Historic school photos discovered on ebay

Places still available for summer reunions

OW news from Brexit to The Old Vic
Historic Warwick School slides, dating from 1903 to 1905, have been discovered on eBay and bought by School Archivist Gervald Frykman. Peter O’Grady has kindly digitised the glass plate positives (magic lantern slides) which were taken by Warwick School Camera Club between 1903 and 1905.

Warwick School Camera Club was founded in 1901 by Rev Robert Percival Brown, the Headmaster between 1896 and 1902. The discovered slides are the work of the Camera Club, which flourished under Mr Howlett, the school choir master and organist, between 1903 and 1905.

The Portcullis from July 1904 records: “The third annual excursion of the Camera Club took place on [Wednesday] June 8th. The bicycles and the brake left the school at about 2:15. The first place visited was Guy’s Cliffe, where a great many successful photographs were taken. From Guy’s Cliffe we proceeded to Leek Wootton and from thence to Yarningdale, via Wroxall, where tea was provided. On the whole the light was fairly good and most of the photographs taken turned out successful. The brake left Yarningdale about 7:30, and returned home via Claverdon.”

From The Portcullis, March 1905: “Camera Club: Mr Howlett gave a very interesting and instructive lecture in the President’s Room on “How to make lantern slides”. He exposed several plates and then developed them. They were tried in the lantern and proved quite successful.”
Why come to an OW Reunion?

When an OW receives an invitation to a Warwick School reunion, there must be many, varied reactions: curiosity; enthusiasm; nostalgia; apprehension perhaps since not all memories of school are good ones. At times, the treatment and discipline of boys was markedly different to Warwick School today. Remember, too, those lessons on calculus. Did I really have to swim in that outdoor pool? And whatever loosened those once-so-strong ties of friendship?

Yet, if your busy life permits, you should come to at least one reunion. Why? Well, many OWs say the experience is often invigorating. Rather like being on a toboggan that is about to enter a banked curve just a little too fast. Some faces are a blur; others are, happily, instantly familiar.

The passing of time seems altered. As you meet with former classmates, the present disappears, and a more intense, shared past envelops you. Your perspective shifts. Can that figure over there really be Mr Hudson? And where have they hidden the Guy Nelson Hall?

Self-awareness often deepens as, with conversation and recollection, you realise how parts of you (and others) stay the same, while new talents, skills, relationships and achievements have shaped the person you now are.

Our reunions are emphatically not “networking opportunities” nor the educational equivalent of “cold-calling”. Instead, they offer a chance to gather afresh with those who were a significant part of your life in surroundings which, we believe, will be welcoming, reassuring and, yes, invigorating.

*With thanks to former Head of English Dr Scott Wilson (WS Staff 1979-2010) who kindly penned these thoughts on OW reunions.*
OWA President’s Dinner
Saturday 6 May 2017 – The National Space Centre

There are just a few days left to book tickets for the OWA President’s Dinner at The National Space Centre on Saturday 6 May.

Enjoy an evening of space science and astronomy. Arrive at 18:30 for pre-dinner drinks in the 42m high Rocket Tower, home to the Blue Streak and Thor Able rockets. Relax in the Sir Patrick Moore Planetarium for a pre-dinner show, then take your seat in The Hub, for a four course meal. After dinner there will be plenty of time to mingle with friends and explore the six interactive galleries which cover space flight, astronomy and cosmology.

Dress
Black tie.

Carriages
23:00-00:00.

Tickets
£75 per person to include pre-dinner drinks and a four course dinner with coffee. There will be a cash bar for dinner wine and drinks. Wives/partners and friends welcome. Book online at www.oldwarwickians.org or return the Booking Form on the back page of this newsletter.

Booking deadline
Monday 10 April 2017.

Cancellations
After the booking deadline tickets are only refundable as long as we are able to reallocate them.

Overnight accommodation
Details of hotels in the local area are published on www.oldwarwickians.org.

Coach
There are a few places left on the coach to and from Warwick School. The coach will depart from Warwick School at 17:00 and expect to leave the Space Centre between 23:00 and 23:30 for the return. Costs are likely to be in the region of £15 to £25 per person, depending on final numbers.

Diary of Events

Chapel Services – Summer 2017

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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.

OWA President’s Dinner
The National Space Centre
Sat 6 May, 18:30-00:00.

School vs. OW Tennis
Warwick School
Sat 8 July, 12:00.

J and J Marshall Golf Day
The Warwickshire GC
Sun 9 July.

OWA President’s Dinner
The National Space Centre
Sat 6 May, 18:30-00:00.

School vs. OW Golf
Stratford-on-Avon GC
Fri 7 July, 17:00.

Warwick School
Sat 8 July, 12:00-14:00.

OW Coffee Morning
Pyne Room, Warwick School
Sat 20 May, 10:00-11:30.

School vs. OW Cricket
Warwick School
Sat 8 July, 11:00.

The Cricketer Trophy, Round 2 (if successful in Round 1)
Warwick School
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For information on any of these events please contact: Anne Douglas, Alumni Relations, Warwick School. Tel: 01926 776404. Email: a.douglas@warwickschool.org.
1970s to 1990s Boarders’ Reunion
Saturday 22 July 2017 – Warwick School

Boarders at Warwick School from the 1970s to the end of the 1990s are invited to a Boarding House Reunion on Saturday 22 July 2017. Meet up with fellow boarders from your time at school, see the boarding houses today and enjoy dinner in the Pyne Room (formerly the library).

16:00-17:30 Welcome and afternoon tea in the Halse Pavilion. A number of former boarding house staff will also be invited.
17:30-18:30 Boarding house and school tour.
18:30-19:00 Check-in for those staying overnight.
18:30-20:00 Bar open (under the Limes or in the Panel Room depending on the weather).
20:00 Dinner in the Pyne Room.
23:30 Carriages.

The reunion is for OWs and staff from the 1970s-90s only, i.e. no partners.

Dress: Smart casual.

Tickets
£34 includes welcome tea and a three course dinner with coffee. There will be a cash bar.

Booking deadline: In order to help with the planning of this event the booking deadline is 22 May 2017.

Stay overnight in the boarding house
Optional overnight accommodation in the boarding houses on the Saturday night is available for up to 60 OWs, followed by breakfast on the Sunday in the school dining room from 08:00 to 09:30. There is a £35 charge for bed and breakfast in the boarding house. Checkout on the Sunday is by 10:00.

While boarding house accommodation has improved in recent years, it is still very basic! Single, twin and triple rooms are available in Senior House (in the main building) and Way House (at the side of the Junior School). There are steep and sometimes narrow stairs. Individual rooms are not lockable but corridors are secured with digi-key locks, the numbers of which are regularly changed and will be given to guests on arrival. There are 22 single, 10 twin and 6 triple rooms. Many of the single and the majority of twin and triple rooms have high beds, reached by a ladder. Many, but not all rooms have a wash hand basin. No rooms are en suite – there are communal bathrooms with individual toilet and shower cubicles. Bed linen is provided, but not towels.

Booking
Please book your reunion ticket (and accommodation if required) before 22 May by returning the form on page 12 of this newsletter or book online at www.oldwarwickians.org.
School News

We include here a few items of recent Warwick School news. For updates and more news, please visit www.warwickschool.org and www.projectonecampus.co.uk.

Rugby success

For a further successive year, the school rugby teams are enjoying great success at a regional and national level.

The U18 team played their NatWest Cup semi-final on 4 March, after narrowly beating QEGS Wakefield in the quarter-finals. In their semi-final against Felsted at Allianz Park, a determined and organised performance booked them a place in the final against Bishop Wordsworth’s, to be played on Weds 29 March.

As we go to press the Warwick U15 team is through to the NatWest Cup semi-finals after a win over Langley School. Final score Warwick 27 - 0 Langley. They are scheduled to play their semi-final on 18 March at Allianz Park.

Music

The standard of music and entertainment from individuals and ensembles at the annual Jazz at the Bridge and House Competition was amazing.

Exhibition of young artists

Warwick joined 28 local schools in the Exhibition of Young Artists, which was hosted in the new Warwick Hall.

Impressive printing

The school’s Art Dept. was delighted to take delivery of a 1964 Vandercook SP15 Printing Press, kindly donated by Dr Peter Wilson (WS 1950-58). Upon retiring Peter took up letterpress printing using paper, ink and lead type. Peter has gifted the press and all the type to the school so that boys will be able to discover and enjoy letterpress printing.

Oxbridge

U6 boys head to a range of universities and colleges to continue their education. They pursue an increasing range of studies and specialties.

Bienvenue

Teachers Eric Hadley and Chris McNee were delighted to see former WS language assistant Pierre-Antoine Coicaud, who visited the school with a group of French students from his lycée in Tours.

Warwick School bursaries

Thank you to the many OWs who have supported, and continue to support our capital and bursary appeals. For years, many boys have benefited from a Warwick School education thanks to bursary support for school fees. Over the next few months the school will be unveiling a plan to raise more money for bursaries, so we can increase the number of pupils from families who would otherwise be unable to afford the school fees.

Oxbridge

U6 boys who have secured Oxbridge offers.
OW appointed as UK Ambassador

In January Sir Tim Barrow KCMG LVO MBE (and WS 1977-82) was appointed the UK’s Permanent Representative to the European Union. Tim joined the Foreign and Commonwealth Office in 1986. He previously served as Her Majesty’s Ambassador in Moscow and as Director General, Political at the FCO. Tim is pictured in 2015, when he kindly welcomed a group of Warwick School boys to the UK Embassy in Moscow.

RK Vodka – What you ought to be sipping

Entrepreneur Kiron Phillips (WS 2006-12) has launched an exclusive vodka to the UK market, distilled in the heart of England. RK Vodka combines 14th century traditional distilling methods with modern and unique branding. It is distilled just a single time in copper stills using organic English sugar beet. RK Vodka is designed to be enjoyed neat or in specially crafted ‘blends’ and is only available in high end bars, restaurants and hotels. Kiron has turned a vision into reality while still studying for a degree in Business Management and Marketing at Harper Adams University. www.rkvodka.com.

Sales record – 23rd year in a row

Denys Shortt OBE (WS 1975-82), founder and CEO of DCS Group, celebrated another stellar year for the company with double digit growth. In 2016 the health and beauty company recorded an increase in sales to £210 million, up from £185.7m the previous year.

Ten years on…

The winners of the Daily Mail Cup 2007 reunite this year to mark their tenth anniversary.

England Sevens

Delighted to be back in the England squad for the World Sevens Series, Charlie Hayter (WS 2000-07) scored tries against New Zealand, Scotland and Wales in Dubai. He then ran in one against Argentina and two in the Cup semi-final win over Scotland in Cape Town, on the way to England’s title success. Charlie scored eight tries in the first four tournaments of the series. As we go to press England stand second in the World Series.


New Year’s Honours

Congratulations to Geoff Thorpe (WS 1957-68), who was awarded a British Empire Medal in the New Year’s Honours. Geoff has been chairman of Harbury Village Hall for the past ten years, overseeing a radical transformation and rejuvenation of the facility.
James TW concert in the Warwick Hall

Singer-songwriter James TW (WS 2005-15) performed to a delighted audience of boys, staff, parents and friends when he returned to school for a special homecoming concert in January.

James's songs have been streamed more than 100 million times on Spotify and his new single 'Ex' was released in February.

Lord leaves ECB for rugby role

Gordon Lord (WS 1968-79), the ECB’s head of elite coach development, swaps his role in cricket for a similar position in rugby union, having been appointed as the new head of professional coach development at the Rugby Football Union. Gordon spent 25 years at the ECB, following a decade of first-class cricket with Warwickshire and Worcestershire.

Rugby warriors

Worcester Warriors Ben Howard (WS 2001-11) and Jamie Shillcock (WS 2004-15) appeared together in the Aviva Premiership game against Gloucester in September. They also played for Warriors in their final European Challenge Cup match in January, where Warriors had an emphatic 57-14 victory over Enisei-STM, in their final European game of the season.

Jamie was selected for the England U20 squad in the Six Nations, while Tom Dodd (WS 2014-16) stepped out for Scotland U20s.
Warwick School Connect

Congratulations to Karl Ude-Martinez (WS 1993-98), the 800th Old Warwickian to join www.warwickschoolconnect.org.

After a year out travelling North and South America, exploring his passion for polo, Karl headed off to East 15 Acting School, London. He has worked in various TV, film and theatre productions, including a run with the RSC.

Karl also works as a TV presenter, hosting sporting events for channels including Sky Sports and history documentaries for channels such as the History Channel.

Karl is no stranger to high octane sports. He continued to play rugby after Warwick, enjoys skiing and anything equine sport related. As well as helping the family equestrian centre in Warwick, he also runs his own equestrian stunt display team, The Knights of Middle England. The team performs all over the UK and Europe, in the TV and film industry and also provides the action packed jousting shows for Warwick Castle. It is the UK’s only Jousting School.

Karl enjoys the variety that his work brings and the opportunity to travel. He says that whether he is presenting, playing polo or jousting, he will always be a Warwick boy!

Warwick School Connect is a free online networking platform exclusively for OWs. Sign up in less than two minutes on www.warwickschoolconnect.org.

An Inspector Calls for Hamish

Hamish Riddle (WS 2003-10) has been starring as Eric Birling in An Inspector Calls at the Playhouse Theatre, London. Stephen Daldry’s multi award-winning production of J B Priestley’s classic and darkly sinister play returned to the West End for a limited season until 25 March.

Life through a lens

Ben Compton (WS 1991-99) has started his own photography business and has a stunning selection of images on www.bencomptonphotography.com. From portraits, weddings and events to landscapes, street photography, still life and art, Ben captures some amazing shots.

Did you see?

- The ‘Send to All’ text message from Carol Vorderman on Michael McIntyre’s Big Show generated an amusing and playful text exchange with Sqn Ldr Hugh Nichols (WS 1990-96).
- Holby City fans have been following the ups and downs of Marc Elliott’s complex registrar Isaac Mayfield. Marc (WS 1991-98) is also well known for previously playing Syed Masood in EastEnders.

Marc Elliott in Holby City ©BBC.
It’s that time of year when we cheer on all OWs running in the London marathon. For the 17th successive year Dave Phillips (WS 1955-61) is running for the Brain and Spine Foundation. Many years ago Dave set himself two goals; one was to run 500 marathons. London will be his 477th. The other goal was to raise £100,000 for the Brain and Spine Foundation. With £98,000 already raised, Dave has just £2,000 to go. If you would like to support Dave please visit http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/team/teamphillips2017.

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Joshua McGuire (WS 1999-06) is currently starring opposite Daniel Radcliffe in Rosencrantz & Guildenstern Are Dead, at The Old Vic. Half a century after its premiere, the play that made a young Tom Stoppard’s name overnight, has returned to The Old Vic in its 50th anniversary production. Against the backdrop of Shakespeare’s Hamlet, this mind-bending situation comedy sees two hapless minor characters, Rosencrantz (Radcliffe) and Guildenstern (McGuire), take centre stage.

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Twelfth Night

Maanuv Thiara (WS 2001-12) has been playing Sir Andrew/Sebastian in Twelfth Night (Shakespeare Up Close) at the Orange Tree Theatre, London. In a 90 minute feisty and fast paced production with crystal clear text, ‘Shakespeare Up Close’ aims to make Shakespeare relevant to a younger audience.

Anyone for tennis?

James Mower (WS 2000-07) enjoyed The Old Warwickian and some great matches at the Australian Open.

Welcome back

Warwick School is always pleased to welcome OWs back. Returning this winter...

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OW Sport

OW Cross Country

Ten OWs competed in the Thames Hare and Hounds Alumni Race on 17 December. The five mile course over Wimbledon Common was suitably muddy and challenging. Congratulations to Simon Wurr for finishing in the top ten, to our OW ‘newcomers’ who did brilliantly, and to many who improved on their timing and ranking from 2015. Most importantly, a big thank you to all OWs who ran, for taking the trouble to get there (not the most accessible of venues!) and for giving up a Saturday very close to Christmas. The provisional date for this year’s race is Saturday 16 December. This will be confirmed in the next Old Warwickian. All OW runners welcome!

OW Cricket

Calling both regular and non-regular players OW cricket is a great social opportunity to play cricket, whether you are a regular or occasional player. There is an annual summer fixture against the school, where we hope to field two OW teams, plus an old boys’ Cricketer Trophy, where we play other alumni cricket teams in a knock-out competition.

2017 cricket dates
The Cricketer Trophy – First Round
Old Warwickians vs. Old Westminsters at Warwick School – Sunday 18 June 2017
The Cricketer Trophy – Second Round (if successful in the first round) – Sunday 2 July 2017
OWs 1st and 2nd XI vs. School – Saturday 8 July 2017
Please register your interest in playing OW cricket by joining ‘OWs Cricket 2017’ on Facebook, or email a.douglas@warwickschool.org.

With thanks to OW captains Tommy Williams and Ben Howard.

OW Golf

Jack and Joan Marshall Warwick School Golf Day – Sunday 9 July
OW golfers are invited to join WS students, teachers and parents for an afternoon’s golf at The Warwickshire Golf Club on Sunday 9 July 2017. We will play for the Jack & Joan Marshall Memorial Trophy. Teams of four players may include any of the following: students, teachers, OWs and parents.

Students (school boys/university students) and WS teachers (past and present) – £27.50
OWs and parents – £37.50
This includes the golf, a tasty plate of food afterwards and prizes!
The format will be individual stableford with two scores to count on all holes.
To enter, please email Julian Marcus at arkvets@hotmail.com.
Jack Marshall (WS 1930-35) served the school for half a century as boy and master. He was a passionate cricketer and 1st XI captain. He was Junior School Headmaster from 1947 to 1978 and was also responsible for Games throughout the school.

Spring Golf Day – Tuesday 16 May
Join other golfers at the Spring OW Golf Meeting at Tadmarton Heath Golf Club.
The day will follow the usual format of Edinburgh foursomes in the morning and an individual stableford in the afternoon, to allow members who only wish to play 18 holes the chance to participate in the afternoon.
Meet at 08:00 for coffee and 36 holes, or 12:15 for lunch and 18 holes.
The charge will be £70 for 36 holes or £60 for 18 holes (includes lunch, 3 course dinner, green fees and prizes).
Please contact Julian Marcus (arkvets@hotmail.com) if you would like to play. Five days’ notice is required for final numbers.

Good luck to our OW golfers playing in the Grafton Morrish Qualifying Round at Olton in May!

OW Hockey

Saturday 9 September
The 2017 contest for The Strover Shield, between Old Warwickians and Old Silhillians, is scheduled for Sat 9 Sept at Solihull School. If you’re interested in playing OW hockey, please contact Rob Pomfret – rjp503@googlemail.com.

OW Rugby

Saturday 9 September
This year’s encounter between Old Warwickians and Old Silhillians is scheduled for Sat 9 Sept at Solihull School.
Booking Form

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

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

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I would like to book _____ ticket(s) at £75 each and enclose a cheque for £__________.
I would like to pay by bank transfer, please send details.
Name of guest __________________________________________.
I am interested in booking _____ tickets on the coach.
Booking deadline: 10 April.

1970s-90s Boarders’ Reunion
Warwick School
Saturday 22 July 2017.
Dinner
■ I would like to book _____ ticket(s) at £34 each and enclose a cheque for £__________.
■ I would like to pay by bank transfer, please send details.
Names of OW guests (if booking more than one ticket)
Booking deadline: 22 May.

Accommodation
■ I would like to book B&B accommodation in the Boarding House on 22 July @ £35.
■ I would prefer a single , twin or triple room (please state order of preference [1], [2] and [3]).
■ I do not want to share a room.
■ I would like to share a room with:
(only insert names if you have their agreement!)
I am happy to sleep in a high bed, reached by a ladder.

Cheques should be made payable to Warwick Schools Enterprises Ltd.

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

Cancellations
Booking is on a first come, first served basis. Tickets are for named individuals only. Should you wish to cancel your ticket for an event, in order to be fair to those on the waiting list, we ask that you ‘return’ your ticket to the Alumni Office for reallocation. After the booking deadline tickets will be refunded as long as we are able to reallocate them.

Join today!
www.warwickschoolconnect.org

Ties and Gifts
Whether you’re looking for a reminder of your school days or wanting a gift for someone special, the Warwick School shop offers a range of ties and gifts.

For prices and details see www.oldwarwickians.org or contact Gill Allcock in the Warwick School Shop, Tel: 01926 776424. Email: g.allcock@warwickschool.org. The shop is generally open during term time, Monday to Friday, from 13:30 to 16:00.

Pictured left to right top row: 1950s OW tie, Original OW tie, OW crested tie.

New Warwick School cufflinks.