The Old Warwickian

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OWA PRESIDENT: Adrian Keeling QC

OWN achievements, from 500 marathons to Queen’s Birthday Honours

Record numbers return for anniversary reunions

OW online network relaunched
Recent Events

OWA President’s Dinner
Saturday 11 May 2019 – Lord Leycester Hospital

This year’s President’s Dinner was held at the Lord Leycester Hospital in Warwick – once the home of Warwick School in the late 16th century.

92 OWs and guests, including the Head Master, a number of former teachers and OW leavers from 1944 to 2011, joined OWA President Adrian Keeling QC (WS 1975-85). A quartet of Warwick School musicians serenaded the pre-dinner drinks reception and guests had a chance to explore the Master’s Garden before taking their seats for dinner in the Great Hall.

A few weeks after the President’s Dinner, the Lord Leycester Hospital was transformed to snow-covered 19th century England, for the BBC’s forthcoming adaptation of A Christmas Carol.
Saturday 6 July 2019 – Warwick School

Head Master Deneal Smith welcomed 175 OWs back to Warwick School for this year’s anniversary reunions on Saturday 6 July. For many, this was their first visit back to school since leaving, and first contact with those with whom they had shared their formative years. Name badges assisted and were occasionally essential!

OWs were delighted to see so many of their former members of staff. They included John Clift, Brian Davies, Brian Emmerson, Bob and Sylvia Fair, Pauline Fawcett, Gervald Frykman, Carlo Giudici, Martin Green, Eric Hadley, Robert Hudson, David Jackson, Lyndon Jeremiah, Margaret Keighley (née Tingle), Geoff Lane, Peter O’Grady, Andrew Parkes, Trevor Pritchard, Tony Sparks, Jon Stone and Ralph Thornton. Geoff Tedstone (WS 1972-79 and staff 1994-2019) was busy playing cricket for OWs and managed to catch up later in the Bowling Green with many he had taught and coached.

1969 Leavers’ Reunion
Saturday 6 July 2019

Ten years since they had last assembled, the 1969 leavers enjoyed a golden day back at school and capped it off with dinner in the Panel Room (their old dining room).

“The Class of 69 had a great day out, rekindled those friendships that we ignited these past ten years and live in hope we can do it again with the full team still intact.”
Graham Powell.

Huge thanks to Graham Powell who organised a 1969 leavers’ dinner in the Panel Room.

Some journeyed from Australia and Japan!
1979 Leavers’ Reunion
Saturday 6 July 2019

Forty years since leaving school.
1989 Leavers’ Reunion
Saturday 6 July 2019

Thirty years on.
“Smashing reunion on Saturday – I loved it and remain a very proud OW.”
James Cook OBE.
1999 Leavers’ Reunion
Saturday 6 July 2019

There was a brilliant turn-out from the 1999 leavers... twenty years since leaving school.
2009 Leavers’ Reunion
Saturday 6 July 2019

The youngsters!

Back: Lawrence Bywater, Barney McElholm, Guy Gilcrease, Sam Faulkes, George Stratton, Sean McCarthy, Steve Ewell.
Middle: Will Pickard, Marcus Phayer, Ben Phillips, Alex Lakin, Matthew Clark, William Linford, Alex Titcomb, Ankush Sachdev, Jon Hollis, Eric Hadley, Rhys Jones.
Front: Charles James, Will Scott, Jamie Catherall, David Rogers, Jack Goldwater, Andrew Rapley, Declan Hare, Naresh Selopal, Sam Miller, Harry Gillespie, Amedeo Cappuccio, Amit Chachlani, Ed Sanchez.

Back: William Linford, Matthew Clark, Alex Titcomb, Naresh Selopal, David Rogers and Lawrence Bywater.
Front: Andrew Rapley.

Tom Le Druillenec, living in Brisbane, sadly missed the 2009 leavers’ reunion but visited earlier in the summer.

Andrew Rapley, Barney McElholm, Jon Stone, Guy Gilcrease and Sean McCarthy.

David Rogers, Charles James and Carlo Giudici.

Amit Chachlani, Ankush Sachdev and Will Linford.
Forthcoming Events

OWA Annual Dinner
Sat 7 Dec 2019, 19:00 – The Pyne Room

All Old Warwickians are warmly invited to the OWA Annual Dinner. This is a great opportunity to get together with old friends back at school. Bookings can be made individually or for groups.

Pre-dinner drinks will be served in the Panel Room at 19:00, followed by a four course dinner with coffee. Cash bar facilities for wine and spirits are available.

Tickets: £37.00, 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 £25.00 and are limited to the first twenty applications. Some wine for recent school leavers will also be made available, courtesy of the Head Master.

Dress: Black tie.
Booking deadline: Friday 29 November.
No refunds are available after the booking deadline.

Chapel Services 2019-20

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All Old Warwickians and their families and friends are welcome at these services. As dates sometimes change, please check www.warwickschool.org.

Music and Drama

For information on forthcoming school music and drama productions see www.warwickschoolcalendar.org and www.bridgehousetheatre.co.uk.

Diary of Events – Michaelmas 2019

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OWA Annual Dinner
The Pyne Room, Warwick School
Sat 7 Dec, 19:00-22:30.

OW Cross Country
Wimbledon Common
Sat 14 Dec, 14:30.

For information on any of these events please contact:
Alumni Relations
T: 01926 776404
E: a.douglas@warwickschool.org.

2003 leavers at last year’s Annual Dinner.
Don Hanson, Richard Ashley, Tony Atkins and Jonathan Meredith at last year’s dinner.

The OWA Annual Dinner.

Please book events on www.oldwarwickians.org

08 www.warwickschoolconnect.org
**NEW** OW Medics Dinner

Thurs 7 November 2019 – Warwick School

OW medics, dentists and vets, either studying, working or retired, are invited back to Warwick School on Thursday 7 November for a new, OW Medics Dinner.

The evening will offer a friendly, social opportunity for OW medics and related professionals to gather back at school. Current Warwick School boys considering such careers will also be invited and given the opportunity to hear first-hand about different careers and opportunities.

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<td>Three course dinner in the Pyne Room, kindly hosted by Consultant Orthopaedic Surgeon Dr Peter Baird (WS 1953-61).</td>
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<td>Laughter is the best medicine – Comedian and doctor Ahmed Kazmi will offer some light after-dinner insights into the medical profession.</td>
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**Tickets**

Tickets for drinks and a three course dinner are £25.00. OWs in full time education are offered discounted tickets at £15.00.

Please book your tickets on the back page of this newsletter or book online at www.oldwarwickians.org.

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**OW London Drinks**

The Oriental Club

11 Stratford Place, Marylebone

Mon 11 Nov 2019, 19:00–21:00

Old Warwickians are warmly invited to this year’s London Drinks Reception which takes place on Monday 11 November in the main Drawing Room at The Oriental Club.

For nearly two hundred years, The Oriental Club has been an iconic central London focal point for many who have lived, worked or travelled in the East. While there is no charge for attending this event, places must be booked.

Complimentary wine and canapés will be served courtesy Warwick School and there will be a cash bar. As numbers are limited (120), bookings will be accepted on a first come, first served basis. Please complete the booking form on page 20 or book online at www.oldwarwickians.org.

**Dress:** Jacket and tie.

**Nearest tube:** Bond Street/Oxford Circus.

**Booking deadline:** 1 November 2019.

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**2020 Events – save the date**

Full details in the Lent Old Warwickian newsletter.

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**OWA AGM**

The Conference Room, Warwick School

Sat 7 Dec 2019, 18:30 – all welcome

A copy of the Rules of the OWA as adopted at the EGM on 9 March 2015 are available on www.oldwarwickians.org. According to The Rules of the Association: “The committee shall be empowered to nominate members of the committee, a president elect and an accounts’ examiner for the following year and its recommendations shall be put before members of the Association twenty-eight days prior to the actual meeting. Other nominations correctly proposed and seconded by members shall be in the hands of the Honorary Secretary not less than fourteen days before the AGM. Any member proposed must have indicated their willingness to serve on the committee. The president elect will, subject to other nominations, be confirmed as president at the subsequent AGM.”

The AGM agenda and committee nominations will be posted on www.oldwarwickians.org. Nominations for President-Elect 2020 (to serve as President 2021) and committee members 2020 are hereby invited. Nominations should be sent to Anne Douglas, Hon Sec OWA, c/o Warwick School (a.douglas@warwickschool.org) no later than Friday 22 November 2019.

**OW Emergency Services Dinner**

Following the success of the OW Armed Forces and OW Medics Dinners, a gathering for OWs currently or formerly serving in the Emergency Services is being considered.

To register an interest (and help us identify OWs in or retired from the Emergency Services) please email Anne Douglas on a.douglas@warwickschool.org.

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**Please book events on www.oldwarwickians.org**
School News

New beginnings

On 10 July girls, staff and friends of King’s High walked away from Landor House on Smith Street, the school’s home for 140 years, and processed to their new site on the Banbury Road, next to Warwick School.

For the first time in history, the schools of Warwick Independent Schools Foundation are together on one campus. Pupils and staff from Warwick Prep, Warwick Junior and Warwick Senior Schools were out in force to give King’s High an enthusiastic welcome.

Warwick School Head Master Deneal Smith said “The enduring strength of Warwick School will be complemented and enhanced by working even more closely with our outstanding girls’ school. The new King’s High buildings are beautiful and sit alongside the Warwick buildings perfectly. The move will, in particular, give a new co-educational feel to the Sixth Form social experience, as we properly share the new Sixth Form Centre”.

The future for Warwick School is rosy. Numbers are healthy and while we were sad to see our Upper Sixth depart, we look forward to welcoming our new Year 7 students in September. They can look forward to outstanding opportunities, facilities and teaching at Warwick School.

CCF

The CCF continues to offer boys a range of challenging, exciting, adventurous and educational activities.

Guy Nelson Hall model discovered

The original design model for the 1960s Guy Nelson Hall has been found in a farm attic and kindly donated to the school by AT Architects.

Speech Day and Prize-Giving

OWA President Adrian Keeling QC was Guest of Honour at Senior School Prize-Giving.

Chemistry and Biology Olympiads

A record number of Sixth Form chemists participated in the Chemistry Olympiad. This is another high watermark on their journey to seek higher chemical things and they came away with a record number of medals.

A number of boys achieved Gold awards in two national competitions run by the Royal Society of Biology.

Duke of Edinburgh’s Award

Many boys continue to build confidence, resilience, skills and friendships as they participate in the Duke of Edinburgh’s Award.

Congratulations to our U6 and OWs, who collected their Gold DoE certificates from HRH Countess of Wessex at Buckingham Palace in May.

National Sport success

Congratulations to our 1st XI hockey players, who reached the quarter-finals of the national competition. The U18 rugby team experienced another successful season of rugby. The 1st XV won 14 of their 18 fixtures. The U18 dream of joining the elite club of ‘three consecutive wins’ in the Schools Cup National Finals at Twickenham was denied after a close game. Final score: Whitgift 32-22 Warwick. Both sides were outstanding and contributed to one of the best U18 Schools Cup Finals in the tournament’s history.

Summer Spectacular

The Summer Spectacular, a five-hour music extravaganza, was a poignant evening as the school said farewell to WS Staff Simon Hogg and Liz Green.

Take the adventure, heed the call

A huge number of productions have been performed to an exceptional standard by different parts of the school.

HE and Careers

Thank you to the many OWs who talked to the boys at the biennial Higher Education and Careers Fair.

Flash bang


Trumpets, tubas and trombones

The legendary Big Brass Concert was accompanied by lightsabers and pyrotechnics.

U13 Water Polo national finalists

Congratulations to the U13 Water Polo team who made it to the Championship Finals.

Outstanding Art and DT

The annual Art and Design and Technology Exhibitions showcased outstanding Art and DT work from our GCSE and A Level students.
OW News

500 marathons complete


Sir Stephen Lovegrove KCB

Stephen Lovegrove (WS 1978-85), Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Defence, has been awarded a KCB in the Queen’s Birthday Honours. The Knights Commander of the Order of the Bath has been awarded for public service.

Angus Lapsley CMG

Angus Lapsley (WS 1981-88) has been honoured with a CMG (Companion of the Order of St Michael and St George) for services to British foreign policy. Angus is Director for Defence, International Security and South East Europe in the Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

London networking

Thank you to all those OWs who met with WS students at the CBRE offices in June for a great careers networking event. Special thanks to Martin Samworth for kindly hosting this event.

WOW

At the OWA President’s Dinner Tim Harry (WS 1963-73) and Mike Huntley (WS 1962-69) discovered they both lived in the South West. They speculated on how many other OWs might live in the realm of ‘Wessex’ and thus the idea for a social gathering of Wessex Old Warwickians (WOW) was born. Mike Huntley kindly hosted an inaugural gathering at his home in August, where drinks, a BBQ and good company were enjoyed by some twenty OWs. Huge thanks to Mike and Tim for initiating this.

If any other OWs are interested in organising a social gathering on a geographic basis, please contact a.douglas@warwickschool.org.

James TW, Guest of Honour

It was wonderful to welcome singer-songwriter James TW (WS 2005-15) back to school on 5 July. James has been on tour in the US and Canada for much of the summer, but made time to encourage and inspire the boys while Guest of Honour at Junior School Prize-Giving.

Cricket debut with Warwickshire Bears

Rob Yates (WS 2011-18) had an excellent debut with Warwickshire Bears in May. Batting with impressive maturity and assurance, Rob scored 66 runs in their one day cup game against the Leicestershire Foxes.

James TW's first album.
Inside Jaguar: A Supercar reborn

Mark Evans.

Historic car enthusiast, Mark Evans (WS 1974-81), went behind the scenes at Jaguar’s state-of-the-art Classic Works to witness the complete resurrection, from scratch, of the first of its legendary lost supercars.

Every once in a while, a car comes along that breaks the rules. A car so quick, so stunning, it takes your breath away. Jaguar’s XKSS cars are so rare, today, they’re worth millions. But nine were never sold – destroyed by accident in a factory fire in 1957.

Mark fronted the fascinating Channel 4 documentary Inside Jaguar: A Supercar reborn, which told the story of how those nine legendary lost supercars are being brought back to life and rebuilt from plans discovered in the Jaguar archives.

Following Jaguar’s amazing undertaking was a joy for Mark, as was taking one of the new cars for a spin. He was the first journalist permitted to drive the finished car – even before its new owner! His conclusion? “Don’t be fooled by the elegant curves and the cute little luggage rack. This may be one of the best-looking cars the world has ever seen. But, it’s also a full on, no compromise, maxed out, seat-of-your-pants, race car. A 1950s masterpiece. In so many ways it’s the best road car ever built. British engineering at its world-beating best”.

Artemis Fowl

Look out for Joshua McGuire (WS 1999-2006) who stars as Briar Cudgeon in Artemis Fowl the new Walt Disney Studios fantasy adventure film, based on the first novel in the series of the same name by Eoin Colfer. The film’s much anticipated release is May 2020.

Youth for Christ

Luke Distin (WS 2009-18) returned to school for a week in the summer to share his Christian faith and teach WS students worship music.

The Ironmen of Leamington

A carefully-researched, liberally-illustrated book has been published exploring the history of the iron founders of Leamington Spa in the nineteenth century. The book looks at the range of products manufactured in the town and the men responsible. It has been written by Martin Green (WS staff 1970-2005) and Michael Jeffs (WS 1953-60), with the support of the Leamington History Group and the Warwickshire Industrial Archaeology Society. Copies can be obtained from local bookshops or from Margaret Rushton at rushtonmm1860@gmail.com.

1963 UV2

Four friends from UV2 in 1963 recently gathered at The Falcon Inn, near Hatton – once owned by contemporary David Dollery’s father, England and Warwickshire cricketer Tom Dollery.

The Flower Market Year

The Flower Market Year is twelve months in the life of international florist Simon Lycett (WS 1974-85) as he goes about his daily business at the world-renowned New Covent Garden Flower Market.

Simon is a passionate devotee of the market and helps raise the profile of British floristry and seasonal flowers. With beautiful colour photographs through the seasons, the new book brings to life the journey of floral arrangements from trader to arranger.

Quelle surprise!

Former Warwick School French and German teacher Eileen Halborg (WS staff 1992-2002) was reassured to be put to sleep by Dr Andrew Hughes (WS 1994-2001) before her recent hip operation. The duo met at Leicester Royal Infirmary, where Andrew works as a consultant anaesthetist.
Roy gears up for epic Atlantic challenge

Training is going well for Roy Dixon (WS 1973-81) as he prepares for the challenge of a lifetime. Roy, with three fellow ex-forces men, will row some 3,000 miles across the Atlantic. After two years of intensive training and preparation, the Atlantic Mavericks plan to set off from La Gomera on 12 December, with the aim of reaching Antigua some seven weeks later. The men are raising money for the Royal British Legion, Myeloma UK and 353 – the charity named after Stratford paratrooper Conrad Lewis, aged 24, who was the 353rd soldier to be killed in Afghanistan. Please visit www.atlanticmavericks.com to support Roy and check on his progress.

Maanuv incarcerated in Line of Duty

Maanuv Thiara (WS 2001-12) played Vihan Malhotra in Line of Duty, Series 5. Malhotra, a former Junior Administrator for Central Police, was incarcerated in HMP Blackthorn.

Blues Brothers in Varsity Golf

The University Golf Match, the oldest amateur event in golf, is contested annually between the Oxford and Cambridge University Full Blues teams. Studying at Oxford, the Fitzpatrick brothers Bruce (WS 2002-13) and Harry (WS 2004-15) played together in the foursomes, winning their match and helping Oxford to a 9.5-5.5 win. The second team, which included Ross Perry (WS 2008-17), also won. Harry, President of Oxford University Golf Club, was delighted to secure the clean sweep of all three matches.

Thank you

Thank you to the many OWs who have helped WS students at our careers events.

Maanuv incarcerated in Line of Duty

Luceat

Senior organ scholar at St Giles’ Church Oxford, James Fellows (WS 2010-16) set up his own choir, Luceat, in 2017. Originally intended to sing services in cathedrals when a cathedral choir is on holiday, Luceat has grown considerably in membership and standing and now includes some of the best choral scholars and lay clerks in the UK. Over the summer, the choir is recording its debut CD – Assumpta est Maria, Music for the Assumption of Our Lady. Hear more at www.luceatchoir.co.uk.

Mathematical finance paper

Mathematician Ryan McCrickerd (WS 2005-07) has completed a paper on mathematical finance, looking at an initial-value problem (IVP). Pathwise volatility: Cox-Ingersoll-Ross initial-value problems and their fast reversion exit-time limits can be accessed from https://arxiv.org/abs/1902.01673. Ryan also completed the London Marathon in a modest 2 hours 43 mins.
Anfield HQ

Passionate Liverpool fan Ollie Bond (WS 2001-12) was delighted to meet Liverpool Manager Jurgen Klopp. Five years ago, Ollie launched Anfield HQ, an Independent Liverpool FC website. The multi-award-winning site has built a reputation as a trusted voice around everything Liverpool FC related.

Jurgen Klopp and Ollie Bond.

M M Clark remembered

Granddaughters of the legendary Second Master and Bursar M M Clark returned to school on 5 June to see the beautifully restored painting of their grandfather which hangs in the Pyne Room.

M M Clark was at King’s Middle School from 1899 to 1906 and then served at Warwick School from 1906 to 1949.

Glynys Wynne-Jones and Gwynneth Bailey with their grandfather’s portrait.

Edward Button recital in Chapel

Edward Button (WS 1997-2008), countertenor with The King’s Singers, returned to school in June to give a charity recital in Chapel in aid of Rufus’ Friends’ Fund. He was delighted to be accompanied on keyboard by Colin Druce.

Edward Button and Colin Druce.

Did you see?

Marc Elliott (WS 1991-98) made a shock return to Holby City as Dr Isaac Mayfield. In an interview with Inside Soap, Marc revealed Isaac was returning for a limited time only. Speaking about his film experience the actor said “It was five weeks of bliss being back and seeing all those happy, lovely Holby faces – even though I am not playing a happy, lovely face!”

Marc Elliott as Dr Isaac Mayfield ©BBC Holby City.

Birmingham Bash

Ten leavers from the 1960s journeyed to Birmingham for the annual OW Birmingham Bash. They met, as last year, for a pre-lunch drink in the Old Joint Stock on Temple Row, before a most enjoyable lunch at San Carlo Italian Restaurant in Temple Street. Anyone interested in attending future Birmingham Bash events should contact Clive Boast on cliveboast@gmail.com.


Our man in Ohio

Tom Greensall (WS 2005-10) sends greetings from Otterbein University, Ohio. A dedicated sportsman and football player, Tom won a Soccer Scholarship at St Ambrose University in Iowa and graduated with a Double Major in Business Marketing and Business Management, while picking up Champion of Character and All-Conference awards on the soccer side. Since then, Tom has been No. 1 Goalkeeper for Duluth FC in Minnesota and has worked full time as a Digital Marketing Specialist for SwiftKurrent. The opportunity to study for an MBA, combined with an Assistant Coach role, resulted in a move to Otterbein University, Ohio, last September.

Tom Greensall.

Cycle ride to the Land of the Rising Sun

In 2018 Rob Nichols (WS 2005-10) made a drunken pact with friend Harry Horner to travel from Turkey to Japan by bike. The duo set off in April on their 22,000 km ride east, to the ‘Land of the Rising Sun’, raising money to install solar power for the Lotus Children’s Centre in Mongolia. Through sponsorship, Rob and Harry plan to fund a solar power system to replace a dirty coal burner at this life-saving orphanage. https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/Team/RisingSunCycle.

Rob Nichols (left).
Diamond Geezers

Diamond brothers Bryan (WS 1946-54), Gerald (WS 1948-58) and Roger (WS 1941-49) made a special return to school in the spring.

Firm friends since their early school days, 1982 leavers made their annual pilgrimage back to school.

England Women Sevens Head Coach

Charlie Hayter (WS 2000-07) has been appointed England Women Sevens Head Coach. Charlie, who has been with England Sevens since 2014, was promoted from player coach where, this last season, he has been working with head coaches Simon Amor and James Bailey across the men’s and women’s programmes, with a focus on contact and scrums.

Unwanted photographic equipment?

John ‘Spud’ Taylor (WS 1952-58) has been enjoying the summer sunshine in his 1926 vintage Singer 10-26, aptly named George (after factory owner George Singer). John is also actively involved with the Disabled Photographic Society and asks, if any OWs have unwanted photographic equipment they wish to donate to DPS, please contact him on 01926 854456.

Brian Mayo legacy visit

Brian Mayo (WS 1941-44), a superb athlete and sportsman, died at his home in Canada in 2017, aged 90. In the spring, two of Brian’s three sons made a special journey across the Atlantic to visit the school where their father had boarded during the war and present the archives with Brian’s extensive and remarkable collection of Warwick School athletic and swimming certificates. Brian’s cherished school straw boater, in excellent condition, was also donated to the school archives, having been carefully guarded for 75 years.

Oxford Finance Society

A quartet of OWs met at the Oxford Finance Society cocktail party.

Welcome back

Owen Follett (WS 1996-2001)
Tom Whole (WS 1987-94) and family
Tony Preston (WS 1970-81)
Roger Farrand (WS 1944-53)
Eighty years since the start of the Second World War, we reflect on the impact of the war on the school and Old Warwickian community. Over 550 Old Warwickians plus six members of staff served in the Second World War. The Army was by far the most popular service to join (327), with the RAF next (148), and then the Navy (73). Ten OWs served in the Merchant Navy.

The July 1944 Portcullis lists the hundreds of OWs who were actively serving with His Majesty’s forces and notes those killed in action, missing or a prisoner of war. Many OWs did not return. The Second World War Memorial in school chapel lists 60 OWs who gave their lives in the war. It is likely that there are more.

Life for those who were at school during the war changed considerably. The matter of staff being called up, and who should replace them, was a continual headache for Headmaster A H B Bishop. King Edward VI School, Camp Hill moved to Warwick in September 1939, and shared the premises for a year – Warwick had school in the mornings, and Camp Hill in the afternoons.

Shortages and rationing were particularly felt among the boarders. The egg allocation was reduced to one boiled egg per month.

The threat of air-raids was perceived to be so real that construction of air-raid shelters was already in progress in 1939. The day-boys’ shelters were not used very much, since enemy bombers tended to fly over at night. In November 1940 the air-raids became much more serious. Mark Thomas, who was in the Junior School at the time, wrote: “We were at school during the Coventry blitz, and spent an uncomfortable night trying to sleep on suitcases laid on the floor of the downstairs passages”.

Boys at school were “encouraged” to participate in the war effort. At one point they had a choice – either assemble gas masks or dig the air-raid shelters. By 1940, some 50 boys were doing agricultural work on local farms. They were paid and excused afternoon school and homework.

During the war, school numbers reached new high levels. The Portcullis magazines 1939-45 paint a picture of a school which was “carrying on”. House competitions, harvest camps, cricket and rugby matches were reported, amidst notes on the many OWs in active service, missing or killed in action.

The Headmaster wrote in his letter to OWs in The Portcullis July 1944, “In recent talks with the boys in the school, I have been deeply impressed by their sense of appreciation of your doings and by their keen desire for your safety and speedy return; and these sentiments are fully shared by the masters. We are keeping the flag flying despite all war-time difficulties. The playing-fields look as well as ever... and the swimming bath is kept busy... old institutions and societies flourish and the spirit of the place, as you knew it, is being well maintained”.

WWII Memorial, Warwick School Chapel.

1939 Officers and NCOs.

The show goes on – 1942 Macbeth.

1938-39 OTC Field Day.
Grafton Morrish Qualifiers

Sat 11 May 2019 – Olton Golf Club

The OW selection committee was delighted to call on the services of George Gill, making his OW debut, and John Hale, playing for the second time, in the Grafton Morrish Midlands Qualifiers, alongside regulars Peter Gordon, Philip James, Mark Wolton and James Cumberland.

Despite heavy rain, OWs turned in an excellent performance. Lead pair Peter Gordon and George Gill scored 29 points, Philip James and James Cumberland followed up with 26 points, while John Hale and Mark Wolton saved the best until last with 30 points. The team total of 85 points was our best performance for at least ten years and saw us tied for second with Coventry, just behind leaders Solihull, and safely qualifying for the Grafton Morrish finals in Norfolk at the start of October.

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Gracey Tankards

Edinburgh foursomes – the best of two drives and playing alternate shots on either odd or even holes.

Winners – on 39 pts, Julian Marcus and Tim Harry
Runners up – on 39 pts, Ollie Bates and Piers Neville
Third – on 25 pts, Harry Abell and Malcolm Lines

Langley Trophy

An individual stableford off full handicap.

Winner – on 38 pts, Peter Gedge
Third – on 35 pts, Tim Harry
Runner up – on 35 pts, John Loynton
Fourth – on 34 pts, Mike Barnwell

The Peter Gedge Pot

Peter Gedge was one of the founding members of the OWGS, making the first OWGS golf day at Tadmarton Heath GC in 1967 and being a constant attendee since. He was the club’s first Hon Sec and then OWGS Captain. Peter kindly presented a solid silver pot to the OWGS as a prize for the best ‘scratch’ stableford score. Despite Peter’s eager attempt to win his own trophy, John Loynton cornered the PG Pot.

OWs, having lost for the previous four years, took on the might of another school golf team in an attempt to regain The Jack Marshall Trophy in their annual match at Stratford-on-Avon Golf Club.

First back in the clubhouse were Cameron Koolhoven (6) and Harry Abell (15), who tried to overwhelm their opposition with an array of interesting shots from equally interesting angles. Sadly, not all the shots quite came off, the result a 5 and 4 OW loss.

Next home and under pressure were Geoff Tedstone (10) and Josh Keams (3). They went on the offensive and blazed their way round to a 3 and 2 OW win. All square!

Out on the course, with OW hopes still alive, were our second pairing of Tim Harry (17) and James Cumberland (4). Power hitting gave way to cunning and guile, with James and Tim securing victory in a tense 3 and 2 win. Final score: OWS 2–1 School. The Jack Marshall Trophy was presented to James Cumberland. Well done guys!
OW Hockey

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Huge thanks to Rob Pomfret who retires as OW Hockey Captain after many years’ service.

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**Alumni Relations, Warwick School, Warwick CV34 6PP.**
Tel: 01926 776404 Email: alumni@warwickschool.org

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#### OW Medics Dinner

Warwick School

**Thurs 7 November 2019.**

- I would like to attend (£25).
- I am in full time undergraduate education (£15).
- I would like a tour of the school at 17:00.
- I am happy to give a 5 minute careers talk on (please specify):

#### OW London Drinks

**The Oriental Club**

**Mon 11 November 2019, 19:00-21:00.**

- I would like to attend.

#### OWA Annual Dinner

**The Pyne Room, Warwick School**

**Sat 7 December 2019, 19:00.**

- I would like to attend (£37).
- I would like to attend and am in full time undergraduate education (£25).

For the OWA Annual Dinner, this booking form must be returned by 29 November.

Please detail below any special needs, seating preferences and/or dietary requirements.

### Payment for tickets

Where payments are required, please make cheques payable to Warwick Schools Enterprises Ltd or WSEL. Alternatively, payments can be made by bank transfer. Please contact a.douglas@warwickschool.org if you would like bank details. No refunds are available after the booking deadline.

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We welcome our 2019 leavers to the OWA!  
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Front cover images, clockwise from top:
- Dave Phillips completes his 500th marathon.
- James TW, Guest of Honour at Junior School Prize-Giving.
- Marcus Flint and David Bailey at the Anniversary Reunions.
- Mark Evans: Inside Jaguar – A Supercar reborn!
- 1969 leavers were delighted to see Ralph Thornton at their Anniversary Reunion.

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