

The Old Warwickian



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1940s and 1950s
Reunion postponed
to 24 June

OW news from
Sherlock Gnomes
to **Kyrgyzstan**

Roman barn
unearthed during
building works



Recent Events

1940s and 1950s Lunch – postponed

New date: Sunday 24 June 2018 – Warwick School

Preparations were complete for the 1940s and 1950s Chapel Service and Lunch and we looked forward to welcoming 140 OWs and guests back to school on Sunday 18 March.

Contrary to forecasts of light snow and gusty winds, Saturday night brought more snow than anticipated, with icy roads and paths and heavy snow forecast.

Not wanting anyone to take risks or have an accident, and after the Head Master had inspected the site and forecasts had been reviewed, the event was postponed.

Some OWs were unable to travel because they were snowed in. Most were relieved not to be venturing out in such conditions. However a few had unfortunately already made the journey to Warwick. Those who turned up at school were welcomed by the Head Master and were heartened by hot soup and a tour of the school.

The 1940s and 1950s Chapel Service and Lunch is now scheduled for Sunday 24 June. More news to follow.



Joanna Josolyne, Michael Rickard, Tony Josolyne, George Howell, Riena Jackson, Rita Wardle, Michael Jackson, Marie-Therese Rickard and Michael Wardle.



1958 Queen Mother and HGC Sawyer.



1948 Summer.



1950 Town Crier.



1940s Sports Day prize giving.

Oxford Dinner

7 February 2018 – Malmaison

The former prison of Malmaison Oxford provided, we believe, the first ever opportunity for OWs to dine together in a prison.

14 Oxbridge undergraduates enjoyed drinks and dinner with Deputy Headmaster David Wickes, Head of Sixth Form John Jefferies and recently retired Robert Hudson (WS staff 1972-2017). Huge thanks to Freddie Williams (WS 2005-16) who planned and organised the event.



Cell 24 at the Oxford Dinner.

OW Armed Forces Dinner

20 January 2018 – Warwick School

OWs currently and formerly serving in the Armed Forces gathered for drinks and a fantastic dinner in the Pyne Room. The dinner was preceded by a short Chapel service, where we remembered OWs who were away on active service, as well as those who lost their lives in the service of their country.

OWA President Col Jaish Mahan (WS 1985-92) kindly hosted the dinner. Jaish talked about some of his experiences as an army doctor in Afghanistan and Argentina, and explained how the traditions, values and disciplines of a Warwick School education had helped him and others who chose a military career.

As well as welcoming Old Warwickians and CCF staff, Head Master Gus Lock extended a warm welcome to special guests and old girls of King's High, Cdr Kay Hallsworth RN and Lt Cdr Jenna Kelway RN, who were attending for the first time.



Drinks in the Pyne Room before the dinner.



Maj Gen Mike Huntley CB
and wife Anne.



Dr Jo and Brig Jules Buczacki.



Cdr Kay Hallsworth RN and husband Neil.



Lt Col Keith Davenport, Helen Skilton, Edward Innes, Lt Chris Sunner, Michael and Hanna Alton.



Carolyn and Col Jaish Mahan.



Richard Gething, Lt Col Sam White
and Maj Rich Alesbury.



Capt Ian Thorpe RN and
Wg Cdr Guy Selby.



Col James Cook OBE, Capt JP and Sarah Downes
and Lt Col (Retd) Roy Dixon.



Maj (Retd) Robert, Brig Mike and Alison Stephens
and Lt Col (Retd) David Summers.



Sqn Ldr Alex Wollaston, Dr Helena
Wells and Surg SLt Peter Minnis.

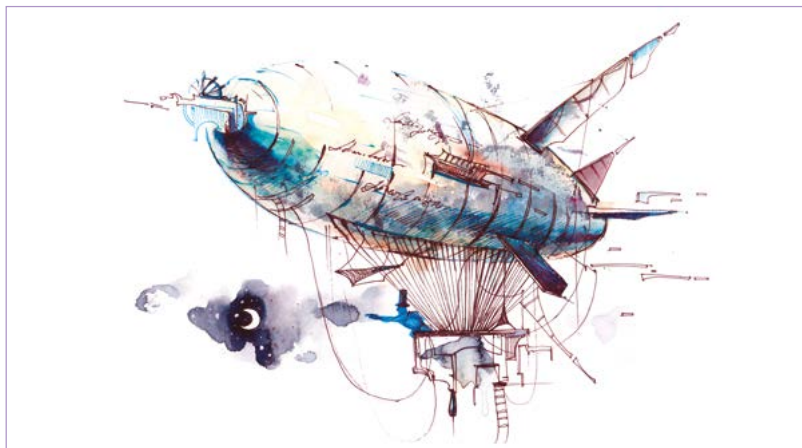
Forthcoming Events

The Discovery Festival

2-7 July 2018 – Warwick School

Warwick School will be holding its first Arts Festival this summer, culminating in an exciting Family Day on Saturday 7 July.

Old Warwickians and their families and friends are invited to enjoy some amazing performances, workshops and events being held throughout the Warwick School campus. Warwick Hall will host superb concerts and a Spiegel tent will be set up on campus through the week with its own eclectic programme of music, contemporary circus and comedy. The BHT will enjoy preview shows from popular professional companies en route to Edinburgh in 'Before the Fringe'. For more details please see the official programme (which will be available in April) at www.bridgehousetheatre.co.uk.



OWA President's Dinner

Saturday 21 April 2018 – Robertson House, Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst

OWs and guests are looking forward to the President's Dinner at RMAS, hosted by Col Jaish Mahan (WS 1985-92).

While the booking deadline has passed, there may be a few late places available. Anyone interested should call Alumni Relations on 01926 776404 or email a.douglas@warwickschool.org.



Robertson House.

Chapel Services – Summer 2018

Upper Sixth Sunday	Sun 13 May, 10:00
Foundation Sunday	Sun 1 July, 10:00

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



Music and Drama

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



Diary of Events

OW Coffee Morning

There will be no OW Coffee Morning this summer term. Instead, we invite OWs back to school on Saturday 7 July for the Discovery Festival Family Day. See www.bridgehousetheatre.co.uk for details and booking.

OWA President's Dinner

RMAS
Sat 21 April, 18:30.

OW Spring Golf Day

Tadmorton Heath GC
Tues 15 May, 08:00.

1940s and 1950s Reunion

Warwick School
Sun 24 June, 11:15.

School vs. OW Golf

Venue TBC
Fri 6 July, 17:00.

OW Anniversary Reunions

Warwick School
Sat 7 July, 12:00-14:00.

School vs. OW Tennis

Warwick School
Sat 7 July, 13:00.

School vs. OW Cricket

Warwick School
Sat 7 July, 11:00.

J and J Marshall Golf Day

The Warwickshire GC
Sun 8 July.



For information on any of these events please contact:
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1968, 1978, 1988, 1998 and 2008 Anniversary Reunions

Saturday 7 July 2018 – Warwick School

1968 Leavers' 50 year reunion



The Anniversary Reunions on Saturday 7 July are great opportunities for OWs to meet with friends, former classmates and teachers in a relaxed and friendly setting.

Meet back at school from 12:00 to 14:00 for drinks and a light lunch, followed by tours of the school with a chance to see both old and new. While the reunion format is informal and there is no charge for attending, places must be booked.

These Anniversary Reunions are for those who left at the end of the Upper Sixth in 1968, '78, '88, '98 and 2008, plus classmates who left earlier, including those who left two years early, after O levels or GCSEs.

If you would like to attend, please book as soon as possible on www.oldwarwickians.org or return the booking form on page 12, so we can gauge numbers for planning and catering purposes.

1978 Leavers' 40 year reunion



1968 leavers – Biology set.

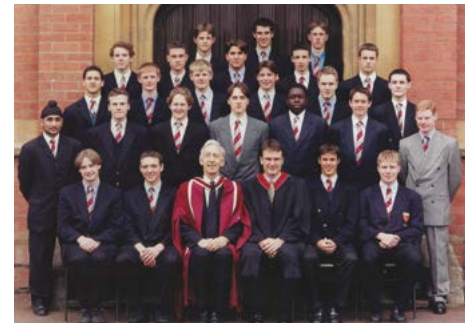


1988 1st XI.

1988 Leavers' 30 year reunion



1978 CCF inspection.



1997-8 Warwick School Prefects.

1998 Leavers' 20 year reunion



2007 Les Mis.

2008 Leavers' 10 year reunion



School News

During the Lent term boys have continued to progress and excel in their studies and individual interests and talents.

Exhibition of Young Local Artists

28 local primary schools contributed to the Exhibition of Young Local Artists, hosted by the school. The event brings together local primary schools to celebrate art and showcase young talent. The array and diversity of artwork exhibited was tremendous.



Exhibition of Young Local Artists.

Music

From the House Music Festival to the Easter Gala Concert and from the Woodwind Celebration to the Big Brass Concert, Warwick School musicians have enjoyed a full term of concerts and celebrations.



Jazz at the Bridge 2018.

Warwick School Sevens

Warwick School hosted its 49th annual, and possibly muddiest, Sevens Tournament. Rugby talent came from across the country, with 30 schools competing in 200 matches over the course of one day.



Geoff Tedstone presented the shield to the winning U15B team.

Oxbridge Offers

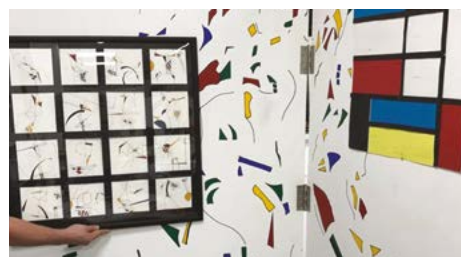
17 students have received offers from Oxford or Cambridge University, across a wide range of subjects, from Music to Medicine and Archaeology to Economics.



Boys with Oxbridge offers.

Ironstone Art Prize

Ben Lewis, one of our Sixth Form students, was shortlisted for the Ironstone Art Prize at Banbury Museum.



Ben's amazing artwork.

Head Master held hostage

This year's CCF overnight exercise tested the resilience and character of the boys as they were set various challenges to 'rescue' the Head Master. Gus Lock willingly played a minor cameo role as hostage.

Intrigue and horror on stage

Drama at Warwick School has exceptional range and is pursued with relish and conviction by large numbers of boys. The Middle School production, *The Curse of Cranholme Abbey*, was a chilling, dark and spooky play which premièred at Edinburgh Fringe in 2017.

U18 National Champions

Warwick School's 1st XV returned to Twickenham on 14 March to defend their U18 national title. They secured a triumphant win over QEGS Wakefield. Final score: 29-7.

The U15 team also progressed well in the national Schools Cup tournament. A semi-final loss to Manchester Grammar School, 22-21, meant they sadly missed out on a Twickenham final.



The 1st XV collect their winners medals.

Project One Campus

Rare Roman building unearthed at new school building site

Project One Campus will bring together Warwick School, King's High School and Warwick Prep on one campus. The first phase of the project, which sees the creation of the new King's High School building and shared Sixth Form Centre with Warwick School, is progressing well.

The remains of a previously unknown Roman building have been discovered during building work on the new school for King's High. Wall foundations for a large aisled structure the size of a medieval church were unearthed on the Banbury Road site.

Archaeologists say the building most likely forms a component of a large villa estate, which must have spread along the banks of the Avon and been connected to the Roman road system. Early indications suggest it developed in the 2nd century AD and probably went out of use in the 4th century. Constructed of local sandstone, over 28m long by 14.5m wide, the barn would have been the largest building ever seen in the region. Corn drying ovens, both inside and outside the structure, attest to an agricultural function, although internal wall divisions at the opposite end of the building probably indicate a suite of domestic rooms.

An archaeological dig was carried out as part of the first phase of the development of the campus. The remains of the building have now been covered over and will be preserved. Plans are being developed to bring the results of the work to a wider audience in the form of displays and educational materials, as well as a formal archaeological report.

Stuart Palmer, Archaeology Warwickshire's principal archaeologist, said: "This new discovery will put Roman Warwick firmly on the map."

Caroline Rann, who has been leading the winter-long excavation, added: "Thanks to the Warwick Independent Schools Foundation and their construction team, Speller Metcalfe, who have gone out of their way to assist us, we can now start to build a better picture of Roman Warwick."

This is an exciting find and an invaluable experience for the schools, with pupils and staff having had opportunities to see the excavations at first hand. The county archaeologist's team have been only too happy to share their enthusiasm and worked to ensure the find has not had undue impact on Project One Campus progress. The find will become part of the history of the new school building and of the Foundation and will, we hope, inspire budding archaeologists for generations to come.



Work progressing well on the new joint Sixth Form Centre.



Junior School pupils take a look at the excavations.



Aerial shot of the recent excavations.



The Roman barn.

OW News

Spotlight on Steve Hamilton Shaw (WS 1981-92)

Sherlock Gnomes is the eagerly anticipated follow-up to *Gnomeo and Juliet* from film producers Steve Hamilton Shaw (WS 1981-92), Sir Elton John, David Furnish and Carolyn Soper.



Steve (centre) at the 1990s reunion in 2012.

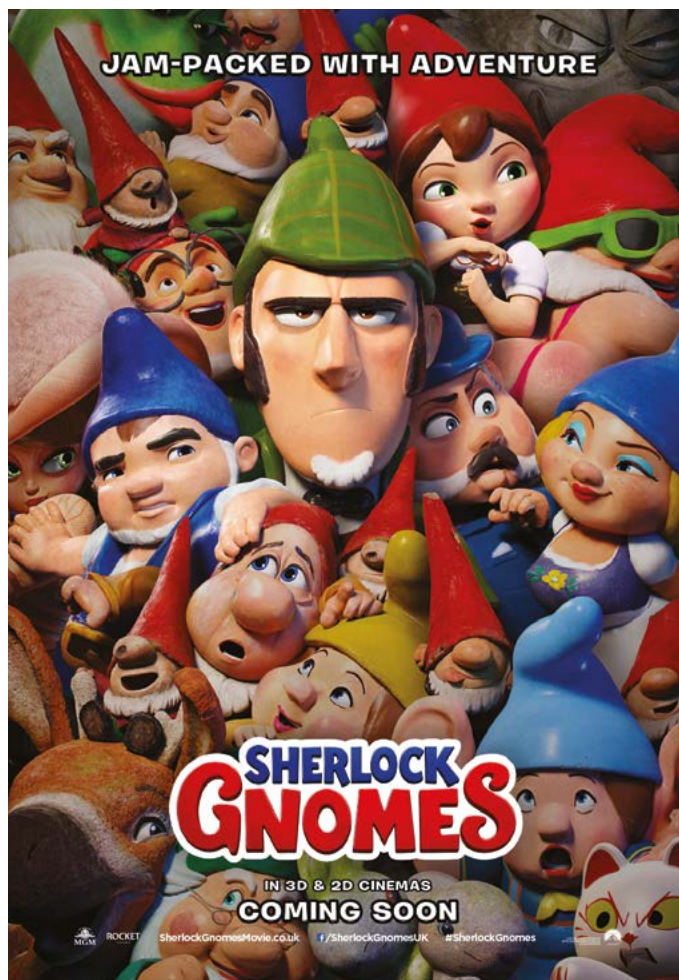
After a string of garden gnome disappearances in London, the animated comedy and family film follows the exploits of Gnomeo and Juliet, who look to legendary detective Sherlock Gnomes to solve the case of their missing family and friends. *Sherlock Gnomes* goes on release in the UK in May 2018 and stars Emily Blunt, James McAvoy and Johnny Depp.

Now CEO of British film company Rocket Pictures, Steve has always wanted to make movies. It was something he latched onto while at Warwick School. After leaving, he took an Art Foundation Course specialising in video production, then went to the University of Kent to study Film Studies (and Philosophy!). With no easy path into film production, for Steve it was a matter of tenacity and diving in at the deep end. He moved to London, worked for free, slept on friends' floors (some of them Old Warwickians) and gradually found his footing in the business.

Steve feels he had a very rounded education at Warwick. He was a keen sportsman and did well in A levels in Maths, History, Art and General Studies. His broad choice of subjects prepared him well for both art and business. He appreciates not being pigeon-holed early on in life, which enabled him to develop the different and sometimes contradictory aspects of what he does today.

Producing a movie is a long-haul project. As a big animation movie, *Sherlock Gnomes* has been in production for three and a half years. Prior to that, Steve worked on developing the story, script and artwork for about 18 months, as well as raising the finance for the film.

Steve explains that the intention with *Sherlock Gnomes* was to take the characters from *Gnomeo and Juliet* and significantly change the kind of story and genre in which they operate. So, with *Sherlock*, the characters find themselves in an action adventure film. Steve hopes the change is something that audiences like. It might be a sequel, he says, but it's not a repeat.



The ability and means of creating stories, especially with computer-generated imagery (CGI) characters, is not going away and with streaming, short-form and virtual reality advances, demand is growing. He encourages Warwick School boys who have these kind of interests and creativity to nurture them and believes the world into which they are walking will have lots of opportunity.

Warwick Sea Scouts appeal

Two OW friends and former Sea Scouts, Alan Hayward (WS 1974-84) and Simon Talling-Smith (WS 1979-86) returned to school to speak at a business networking event in support of 2nd Warwick Sea Scouts new HQ appeal.

Any OWs who may have been sea scouts are welcome to reconnect with the group by visiting www.2wk.org.uk.



Simon Talling-Smith and Alan Hayward.

OW reunion in Thailand

It's always great to hear of OWs meeting up around the world. Richard Meakin (WS 1956-63) was delighted to welcome Steve Chamberlain (WS 1958-65) and his wife Liz when they visited him in Phuket.



Liz and Steve Chamberlain with Richard Meakin in Phuket.

Alex leads glacier study

Alex Hyde (WS 2008-15) leads an expedition to study climate change and its impact on glaciers in the mountains of Kyrgyzstan this summer.

Currently studying Geography at Sheffield University, Alex and a colleague will lead the university expedition to the Tian Shan Mountains, where they will test a relatively new method of using drones to map the surface of glaciers.



Alex Hyde in Scotland.

London Marathon Men

Good luck to all OWs running in the London Marathon.

Elliot Callard (WS 2000-08) is running his first ever Marathon and is raising money for the homeless charity Shelter. <http://bit.ly/elliotrunsmarathon>.

Meanwhile Dave Phillips (WS 1955-61) will be running his 18th consecutive year with the Brain and Spine Foundation. London will be Dave's 492nd full marathon. <https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/Team/phillipsvlm2018>.

Dave is pictured below right with Colin Jackson, captain of the Brain and Spine Foundation's team this year.



Elliot Callard (WS 2000-08).



Dave Phillips and Colin Jackson.

MBE honours

Squadron Leader Hugh Nichols (WS 1990-96) was honoured to receive his MBE from HM Queen Elizabeth II.



Hugh Nichols MBE.

May the Police Force be with you

Derbyshire Constabulary's work to improve community relations fulfilled a wider remit when PC Alex Hunt (WS 2005-09) met three storm troopers and Darth Vader on Ilkeston's Community Day.



PC Alex Hunt (WS 2005-09).

Guinness World Record

Ben Hanlin (WS 1999-2004) won a Guinness World Record when he completed the most magic tricks in one minute – he did 27!



Ben Hanlin (WS 1999-2004).

Robin Kenward working for Remap

OW Robin Kenward (WS 1954-61) was recently spotted in the Warwick Courier, thanks to his OW tie. Robin had been featured in the Courier when he spoke to Warwick Rotarians on behalf of the charity Remap. Remap helps people with disabilities achieve independence by designing and modifying equipment.

James TW on tour in North America

James TW is supporting American singer-songwriter Andy Grammer on his Good Parts tour in North America this spring. James is playing live in 23 cities, starting in San Francisco on 14 March and finishing in Philadelphia on 15 April.

Sea Cities – Sunderland

BBC Film Producer Ed Hanson (WS 1979-90) produced the fantastic documentary *Sea Cities – Sunderland*, which aired on BBC2 in February. With shipbuilding and coal exports disappearing, the one-hour documentary met some of the people helping to bring about change, and others who are working to keep traditions alive.



BBC Editor Chris Middis with Ed Hanson (WS 1979-90).

Surprise rugby sessions for the U11s

Warwick School U11 rugby 7s had a surprise training session from Charlie Hayter (WS 2000-07) and Marko Stanojevic (WS 1991-98).

Charlie also led a training session at Kensington Aldridge Academy in February. The Academy had been based at the foot of Grenfell Tower until the fire last year. One of the new initiatives which has come out of the Academy's relocation has been the introduction of rugby as part of an effort to give the children a variety of new sports to try. Charlie helped run a training session for the new rugby recruits. If the enthusiasm and energy shown on a winter's night in February is anything to go by, then KAA are at the start of a very special rugby journey.



Charlie Hayter and Marko Stanojevic with the U11s.

Careers Business Lunches

Thank you to the following OWs who spoke to Warwick School students during the Lent term.

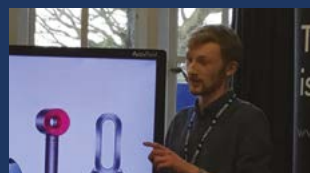
Andrew Woodcock (WS 1972-84) spoke on *The Foreign Dimension – Careers in International Affairs*.

A former Foreign Office and European Parliament official, Andrew discussed the merits of an international career and how such opportunities are not restricted to working for the Foreign Office.



Andrew Woodcock (WS 1972-84).

Robbie Hoare (WS 2005-12) gave an exciting insight into the product design industry when he spoke on *Dyson, Designing for the future*.



Robbie Hoare (WS 2005-12).

Warwick School parent Al Kitchen (WS 1980-85) gave a Business Lunch on *Microsoft – the fourth industrial revolution and the future of I.T.*



Al Kitchen (WS 1980-85).

Alastair Palmer (WS 2015-17) and James Foote (WS 2000-17), talked to boys about studying at Nottingham University.



Alastair Palmer (WS 2015-17) and James Foote (WS 2000-17)

Boating holidays revisited

Warwick School friends Mick Jeffs, Ray Walder and Stan Bloxham (all WS 1953-60) recently shared memories of boating holidays together in the late 1950s and early 1960s in *Waterways World*. The trio, with fellow OW Dave Hewins (who has since passed away) discovered and developed a common interest in inland waterways while at school.



1959 The Crew – Mick, Dave, Ray and Stan.

OW Sport

OW Cross Country

Saturday 16 December 2017

On a dry damp day on Wimbledon Common, a record field of 280 runners from 38 schools took on the challenging five mile Thames Hare and Hounds Alumni Race. After a week of rain, the conditions were perfect for muddy cross country. Congratulations to our team of ten Old Warwickians who put in fantastic performances. Newcomers Ryan McCrickerd and Ben Hawkins both finished in the top 20, our Over 50s finished 9th and Marathon Man Dave Phillips would have been 10 minutes quicker, had he not got lost in the woods!



Ben Hawkins, Archie Dent, Jonathan Hobbs, Geoff Webb, Dave Phillips, Martin Garrett, Dave Lindsay and Henry Maynard. Front: Duncan Gunn. Not pictured Ryan McCrickerd.



The first time Geoff Webb, Duncan Gunn and Dave Lindsay had met since leaving school.

OW Cricket



OW cricket is a great social opportunity to play cricket, whether you are a regular or occasional player. The annual summer fixture against the school is scheduled for Saturday 7 July. Join 'OWs Cricket' on Facebook to register your interest in playing, or email alumni@warwickschool.org.

OW Golf

Spring Golf Day – Tuesday 15 May 2018

Join other golfers at the Spring OW Golf Meeting at Tadmorton Heath Golf Club. Hope to see as many OWs there as possible – and bring a friend if you can!



Spring Golf Day Tadmorton Heath 2017.

OW Rugby

Saturday 8 September 2018

The annual match between Old Warwickians and Old Silhillians is scheduled for Saturday 8 September at Warwick, 12:30 kick off.



OWs vs. Old Sils 2016.



OWs vs. Old Sils 2016.

OW Hockey

Sunday 25 March 2018

A new event in the OW sporting calendar – school versus Old Warwickians hockey – is scheduled to take place on Sunday 25 March. Report to follow in the next Old Warwickian.

OW Tennis

Saturday 7 July 2018

The annual tennis match against the school takes place on Saturday 7 July. If you are interested in playing for OWs please email Ian Macvie on macvie3@yahoo.co.uk.



OW tennis players 2017.

Booking Form

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Events

Please return this form to:

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Title

Full name

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

Address

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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, seating preferences and/or dietary requirements for reunion event.

Anniversary Reunions

Warwick School

Saturday 7 July 2018.

☐ I would like to attend

☐ I would like to bring a guest.

Name of guest (if applicable)

Booking deadline: 18 June 2018.

130 years ago...



1888 1st XI.



1888 1st XV.

Front cover images.

- The Crew (WS 1953-60).
- Hugh Nichols receives his MBE.
- PC Alex Hunt (WS 2005-09).

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