2014-16) and Nick David (WS 2010-17). Nick joins Harlequins at the end of the season.



Fin Smith in training at Warriors

New headship

After leaving Warwick in December 2007 as a teacher, Matthew Albrighton (WS 1986-94) went on to be Head of Geography and the IB Middle Years at Wellington College. Since 2012 he has been Deputy Head Academic at St Edward's School Oxford. In September Matthew will take up a new position as Headteacher at Burford School in the Cotswolds.



Matthew Albrighton

Xander Eddy's MY475 challenge



Throughout May, Xander Eddy (WS 2012-19) will be running 475 miles for Mind. An average 15 miles a day. More than half a marathon. Every day. For a month.



Xander Eddy

Xander is taking on this staggering challenge to raise awareness of the statistic that on average 475 people in England and Wales take their own life each month.

Xander wants his challenge to be more than fundraising. He wants to make a difference. He would like people who have suffered or have a platform, to run with him.

Please support him via www.justgiving.com/fundraising/my475

Ronnie Scott's Live Lockdown Session

Tom O'Grady (WS 1990-2001), on keys with Resolution 88, was delighted to be streamed live from Ronnie Scott's in March. Resolution 88 was started in 2012 as an original funk jazz band and has so far released three albums with live shows supporting 2021 Grammy Winner Snarky Puppy among others.

Larucci Paintings

OW artist Giosué Larruci (WS 2013-20) founded his online gallery www.laruccipaintings.co.uk in 2017, while still at school. Unsurprisingly, he has been busy painting in his first year since leaving Warwick. Giosué has already become an established and recognised artist throughout the Midlands and the South West and has sold his works in America, Australia and Hong Kong. His Larucci Paintings business showcases his own paintings as well as the works of young artists (aged 15-35) who do not yet have the provenance to sell their works professionally. Giosué created the online gallery to provide young artists with a platform from which they can sell their works, as well as make a name for themselves. We look forward to sharing news about the opening of Giosué's new gallery and studio in the next Old Warwickian.



Giosué enjoying painting in the Scottish Highlands

It's spring again

Floral decorator, author and TV presenter Simon Lycett (WS 1974-85) has been enjoying the glorious colours of spring. As a Good Living Experience Maker for Belmond, Simon created a series of spring videos showing how to master the art of preparing and arranging a variety of fragrant, seasonal flowers. On Easter Sunday, he appeared on ITV's Love Your Weekend with Alan Titchmarsh, creating a sustainable Easter decoration using British flowers.



Simon with Alan Titchmarsh, Love Your Weekend, ITV

Simon has also been delivering stunning webinars and hosted two online floral masterclasses at the iconic Garden Museum. He is looking forward to the RHS Hampton Court Palace Flower Show in July and is thrilled to be part of the UK's first dedicated horticultural scientific centre which opens at RHS Garden Wisley in June 2021. Simon has also just returned from LA, where he spent a happy couple of months filming the second series of the floral reality competition Full Bloom for HBO Max. Simon was host and judge.

OW rogues gallery

Author, broadcaster and psychotherapist Jonathan Izard (James) (WS 1966-73) and Angus Lapsley CMG (WS 1981-88), Director General Strategy and International, are the latest additions to our OW 'rogues gallery' on display at school.



Angus Lapsley



Jonty Izard

Warwick School families

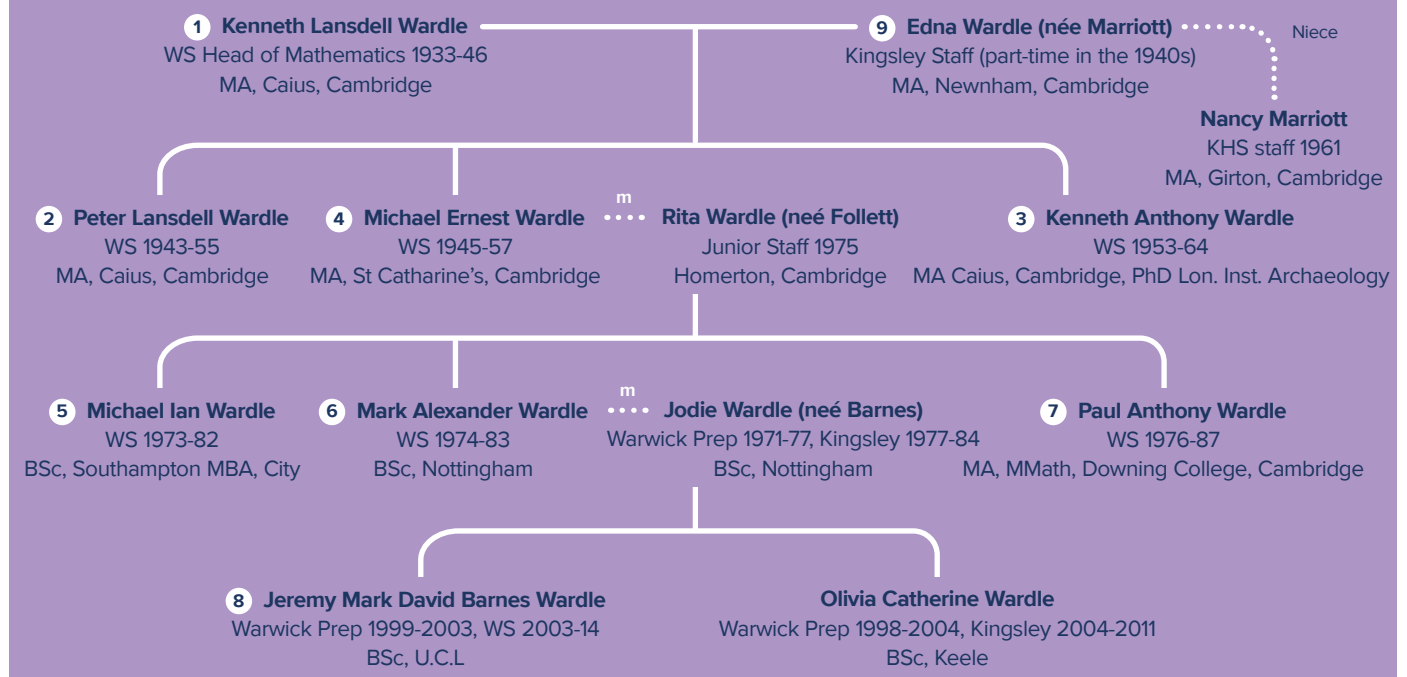
The Wardle family

We continue our features on multi-generation families – boys with fathers, uncles and grandfathers who attended Warwick School. Here we look at the Wardles – eight men spanning four generations of one family who taught at, or attended, Warwick between 1933 and 2014. In addition, three members of the family attended Warwick Prep (Squirrels), two of whom went on to The Kingsley School which is now part of Warwick Independent Schools Foundation.

One member of the family did some part-time teaching in Warwick Junior School, another at Kingsley and one taught at King's High. For 73 years the family lived on the Myton Road and some may remember the ancient green caravan in the front garden.

Much of the academic achievement of the family stems from the encouragement and enthusiasm of WS masters including Jack Marshall and Ralph Thornton.

The Wardle family



1 Kenneth Lansdell Wardle

WS Head of Mathematics 1933-46

Following four years teaching at the Royal Masonic School in Bushey Kenneth was appointed as Head of Mathematics in 1933. During WW2, he was commissioned as a Flight Lieutenant and was O.C. of the school's ATC, where he spent many nights on the roof of the main building acting as an air raid warden. In 1946 he was head hunted by Birmingham University, where his teaching was appreciated by many generations of engineers. Later in his career he was seconded to the British Council, for three years, to help set up the new University in Nsukka, Eastern Nigeria.



Flt Lt Kenneth Wardle with Anthony Eden



Kenneth and Peter on school 1952 cycle trip to Germany.



Kenneth, Michael Ian and Michael Ernest, 1991

2 Peter Lansdell Wardle

WS 1943-55

Following on from being Head of Classics at Chichester Grammar School, Peter was appointed to Hertford Education Authority and finished his career as the Divisional Education Officer for Stevenage. He served in the Territorial Army for many years, achieving the rank of Major and serving a term as O.C. of his Company.



Peter 2nd from rt front row, 1955 Prefects



Peter and Michael, graduation Cambridge 1960

3 Kenneth Anthony Wardle

WS 1953-64

Research fellowships at Heidelberg and Newcastle Universities led to an appointment as Lecturer in Ancient History and Archaeology at the University of Birmingham, specialising in Greek prehistory. He has directed archaeological excavations at Assiros in Northern Greece and Knossos in Crete and published books and articles on the early history of Greece.



Kenneth, 1964 School Prefects

If your family spans multiple generations at Warwick School and you are happy to share your story, please contact Anne Douglas
a.douglas@warwickschool.org

4 Michael Ernest Wardle
WS 1945-57

During his seven years teaching at Wellington College, which included a commission as a Captain in the CCF, Michael also played golf for Berks, Bucks, and Oxon and became a Life Member and holder of the Silver Star of the Magic Circle. He spent the rest of his career in Teacher Education at Exeter and Warwick Universities, where he also authored/co-authored over 50 Mathematics and Computing textbooks. He spent 20 years as a tutor/counsellor with the Open University.

Michael was also a Kingsley "Old Girl", having attended their Kindergarten from 1943-1945, before joining Warwick Junior School!



Michael Wardle inspection 1953



Michael centre, scoring for sports day 1956



Michael, far right 1955



Michael, front row 4th from right, L4A 1951

5 Michael Ian Wardle
WS 1973-82

After two year's management training with BP, Michael worked with six international banks, reaching MD level, where his mathematical and computing background and front-line trading experience, led to his being appointed to Head of the Market Risk and Trading Team at the FSA, before it was subsequently merged into the Bank of England. For many years he played county squash for Surrey and Berkshire. He was also number one in the country, for his age group, in racket ball, and was part of the England team at the World Masters in Johannesburg in 2016.



Junior School 1974

6 Mark Alexander Wardle
WS 1974-83

An Army Scholarship while in the 6th form, Queen's Scout and D of E Gold awards followed by an Army Cadetship at university, led to a commission with the Royal Engineers. After ten years, rising to the rank of Captain and Adjutant of the regiment in Maidstone, Mark came out under "options for change" and joined UBS (Swiss Bank) initially in Investment Bank operations, then in Wealth Management and then in HR. He had a year away from the Bank, working for Aggregate Industries as the Group Commercial Manager, but then returned to UBS and was later appointed as Managing Director of Change. He decided to semi-retire at the end of 2020 and is now focussed on consultancy and charity work.



Mark passing out at Sandhurst, 1987 with Maj Peter Wardle

7 Paul Anthony Wardle
WS 1976-87

During the summer after leaving WS, Paul cycled from John O'Groats to Land's End, raising money for a local charity. He then worked in electronic engineering for Marconi Instruments before going to Downing College, Cambridge where he received a MA in Maths and an MMath in Mathematics & Theoretical Physics. After graduating, he worked in the pharmaceutical industry with SmithKline Beecham (now GlaxoSmithKline) in the UK, France and the US. Paul continued his career in global marketing, working in the US for Pfizer and other companies and currently runs his own consulting business. His specialty is advancing availability, access and the adoption of healthcare products, promoting self-care solutions in therapeutic categories such as pain, smoking cessation, contraception, erectile dysfunction and heart medicines.



Paul Anthony Wardle, 1987



Paul, Michael and Mark, 1986



Paul, Michael and Mark with Michael Senior, 1999

8 Jeremy Mark David Barnes Wardle
Warwick Prep 1999-2003, WS 2003-14

Following a gap year with Camp International in South America, Jeremy gained a first-class degree in Geo-Physics at U.C.L. Jeremy is currently the Student Worker at St Paul's Church in Leamington, three days a week and an apprentice staff worker for Friends International two days a week.



Sixth Form 2014



UCL graduation 2018

9 Edna Wardle (née Marriott)

Part-time teacher at The Kingsley School in the late 1940s. Having been awarded a Minor Scholarship at Newnham College, Cambridge, Edna spent the following three years doing the same Mathematics courses and taking the same exams as the men. However, until 1948, women were not allowed to be awarded a degree. After her time at Cambridge, she taught for three years in Lincolnshire and Darlington. Her career in teaching ended with her marriage to Kenneth in 1933, as married women in the 1930s were not allowed to continue in the profession. She was an active member of the British Federation of University Women and, whenever she could, she encouraged girls to have a university education.

Warwick School Archives

Thanks to all those who send in images for the Warwick School archives.

If you have any additions, please email alumni@warwickschool.org or post them to Alumni Relations, Warwick School, Warwick CV34 6PP.

The Golden Goose of 1929

An extraordinary image of Warwick School boys in 1929, published by CoventryLive in March 2021, has prompted school archivist Gervald Frykman to uncover the story of *The Golden Goose*.

The image, preserved in Warwickshire County Record Office, depicts over 30 Warwick School pupils dressed as jesters, with headgear purporting to be organ pipes, and their history teacher (a magician) and another master, also dressed as jesters, lounging on the grass in front of them.

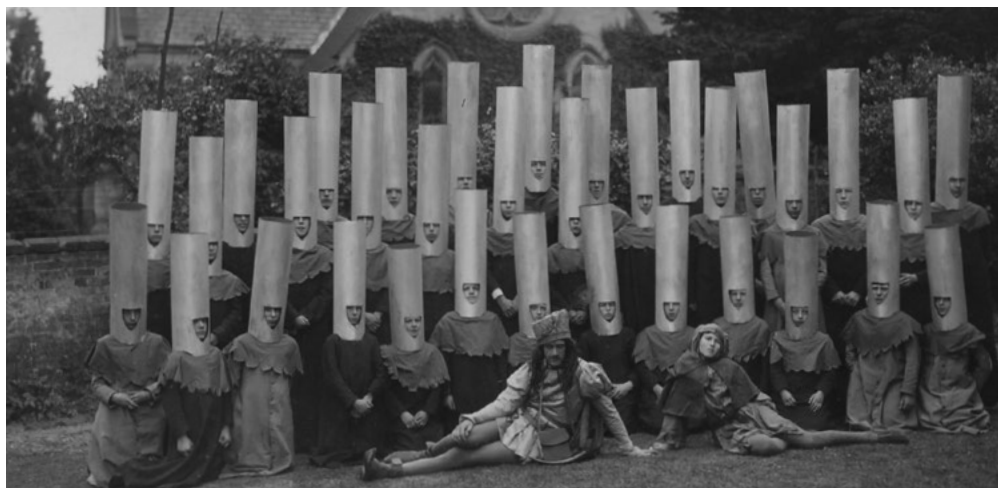
The event for which the photograph was taken was for a series of performances of Gustav Holst's *The Golden Goose* in the grounds of Warwick Castle in the first week of July 1929. This piece is described as a choral ballet, and requires actors of all ages, singers and an orchestra. The plot, based on a Grimm's fairy tale, concerns a princess who cannot smile, and a series of events takes place designed to break the spell. The turning point comes when a golden goose, armed with glue on her tail feathers, parades in front of the princess while dragging a whole host of people who are stuck to her. Warwick School's part in all this comes in Episode III, when a magician appears with a "human organ". The boys sing, imitating an organ. How they managed to sing through their fantastic head-pieces is difficult to imagine!

The magician was Mr R A F Mears (WS staff 1923–33), who joined the school after war service as a Second Lieutenant with The Sherwood Foresters. His name is still attached to a yearly scholarship awarded to boys about to go to top universities. The other master is languages teacher Mr A S Wolstencroft (WS staff 1922–58). We assume that these are the two adult jesters reclining in the foreground of the photograph.

Plenty of children from other schools were involved in the production, including from King's High and those of primary school age who acted as dancers and gnomes.

The performances took place on 4th, 5th and 6th July at the foot of *Ethelfleda's turret-crested mound*, with the orchestra being unobtrusively tucked away under a tree on the left of the audience, and the figure of the conductor, Mr PJ Lees, only being visible. The performances were designed to raise funds for the restoration of nearby St Nicholas Church.

An astonishing feature of this bizarre and almost completely unrecorded episode in the history of Warwick School is that the composer, Gustav Holst, one of the four most important British classical music composers of the era, attended the dress rehearsal on 3rd July, *having walked 17 miles from a place near Edgehills [sic] during the day*.



WS pupils recreate organ pipes for *The Golden Goose*, 1929 ©Warwickshire County Record Office

See www.oldwarwickians.org/archives for WS archive images and stories



1968 CCF Band



1937 OTC Band on Field

Recent additions include:

- The History of WS CCF Band
- Warwick School Census Returns 1981-1911
- The Master's Books 1881-1906.

Visit our virtual museum
www.oldwarwickians.org/110objects

Recent additions include:

- Gervald Frykman's (negative) lateral flow test (right)
- The History of Heart of England Building Society by P W Martin
- 1935 sports medals awarded to R G Horne.

