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Welcome to the OWA

2022 Leavers

Our 2022 leavers celebrated their time at Warwick School with a range of events, culminating in a formal graduation ceremony in Warwick Hall on 27 June, where they were presented with their OW ties and welcomed into the Old Warwickian Association. We wish them well as they embark on the next stage in their lives and encourage them to stay in touch.



The Class of 2022. Photo reproduced with kind permission of Gillman & Soame



Jamie Marsh and Dominic Wilde



Harry Robinson and Dominic Cook



Alex Fakatou, Callum Davies, Angus MacKinley, Tom Quinn, Will Kirwin, Mr Craig Bennett, Tom Firth and Cameron Rees



Angus Day



Leo Sun and Mr Melvin Cooley



Isaac Lee, Can Gulez, Sajan Heer, Adeeb Hussain, Ibrahim Miah



Back: Timothy Yuen, Thomas Chan, Tina Duncan, Ibrahim Miah. Front: Ivan Lee and Nathan Ng



Roland and Samuel Hancock



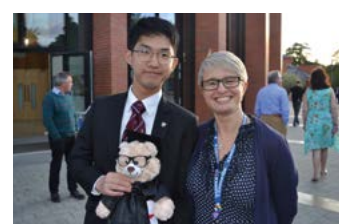
Tom Russell



Yusuf Ajibade, Rafferty Forsythe, Alex Fakatou and Ben Vago



Tristan Coane, Nick Tunbridge, Sam Jones and Adeeb Hussain



Thomas Chan and Mrs Katy Bull



Prof Peter and Shirley Varnish and
Phillip Rothwell



Ben Shipton, Mrs Vicky Bell, Harry Ainslie
and Ted Bromwich



Guy Portlock, James Challenor, Max Vago, Jamie Spencer, Sam
Shotton, Nick Tunbridge, Eoin Beevers, Sam Jones and Oliver Watts



Toby Li, Felix Ouyang, Harvey Zhang, Vincent Chen, Henry Li, Charles Jin, Colin Lin and Tiger Cheung



Back: Timothy Yuen, Sam Jervis, James Scott-Dawkins,
Mrs Anna Albrighton, Aingaran Thavarasa, Sujin Subanthran,
Alex Robinson, Cameron Watson. Front: Nathan Ng, Isaac Lee,
Jamie Marsh and Dominic Wilde



Ivan Lee, Mrs Kate Poole and Timothy Yuen



Sam Jones, James Challenor, Nick Tunbridge
and Sam Shotton



Rory Stride, Jack Thompson, Dr Hodkinson, Rowan Butler,
Sam Hancock and Dan Davies

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Recent leavers and all Old Warwickians are invited to join and engage with our free, online networking platform.

- Join the dedicated group for Old Warwickians plus your own specific year-group
- Connect with alumni, parents and friends of Warwick Independent Schools Foundation
- Request or offer mentoring opportunities
- Promote your business on the Business Directory
- Advertise or search for job opportunities or work experience.



Sign up in two minutes at www.warwickfoundationconnect.com or download the  Graduway Community App and enter 'Warwick Foundation'.

Anniversary Reunions

1960, '62, '70, '72, '80, '82, '90, '92, 2000, 2002, 2010 and 2012 Leavers

11 June 2022

On 11 June, over 200 OWs and many of the staff who taught them returned for their 1962, '72, '82, '92, 2002 and 2012 reunions. Reunions for leavers from 1960, '70, '80, '90, 2000 and 2010 (which were scheduled for 2020 but cancelled due to the pandemic) were also held on the same day. The reunions were simple and relaxed, with drinks, a welcome from the Head Master and tours of the school with prefects. For many, it was the first time back since leaving school.



First job of the day for Gervald Frykman – moving bees from the 1st XI pitch



Mike Fedeski was one of many delighted to meet Ralph Thornton, WS staff 1948-89



1970 Leavers: Rodger and Celia Spooncer, Graham Lockley, Ian Hunt, David Jackson, Barry Mitchell and John Cook



Trevor Pritchard and Helen Barber



1960 and 62 Leavers: Lance Fogg, Dave Phillips, the Head Master, Richard Gelling and Mike Fedeski



Louise Haines, Scott Wilson, Kathryn Frykman, John Pipitone and Gervald Frykman



Welcome back



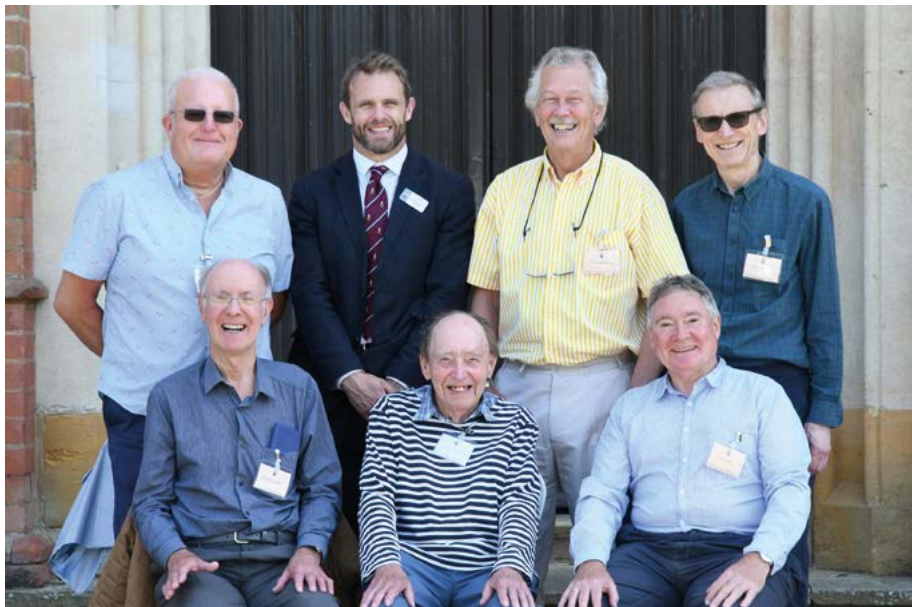
Prefects ready for the tours!



Richard and Judith Gelling

1970, '72, '80 and '82 Leavers

11 June 2022



1970 Leavers: Back: Ian Hunt, the Head Master, Rodger Spooncer and Barry Mitchell.
Front: Graham Lockley, David Jackson and John Cook

Back in the day



1972 Engineers: Julian Johnson, Martin Uren,
Ian Clements and Reeve Martin



1972 Medics: Alf Troughton, Christopher Kibbler,
Matthew Thatcher and Mark Patterson



1982 Leavers with Edward the Confessor: Steve Tubb,
John Caldwell, Stuart Podmore, David Rankin,
Stephen Wall, Tim Priest, Ian Harban and Nicholas Dann



Bridget Martin, Ian Clements, Janet Clements and
Reeve Martin



Steve Tubb and Tim Priest



1972 Leavers. Back: Martin Uren, Christopher Kibbler, Alf Troughton and Peter Osborne. Middle: Mark Patterson,
Matthew Thatcher, Bridget Martin, Reeve Martin, Janet Clements, Ian Clements and Jon Spencer
Front: Julian Johnson, Laurence Price, the Head Master, Robert Griffiths and Martin Garrett



1980 Leavers: Back: James Busby, Mike Davies-Colley, Roland Hancock, Fred Wright, Adrian Moore, Martin Hall, James Dickson. Front: Hugh Sargent, Geoff Lane, the Head Master, Trevor Pritchard and Nigel Freeman

Back in the day



Guy Nelson Hall



Nigel Freeman and Martin Hall



Martin Garrett, Christopher Kibbler, Martin Uren and Alf Troughton



Matthew Thatcher and Laurence Price



Stephen Wall and Trevor Pritchard



John Caldwell, Tim Priest and Stephen Wall

Back in the day



1986 First computer room



1982 Leavers. Back: Ian Harban, Tim Priest, Steve Tubb, Nicholas Dann and Stephen Wall. Front: David Rankin, Geoff Lane, the Head Master, Trevor Pritchard and John Caldwell

1990 and 1992 Leavers

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1990 Leavers: Back: James Dale, James Hodgson, James Tyler, Guy Rawstorne, Matthew Eades, Sylvia Fair, Bob Fair, James Rhoderick-Jones, James Kingscote, Rajwant Mann, Stuart Dee. Front: Nicholas Ash, Guy Dunstan, Mark Brain, the Head Master, Manjinder Gill, Andrew Wilson and Adam Michael



Alexander Amsel, Matt Osborne and Guy Mallison



Charlie Mulraine and Tony Sparks



Chris Firrell, Darren Thomas and Simon Green

Back in the day



1990-91 Prefects



1990s the library



Chris Firrell, Stuart Mills, Ian Brown, Jaish Mahan, Rory Brotheridge, James Tait and Darren Thomas



Music, formerly History and Geography
and originally Science



Scott Wilson, Dave Harrison and Ben Allchin

Back in the day



The Limes in the late 1980s



Manj Gill, James Kingscote and Rajwant Mann



Guy Dunstan, James Tyler, Guy Rawstorne and
James Kingscote



Trevor Pritchard in his teaching days



1992 Leavers. Back: JP Downes, Robert Booth, Paul Miles, James Tait, Dave Lewis, Jules Buczacki, Will Butcher. Middle: Steve Webb, Jaish Mahan, Mark Holbeche, Dom Yarnold, James Hadley, Dave Harrison, Ben Allchin, Christopher Weeks, Simon Green, Matt Osborne, Matthew Woodhouse, Joe Rukin, Alexander Amsel, Anthony Coulls, Ian Brown, Darren Thomas, Steve Hamilton Shaw. Front: Stuart Mills, James Grant, Guy Mallison, Dom Carrick, Rory Brotheridge, Head Master, Iain Blair, Charlie Mulraine, Adrian Fear, Dan Dalton and Chris Firrell



James Tait and Anthony Coulls



Will Butcher and Christopher Weeks



Rory Brotheridge, Daniel Dalton and James Tait

2000 and 2002 Leavers

11 June 2022



2002 leavers outside Warwick Hall



Arun Sachdev, Chris Wickson, Richard Meadows
and Edward Balcomb



David Shield and Matthew Warren



2000 Leavers: Back: Jon Stone, Tim Kenny, Mark Millar, Jagjit Bhathe, Jeremy Clarkson, Darren Hill, Geoff Hannis.
Front: Adam Draper, Thomas Foster, the Head Master, Robert Taylor and Stephen West



Robert Hudson and Robert Taylor-Ailes



Geoff Tedstone, Jon Stone and Robert Taylor



Christopher Hunt, Ray Thomson and
Sebastian Ambrozie



Stephen West, Mark Millar, Darren Hill
and Jeremy Clarkson



Thomas Foster, Stephen West, Tim Kenny,
Jeremy Clarkson and Jagjit Bhathe



Darren Hill, Geoff Hannis and Mark Millar



2002 Leavers: Back: Christopher Hunt, Mark Bissett, Robert Taylor-Ailes, David Shield, Richard Meadows, Matthew Warren, Gurjeven Sandhu, Scott Fairlie, Louise Haines, Martin Lewis, David White, Gurpal Thadwal, Thomas Beeley, Cyprian Vella, John Campbell, Jonathan New, Tom Rance, Henry West. Front: Jonathan Wilkinson, Ravi Lal-Sarin, Edward Ransome, Sebastian Ambrozic, Jack Gibson, Head Master, Arun Sachdev, Edward Jenner, Ray Thomson, Edward Balcomb and Chris Wickson



Eric Hadley and David White



John Campbell and Christopher Hunt



Jack Gibson, Ravi Lal Sarin, Edward Jenner and Gurpal Thadwal



Jeremy Clarkson and Jagjit Bhathe



Jonathan Wilkinson, Cyprian Vella, Robert Taylor-Ailes and David White



Nikesh Farmah and Ben Beebe

2010 and 2012 Leavers

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Alex Stock, Charles Brooke-Taylor, Will Spackman and Tom Parsons



Daniel Oliver, Joshua Young, Jon Stone and Guy Jessett



Alexander Tam and Sidney Chan



Andrew Phillips, Charles Baker and Tom Greensall



Brian Davies and Tom Emery



2010 Leavers. Back: Rohan Pai, Ned Twigger, Simon Blake, Thomas Hoare, Alex Stock, Will Spackman, Tom Wilson, Seb Holton, Jack Worlidge, Ben Beebee, Max Jennings, Hamish Riddle, Laurence Taylor, Tom Parsons. Front: James Parris, William Giles, Ed Linford, Jeevan Dhoot, James Barker, Giles Grindlay, Matthew Madden, Nikesh Farmah and Sam Toms



Christopher Edwards, Patrick Tynes and Charles Baker



Dom Dickinson, Daniel Oates and Christopher Tunbridge



Thomas Carter, Tom Greensall and Joshua Young



2012 Leavers. Back: Tom Greensall, George Thompson, Alex Gibson, the Head Master, Kiran Sabharwal, Henry Roberts, Cameron Mackenzie-Lawrie. To the left – 3 Charles Baker, Nick Martlew, Rory Crisp-Jones. Middle: Joe Crossan, Andrew Gough, Dan Stevens, Christopher Tunbridge, Rory Crisp-Jones, Owen Clarke, Andrew Phillips, Daniel Oates, Conor Atkin, Henry Corbett, Robbie Hoare, James Middup, Richard Campain, Daniel Oliver, Joshua Young, Guy Jessett, Fergus Smithers, Thomas Carter, Thomas Parsons, Charles Brooke-Taylor, Alexander Tam. Front: Sidney Chan, George Tedstone, Seb Burke, Harry Ley, Matthew Ellis, Dom Dickinson, Arran Dulay, Patrick Tynes, Jon Houlihan, Henry Lougher, Tom Emery, Christopher Edwards



Back: Christopher Tunbridge, Henry Corbett, Rory Crisp-Jones, Harry Ley, Dom Dickinson. Front: Matthew Ellis, George Tedstone and Dan Stevens



Ed Linford, Matthew Madden, Ben Beebee



Harry Ley, Henry Corbett and Cameron Mackenzie Lawrie



Richard Campain, Jon Houlihan and Eric Hadley



Rohan Pai and Melvin Cooley



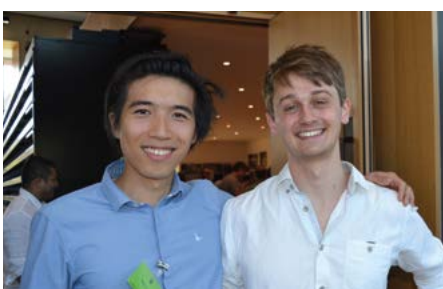
Rory Crisp-Jones, Head of School Josh, Sebastian Burke and Christopher Tunbridge



Sam Toms, Ben Beebee, Laurence Taylor, Giles Grindlay, William Giles and Alex Stock



Sebastian Burke and Richard Campain



Sidney Chan and Henry Maynard

School News

From the Head Master James Barker (WS 1991-97)

On 19 May, for the second time in a little under two years, Warwick School had to deal with the sudden, unexpected loss of a much-loved member of the teaching staff. Dr Bill Gill is greatly missed and remembered with great affection by pupils, colleagues and many OWs.

The school's mission is to help its pupils grow into well-rounded young adults: confident but not arrogant, who will play a positive role in the world. Bill was the embodiment of this goal and was a role model and mentor to those he taught.

We include here a selection of summer news stories. They remind us of the amazing opportunities available at Warwick School and the impact that great teachers have. With much energy and enthusiasm our pupils have enjoyed a full calendar of teaching and learning with sport, music, drama and an amazing choice of extra-curricular events and activities.

CCF Review Day

The CCF is ever popular. Lt Col Matthew Boulter (WS 1978-85) was delighted to be this year's Reviewing Officer at the CCF Review Day.



Lt Col Matthew Boulter at the CCF Review Day

James TW – Shared Spaces Arts Festival

A Family Day marked the climax of a Shared Spaces Arts Festival across Warwick Independent Schools Foundation. Music, activities and exhibitions were enjoyed in Warwick Hall and the Stevens Quad, with a special guest performance by James TW (WS 2005-15). Those who embraced the wet weather were treated to an exceptional and personal performance from Warwick School's most successful and amazing singer-songwriter.



First song in the rain!



And then the sun came out

DofE

Spirits were high for our Duke of Edinburgh participants as they completed their expeditions.



Junior Bake Off

A range of afternoon tea challenges produced some tasty results in the Bake Off competition.



Horticultural Society

The Gardening Club is growing!



Jubilee Party

The Junior School was a sea of red, white and blue as pupils enjoyed a street party lunch in the playground.



Art Showcase

After another year of hard work, our talented artists put on a stunning GCSE and A Level Art Exhibition in Warwick Hall.



Trips are back

Once again pupils have experienced a great range of trips and tours. 70 pupils enjoyed the Classics Department's visit to Hadrian's Wall while a week-long trip to North Wales provided great challenges for younger boys.



Y6 residential in North Wales

Any dream will do

It has been a while since Joseph was performed at Warwick School. This year's production did not disappoint.



Joseph 2022

A big summer for cricket

Hundreds of pupils enjoyed a big summer season of cricket and were blessed with sunshine, wicket hauls and centuries.



Let music fill the air

Singers, choirs and musicians brought much joy with a range of concerts and competitions.



The Big Brass Concert



Spring Concert

Thank you

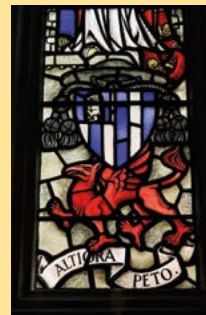
Supporting Bursaries

Our continuing ambition is to ensure there is always financial support for pupils to flourish at Warwick School. Over the past academic year the generosity of over 150 OWs, the support of the Old Warwickian Trust and gifts from generous legacies, have provided means-tested bursaries to pupils who would not otherwise be able to attend the school.



Your support, generosity and involvement are always enormously appreciated. As we start the new school year there will be a renewed focus on providing free places and hardship funds to deserving pupils.

Warwick School Service of Thanksgiving



On 26 June, members of the school community and civic dignitaries including the Mayors of Warwick and Leamington, joined a special service of thanksgiving in Warwick School Chapel. The service was held to celebrate our links with the local community and to celebrate our benefactors who have supported the school. The Head Master was delighted to welcome many OWs and their families to the Chapel Service.

What your gifts supported this year

As well as providing bursaries, OWs support many aspects of the school's activities.

At time of publication, the fund to re-establish the CCF Corps of Drums stands at £4,000. This will help to purchase instruments, equipment, and training for pupils in the CCF. To support the fund, please visit www.oldwarwickians.org/corpsofdrums.



OWs have provided support for the development of sports facilities, prizes for speech days, and donations towards a creative writing prize.

OWs have also generously given their time and shared their talent and expertise by:

- speaking to current pupils
- offering careers advice
- acting as a mentor
- delivering an 'Encounters' lecture or
- participating in our education conference Future FWD.

Contact and further information

For more information on how OWs support the school, please visit www.oldwarwickians.org/support. If you would like to discuss any aspect of our work, please contact Phillip Rothwell, Development Director, on p.rothwell@warwickschools.co.uk or 01926 776402.

Ambulances for Ukraine



The ambulances set off and reached Ukraine at the end of May



Students from Warwick and King's High completed a Walk for Ukraine to raise money for a fully equipped ambulance to be sent to the war-torn country. Exceeding their initial target, the students raised enough funds to purchase two ambulances which travelled, fully equipped with medical supplies, to Ukraine. In a gesture of gratitude the United Ukraine Fellowship presented our students with a stunning wooden plaque made by the J Stanka Ukrainian Art School.

The Queen's Green Canopy

Four new trees were planted across the Foundation site to mark Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee.



One of four Queen's Green Canopy trees

Speech Days and Prize-Giving

Over the years, many OWs have been Guest of Honour at our Speech Day and Prize-Giving ceremonies. This year, doctor and award-winning DJ Kishan Bodalia (WS 2002-13) inspired students to aim high, follow their interests and passion and take advantage of all the opportunities offered by a Warwick School education.



Kishan is pictured with the Head Master, his partner and Head of School Josh

Encounters



The Rt Hon The Lord Blunkett

Professor Adam Smith and Alex Burghart MP.

The line-up for the Michaelmas term is impressive and includes:

- Sunder Katwala (An Encounter with British Future): 16 Sep
- Prof. Stephen Law (An Encounter with the Big Questions): 23 Sep
- Stuart Orme (An Encounter with the Lord Protector Oliver Cromwell): 30 Sep
- James Uffindell, WS 1992-97, (An Encounter with an Entrepreneur): 7 Oct
- Faraz Shibli (An Encounter with the Mongolian Gobi Desert): 14 Oct.

The full Michaelmas programme will be detailed on www.warwickschool.org/encounters.

Future Fwd

The Foundation's hugely successful conference Future Fwd saw educators, business leaders, academics, charities and young people come together in a series of talks and workshops. The conference focussed on three core values of inspiration, collaboration, and innovation. Delegates were especially delighted to hear from entrepreneur Ronit Kanwar (WS 2008-16) who was the keynote speaker at the Y12 part of the conference. Ronit, currently Manager at Schmidt Futures, inspired Sixth Formers to focus on learning and to think about purpose and how to make the world better (sooner rather than later).



Keynote speaker Ronit Kanwar



Ronit with the Head Master

The Heaton Podcast

John Jefferies and Olly O'Brien first introduced The Heaton Podcast with the idea that it would be a history and politics revision aid for pupils. The series has morphed into something much more and is now widely enjoyed by pupils, parents and OWs alike.

Catch up on all episodes of The Heaton Podcast on Spotify, Apple Podcasts or at www.buzzsprout.com/1781158

A Levels and GCSEs

As we go to press we eagerly await exam results and we wish our new OWs well as they venture forward.

New Events

2020 Leavers BBQ and Rugby Shirt Presentation

Warwick School

Having missed opportunities to gather in 2020, it was all the more special to welcome back many of our 2020 leavers for drinks and a BBQ during the OWs vs School cricket match on 24 June.

The occasion also provided the perfect opportunity for the 2020 leavers' rugby shirt presentation which had been postponed during the pandemic. This year-group had made it to the final of the U18 Schools Cup after defeating Northampton School for Boys 32-22. Their U18 Schools Cup Final against Whitgift was cruelly postponed due to the pandemic. The re-gathering of players who missed the opportunity to play at Twickenham made the evening extra special. The cohort included current England and Worcester Warrior rugby players Jack Forsythe and Fin Smith, although Fin was unable to make the event as he was playing with the England squad in the Six Nations U20 Summer Series.



Harry Hawkins, Harry Spencer, the Head Master and Tom Pierce



2020 leavers with the Head Master, Christian Gibbs and Tom Pierce. Jack Forsythe, Will Banfield, Jamie McCombe, Dan May, Rohan Gogna, Archie Gale, Dan Chambers, Max Hayward, Matt Quinn, Ben Beresford, Alex Harrold, Anant Gill, Cam Hobson, Matt Rigby, James Parker, Kunwoo Ha, Charlie Perkins, Harry Allwood, Cam Dunn, Harry Hawkins, Harry Penney, Tom Hales, Ethan Evan Cook, Will Dudley, Luke Robinson, Joe Smith, Tom Boorman and Jack Aston



The presentation of rugby shirts



Regional Events

Wessex Old Warwickians

25 May 2022

Jimmy Flynn (WS 1967 & 1970-77), Tim Harry (WS 1963-73) and Mike Huntley (WS 1962-69) had certainly done their homework in testing pubs in the Wessex region and the long-awaited Wessex Old Warwickians Lunch did not disappoint.

This was the third gathering of Wessex Old Warwickians, the first being kindly hosted chez Mike and Anne Huntley and the second being held at The Forester Inn in Donhead St Andrew. For this third occasion, WOWs gathered for a fascinating private tour of Sherborne Abbey, the 'cathedral of Dorset', founded by St Aldhelm in AD 705. After the tour and a short stroll across the green, WOWs enjoyed welcome drinks and an amazing array of lunch platters at the 16th century Plume of Feathers. This was a hugely enjoyable lunch, with many pledging to return to The Plume and all keen for another gathering.



An amazing lunch at The Plume of Feathers



Jimmy Flynn, Guy Selby, Tim Harry and Anne Huntley



Alison Flynn, Julie Selby, Sandra Harry and Richard Franklin



Sam Samwell, Mike Huntley, Andrew Gough, Simon Jackson and John Vaughan



The Plume of Feathers



Guided tours of Sherborne Abbey before lunch



Gervald Frykman outside Sherborne Abbey



Roger Wyatt, Joe and Sue Dunstan



Sarah and John Twigger

Future Events

West Country? East Anglia? The North West? Sydney? New York?

We would be happy to help organise other regional or international gatherings of OWs for a meal and/or drinks. Plans are already underway for lunches in East Anglia and the West Country. **Please get in touch with Anne Douglas on a.douglas@warwickschool.org if you are interested in helping organise a get-together of OWs in your area.**

OWA Presidents' Dinner

Hartlebury Castle

14 May 2022

On a fine summer's evening and after a three-year absence due to Covid, the President's Dinner was firmly re-established as a special event in the OW calendar. Peter Varnish OBE (WS 1954-65 and OWA President 2020 and 2022) and Peter Baird FRCS (WS 1953-61 and OWA President 2021) hosted a joint dinner, warmly welcoming OWs and guests to Hartlebury Castle, home of the Bishops of Worcester for over 1,000 years.

Not widely known, the Grade 1 listed former Bishops' Palace of Hartlebury Castle was a wonderful discovery. OWs and guests enjoyed pre-dinner drinks in the Carriage Circle with guided tours of the Hurd library, private chapel and Bishop's study. Dinner was held in the magnificent Great Hall. Speeches were brief, entertaining and with customary good humour. Head Master James Barker (WS 1991-97) toasted the Old Warwickian Association, Peter Baird raised a glass to absent friends with special mention to Ralph Thornton (WS staff 1948-89) and Peter Varnish crowned the evening with a toast to Warwick School.



Dinner in the Great Hall



Suzie and Sir John Cavanagh, Adrian Keeling and Camilla Rents



Janet and Tony Penn



Anne and Mike Huntley CB



Julia and Robert Holl-Allen



Martin Newman and Ruth Pretty



Nicky and Jim Button



Presidents Peter Varnish OBE and Peter Baird



Head Master James Barker and Emma Pollard



Julian and Gayna Marcus, Anne and Steve Tubb



Clive Boast, Philip Harris, Mike Spanton and Fraser Watts

OW News

Jubilee Floral Tribute



Renowned florist Simon Lycett (WS 1974-85), who has created many arrangements for the Royal Family, was delighted to design and create a special tribute at the RHS Chelsea Flower Show for HM Queen Elizabeth's Platinum Jubilee. One ton of steel was cut to form the familiar silhouette seen on stamps and coins. The structure supported 70 terracotta pots which were hand-made in Warwickshire and planted with lily of the valley – one of the Queen's favourite flowers.

Ordination congratulations

James Hanson (WS 1985-95 and WS staff 2001-03) was delighted to be ordained as a Church of England Priest in Guildford Cathedral in July.

British Association for Local History Award

Martin Green (WS staff 1970-2005) was hugely disappointed to miss this year's anniversary reunions on 11 June. The reunions clashed with Martin being presented with an Award for Outstanding Individual Contributions from the British Association for Local History. The award, for his extensive and long-standing voluntary work, was presented during Local History Day at Conway Hall, London. Chairman of the Warwickshire Industrial Archaeology Society, Martin's lecture on Warwickshire's Industrial Heritage during lockdown attracted 175 OWs from across the globe and decades.



Martin received the award from Prof Caroline Barron, President of the British Association for Local History

Did you see?

Our hugely talented and amazing OW actors continue to entertain.

Tom McKay (WS 1993-98) starred as Max K in Channel 4's *The Undeclared War*.

Maanuv Thiara (WS 2001-12) starred as family liaison officer PS Tony Khatri in *DI Ray*.

Joshua McGuire (WS 1996-2006) and **Ralph Davis** (WS 2003-14) starred in *Anatomy of a Scandal*. Watch out for Josh in *My Mother's Wedding* – the directorial debut film from Kristin Scott Thomas which also stars Scarlett Johansson.

The Father and The Assassin

Maanuv Thiara (WS 2001-12) and Marc Elliott (WS 1991-98) made the Warwick School connection on day one of rehearsals for *The Father and The Assassin* at the National's Olivier Theatre and enjoyed many a rendition of "Floreat" backstage!



Maanuv Thiara and Marc Elliott outside The National

Marc said *"The show is going really well and has, on the whole, been excellently reviewed by the press. Maanuv and I are having an absolute blast both inside and outside of the theatre. It's a great honour to be telling this very important, hugely pertinent story on one of the country's most prestigious stages and I also feel like I've made a mate for life!"*

A bumpy ride

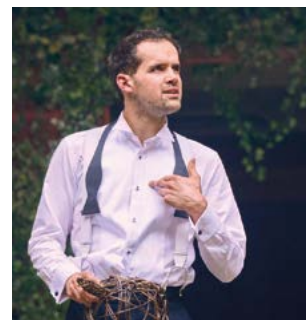
Great to see some of our 2005 leavers having fun on a long-awaited post-Covid reunion.



Ollie Killick, Harry Jenner, George Powell, Tom Madden, Sam Jones, Conor Smith, Jack Young, Will Gooch and Jack Pass.

Much Ado

Ralph Davis (WS 2003-14) is starring as Benedick in The Globe's absurdly funny, smart and joyous production of *Much Ado About Nothing* (18 August to 23 October 2022).



Ralph Davis © Manual Harlan

Welcome back

It is always great to welcome OWs back to Warwick School.
Recent visitors included:

Joe Elliott MBE
(WS 1950-59)



Brian Croome (WS 1949-55) with wife Heather (a former Kingsley girl)



Ameet Gill OBE (WS 1989-2000)



Matt Barber (WS 1988-95) with mother Helen (WS staff 1987-99)



Darren Yam (WS 2017-19)



If you would like to visit please let us know in advance so we can arrange a time when someone is available to show you round.

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Elexus

Alex Leake (WS 1966-74), Nigel Ede (WS 1969-76) and Duncan Gould (WS 1965-76) were the very best of friends at school in the 1970s, finding a common love of music and forming a band called *Elexus*. They practised for hours every weekend in what was the Boot Room (now the laundry room and offices). The trio enjoyed a wonderful tour of the school over the summer – Nigel's first time back for 46 years!



Alex (bass guitar), Nigel (drums) and Duncan (guitar).

Pedal2Paris

Father and son Roy (WS 1973-81) and Guy (WS 2009-20) Dixon are Pedalling to Paris in September in aid of the Royal British Legion. They will cycle 284 miles over four days from Eltham Palace to the Arc de Triomphe.



Roy and Guy Dixon

A horse with no name

Jon Gregory (WS 1965-73) had fun organising a class of '73 reunion at the White Horse in Leamington. Attendees included a strong contingent of Jon's fellow rugby players from that era, together with their former rugby coach and teacher Martin Green (WS staff 1970-2005).



Tim Harry, David Stevens, Nigel Robinson, Paul Kemp, David (Dai) Rees, Myles Collett, Steve Raby, a horse with no name, Richard Hoyland, Jon Gregory, Martin Green, Martin Clifford, Andrew Sharp and Adrian Prince

Queen's Award for Enterprise

Congratulations to Luke (WS 1997-99) and Elliot Benton (WS 1996-2001) whose family-owned business MNB Precision Ltd has been honoured with a Queen's Award for Enterprise for International Trade 2022. MNB Precision provides manufacturing and precision engineering services to the world's leading companies across the oil and gas, power generation, rail and other manufacturing industries.



Luke and Elliot Benton

"Believe me, my young friend, there is nothing – absolutely nothing – half so much worth doing as simply messing about in boats" Wind in the Willows

Peter Knight (WS 1968-79) recalls a barging holiday that he organised in 1979 on the Llangollen Canal with a group of fellow OWs and friends. Over 40 years later, three of the original crew enjoyed barging on the Ashby Canal.



1979 Barging on the Llangollen Canal



Peter Knight (sitting), Dick Fellows (left) and Guy Beaufoy

European Research Council Advanced Grant

Plants fibres in timber, crops and food help us to live healthily and sustainably. Prof Paul Dupree, Dept of Biochemistry, University of Cambridge (WS 1976-84) has collaborated with father Prof Ray Dupree (Department of Physics, University of Warwick) and been awarded a European Research Council Advanced Grant EVOCATE. The Duprees have made significant advances in the understanding of the molecular architecture of plants and their project will allow the Cambridge and Warwick teams to study how the architecture of plant fibres changed over millions of years of evolution and to further develop solid state NMR for this research. The research could reduce the use of fossil fuels and plastics, replacing them with renewable and biodegradable alternatives.

Now we are six... Brigadiers

Congratulations to Jaish Mahan (WS 1985-92) on his appointment to Brigadier. Jaish will be Deputy Commander Reserves of 1 (UK) Division with some 20,000 regular soldiers and 15,000 reservists! Jaish joins the rank of fellow 1992 leaver Jules Buczaccki, 1989 leaver James Cook OBE, 1979 leaver Bill Aldridge CBE, 1976 leaver Mark Banham MBE and 1956 leaver Mike Stephens.

England U20s call up

Fin Smith (WS 2013-20) helped England U20s secure a bonus-point victory over France in the U20 Six Nations Summer Series in Verona. Fin, who has enjoyed a stellar campaign at Sixways, kicked a penalty and two conversions as the next generation of England stars held on to a crucial 29-20 win.

TreeApp

Congratulations to Leo Ng (WS 2009-14) who is listed in the *Forbes 30 under 30 Social Impact List for Europe*. With co-founders Jules Buker and Godefroy Harito, Leo launched TreeApp, a streamlined solution to the growing threat of deforestation. TreeApp allows over 100,000 users to plant a tree every day for free with the only barrier being a 30 second advertisement. More than one million trees have been planted to date and TreeApp has created over 300 jobs in local communities.



Leo (centre) and his co-founders with the B Corp certification

CCF Corps of Drums

Jimmy Flynn (WS 1970-77) has kindly sent a selection of images for the WS archives. Jimmy's father Tom (WS 1937-45 and OWA President 2004) played the bass drum in the JTC Band for the three years 1943-45. Jimmy played the same drum and wore the same leopard skin in the JTC Band 1975-77.

The CCF Corps of Drums was a popular and prominent feature of Warwick School life for many years, but ended in the mid-1980s. After many years of cajoling from OWs and with over 20 aspiring band members in the current CCF, the school is reforming the CCF Corps of Drums. We would like to raise £15,000 to purchase instruments, uniform and other equipment. Thank you to several OWs who have already given their support. If you like to make a donation to the Corps of Drums please see www.oldwarwickians.org/CorpsOfDrums.



1976 Remembrance Day Parade (Jimmy Flynn left)

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Reflections on a revisit to Warwick School



Jonty Izard (WS 1966-73)

Jonathan (Jonty) James Izard (WS 1966-73) kindly shared his reflections on his return to school this summer.

"I was apprehensive about visiting Warwick School and risking stirring up memories best forgotten. I'd arrived as a pupil in 1966, shy and nervous. I found my own clique of friends – surnames only, of course – and my own niche of subjects that I enjoyed or was not bad at (not always the same thing). I wasn't particularly happy or unhappy; more compliant and subdued. If you didn't excel academically or at sport you passed under the radar. And not conforming in terms of sexuality added to my desire to keep a low profile.

It wasn't until the Sixth Form that, determined to overcome my disabling shyness, I auditioned for the school play and an inspirational teacher saw talent in me that I wasn't aware of. His decision was instrumental in my emergence into a world that no longer scared me. I was out. I was off. After Cambridge I went to Bristol Old Vic drama school and became an actor. Then a journalist, broadcaster and psychotherapist. Nobody at Warwick could have predicted those plot twists.

On my visit to the school this spring so many memories flooded back: of chapel services, tuck shop treats, chilly swims in the outdoor pool, a teapot stand made in woodwork classes, a sneaky B&H in the red barn. Moments of frivolity, jealousy and teenage angst. Of being bullied but then joining the bullying gang. Of the boys in Lower 4A, whose names I can still recite in alphabetical order. And the teachers, most of whom probably scarcely registered me but the one who helped me change my life.

My apprehension evaporated within minutes of setting foot in the school again. I was fascinated to hear about the variety of opportunities available now, and the support offered for healthy growth to every pupil. And I was surprised and moved to feel something new stir in me about those old, familiar locations, the buildings and playing fields where I'd struggled but survived. It was a warm, comforting sensation. It was pride."

Cricket selfie

Chris McNee (WS staff 1992-2017) was delighted to grab a quick selfie with Warwickshire batsman Rob Yates (WS 2011-18) at Trent Bridge in June. Rob smashed 53, his maiden T20 half-century, from 29 balls, including 22 from one over.



Rob Yates and Chris McNee

1979 Leavers

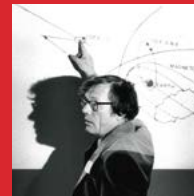
A second gathering of 1979 leavers at the Queen and Castle in Kenilworth was also a great success. Save the date 2023: Friday 7 July!



Marcus Flint, Richard Shelly, Craig Heath, Jeremy Snoad, Philip Holding, Tim Smith, John Jones and Jamie Magraw.
Not pictured: Geoff Tedstone

NASA Senior Scientist

For 50 years Dr Keith Ogilvie (WS 1939-43) worked for NASA as a senior scientist and astrophysicist, recruited in the exciting early days of the space programme.



Keith Ogilvie at NASA



Keith Ogilvie at Warwick School 2018

At NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center, he was to play an important continuing scientific role until he retired at the age of 87 in 2012.

Keith participated in numerous space exploration missions at NASA, as Principal Investigator for experiments with instruments he designed; as Project Scientist; and as Laboratory Chief. His missions included Voyager I and II, International Sun Earth Explorer (ISEE) I and II, WIND (part of the Heliophysics Systems Observatory initiative) and DISCOVER (Deep Space Climate Observatory), a solar weather and earth climate observatory for which he was a key player in the conceptualization of its space science mission in 1999.

Keith received many awards. Chief among them were three medals: NASA Medal for Exceptional Service (1979), NASA Medal for Exceptional Scientific Achievement (1984), and "For lifelong service to the expansion of human knowledge of interplanetary space and the solar wind," NASA's highest civilian award, the NASA Medal for Distinguished Service (2009). He quietly revisited school during 2018 and had intended another visit in 2020 for he credited his academic and professional achievements to the solid foundation he received at Warwick School. With much regret, the visit was postponed because of the Pandemic and Keith passed away earlier this year.

The Mike Wardle Cup

James (WS 1997-2004) and Matt (WS 1989-96) Wardle returned to school to be photographed with the Wardle Cup – a swimming cup named in memory of their father Mike (WS 1950-60) who passed away earlier in the year.



James and Matt are pictured with Captain of Swimming Louis

An accomplished swimmer, Mike was one of Warwick School's swim coaches for many years. He was instrumental in setting up the Warwick 100s which has become one of the premier school swimming competitions. In memory of Mike the school commissioned and renamed the trophy for Warwick 100s the Mike Wardle Cup.

In conversation with...

Nigel Robinson (WS 1955-66)

Nigel spent many happy and productive years at Warwick School. From an early age and throughout his life he has invested time and energy into forming and sustaining connections and friendships. School friendships have lasted a lifetime and for many years he has been the lynchpin and mainstay of the mid-1960s OW cohort, delivering regular communications with his inimitable humour and sharp wit.



Nigel Robinson, WS 1955-66

Nigel started at Warwick School as a seven-year-old Junior House boarder with a trunk and metal tuck box. He recalls learning to make his own bed with hospital corners and a tight blanket, writing home on Sundays after chapel and being given 12 pennies pocket money (one of which had to reluctantly go in the Offertory plate). He fondly remembers iced buns, snowball fights and having hot chocolate while listening to matron Ros Wilson (née Pulford) read *101 Dalmations*.

His Warwick School education was interrupted in 1958 when, a week before his tenth birthday, he left for a three-year sojourn in Singapore when his father, 'HB', was posted there with the RAF.

His return to school at 13 years of age was a life changer. He reconnected and made lifelong friends. He enjoyed rugby, cricket and cross-country, was a drummer in the CCF corps of drums and, as captain of the school shooting team, was sergeant-in-charge of the armoury. A holder of the RLSS Bronze Cross and Award of Merit, he was also a qualified life-saving instructor... but admits he still can't swim that well.

Nigel's proud claim to fame is that he and David Summers were the first two Warwick School boys ever to complete the newly-introduced Duke of Edinburgh's Gold Award. Remarkably, the presentation of his Gold Award only took place recently, as he explained: *"There was so much going on in the summer of 1966 – A level revision and exams, starting journalism and of course England winning the World Cup – that I left school without the Head Master ever signing my record book. In 2019 when I found the book in a box of memorabilia I passed it to the school who kindly signed it off and arranged for me to finally be presented with my badge and certificate!"*

Leaving school at 18 with A levels in English and economics & political studies, he toyed between a career in civil aviation, estate agency or journalism. While playing for the OWRFC during school holidays he was introduced in The Portcullis Club to ex-Fleet Street journalist and editor of the Warwick Advertiser Jim Pritchard (OWA President 1979), who offered him a three-year indentureship which launched his journalistic career. From the Warwick Advertiser he progressed through the Coventry Evening Telegraph, a stint in New York on the Reporter Dispatch and back home to join the Birmingham Post, before landing a three-year contract in Johannesburg on the Sunday Times. He looks back on an incredible and exciting time in South Africa.

Nigel loved journalism. He relished the company of journalists, the buzz of the newsroom, the rumbling of the press, clattering of typewriters and urgency of deadlines.

In the late 1970s he switched from journalism to pursue a career in public relations, launching his own agency, Newline PR, in 1979, which he ran successfully until his retirement earlier this year. He looks back on a varied and exciting career with perhaps just one regret – that he didn't wait a little bit longer before switching from journalism to PR.



1963 CCF band with Nigel playing the cymbals far left ©Paul Wilmot



1958 Warwick School Junior House (Nigel front row of boys, fourth from left)



1966 shooting team (Nigel front row, second from left)



Card school on Fred Olsen crossing to Norway for CCF expedition 1965



Father of the bride. Sarah's wedding reception was in the Pyne Room

Looking at the Robinson family tree you will see Old Warwickians everywhere. Nigel's father 'HB' was head boy and captain of both rugby and cricket. After retiring from the RAF, he joined the Junior School where he became deputy head. Nigel's older brother Adrian also attended the school, and both went on to play for the OWRFC. His godfather was John Camkin (OWA President 1987) and four of his godsons are the sons of different OWs.

His children Sarah and Peter, from his previous marriage to Sue, were both christened in the school chapel; Sarah married there and her three children were christened there; and Nigel and Julie were married there. They celebrated their Silver Wedding Anniversary in May this year.

Nigel has always had great affection for Warwick School and is a staunch Old Warwickian. He has given a lifetime of service to both the school and OWA. He was social secretary of The Portcullis Club for many years before being elected its chairman in 1980. He served twice as OWA chairman (1985-87 and 2005-10) and was president in 2001. He was a playing member of the OWRFC in the 1960s and 70s and was elected its president in 2009. In 2014 he was appointed one of two OWA vice-presidents for the school's 1,100th anniversary year. He has also been secretary of the Old Warwickian Trust since its inception in 2011.

Nigel is unique. A friend to so many. A wise counsel to the Alumni Relations team. A provider of fun and laughter. A highly respected and treasured Old Warwickian.



Early stories



With Julie at the Anniversary Lunch in 2014



Former Head Master Deneal Smith presented Nigel with his DofE certificate in 2019



Press pass!

Nigel's Five Favourites

Favourite book – Fiction: The Northern Light by A J Cronin.
Non-fiction: All the President's Men by Woodward & Bernstein

Favourite TV Series – Poirot

Favourite Film – The Dam Busters (1955)

Favourite song – Help! by The Beatles (which he heard live at Shea Stadium in 1965!)

Favourite place (apart from Warwick School) – South Africa

View from the cockpit (Part 3)

We conclude our feature on OW pilots and hope you have enjoyed reading these special insights into the varied flying careers and experiences of a range of OWs.

Peter Johnston (WS 1948-55)



Air Niger DC-6B Takeoff, Arlit, Niger Republic

After a childhood flight in an Olley Airways de Havilland 'Dragon Rapide', Peter knew he wanted to be a pilot. His first lesson was in 1952, when he was just 15. He flew in the school holidays, beginning with 9 hours 25 minutes in his log book and ending his flying career with over 17,000 hours, many of them spent with the RAF, Air Ivoire with the DC-3, Orion Airways with the Boeing 737 and Brit Air with the ATR 42.

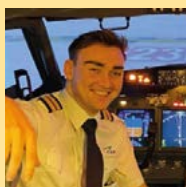
Peter gained his private pilot's licence in 1954 and, according to AHB Bishop, was the first Warwick School pupil to hold a flying licence while at school.

Peter's near misses include flying the Meteor T7 in 1960 when, in cloud at 8,000 ft, he suddenly saw a typical Boeing tail fin and was able to read the aircraft number, painted in ten inch high characters! He also recounts, from 1973, a tense story of engine failure on a regular flight from Abidjan to Korhogo.

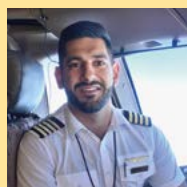
His most memorable moment is an all-night flight from Birmingham to Palermo, Rome and Liverpool. Peter took off from Rome in the dark. *"As we climbed away westwards the sun rose behind us. In front of us were towering black-centred cumulonimbus storm clouds tinged pink by the rising sun but periodically lit up by their own lightning flashes. Lines of small static electrical sparks would skid their way across the windscreens in front of us – a blazing tableau".*

Mentoring Success

Oran Aske-Haley (WS 2006-17) is delighted to have accepted an offer to start with easyJet as a Second Officer and is due to start company training mid-December.



Oran Aske-Haley



Amit Bir

Oran is enormously grateful to Amit Bir (WS 1999-2006) who provided help and advice through the OW mentoring scheme.

If you would like mentoring or are happy to offer mentoring support please register at www.warwickfoundationconnect.com.

Mark Jackson (WS 2002-09)



Mark is a Senior First Officer on the A380 fleet with Emirates. He has worked with Emirates for six years and previously worked for Tigerair in Singapore for four years after he finished his flying training in Oxford.

Mark loves flying the A380. As such a large aircraft with 600 passengers, it has its own

unique challenges. He flies to some great destinations with New York JFK, Bangkok and Auckland being among his favourites (despite the latter being 17 hours' flight time).

He is looking forward to seeing the continued recovery towards the pre-Covid amount of flying and hopefully working towards an upgrade to become a Captain.

Mark Dunster (WS 1991-98)



Mark started flying straight out of school, gaining his private pilot's licence at Coventry airport. His career took him on to flight instruction, where he became the Deputy Chief Flying Instructor for Cabair Valencia. After three years he joined Ryanair, where he has remained for 14 years. He currently flies as a Captain out of Birmingham.

Mark's best memories of flying were his early days in Valencia, watching students learn the basics of flying and later progressing to flying large jets across the world.

While at Warwick School, he was told he'd never earn a living staring out of a window. Funnily enough, he feels as if he's never worked a day since his career began – he simply has a hobby which pays!

Maj Michael Pimm MBE (WS 1993-2000)



Michael completed his pilot training through the military flying training system as a junior officer in the Army Air Corps. Post Royal Military Academy Sandhurst, he started

the Army pilot's course with Elementary Flying Training on the Firefly light aircraft, Basic and Advanced Rotary Training on the Squirrel helicopter and finally, the Army's Operational Training Phase, also on the Squirrel helicopter. He was awarded the coveted Army Pilot Wings badge.

As a qualified Army pilot, Mike learnt to fly and operate the Lynx Mk7 helicopter with deployments in Iraq and Afghanistan. His most memorable flying moment was completing a flying exercise in Kenya which involved clearing elephants and giraffes from the training area.

Mike commanded 651 Sqn AAC in Northern Ireland, flying the Defender aircraft. He is currently flying a desk in Army HQ and hopes to return to the cockpit soon.

Patrick Tynes (WS 2005-12)



Patrick is a First Officer with Jet2, flying people on holiday predominantly around the Mediterranean and Canary Islands.

With a degree in Neuroscience he previously considered careers in neuroprosthetics or medicine but, after learning about first officer training programs, he rekindled a passion for flying (discovered through the WS RAF cadets gliding experience) and studied at Flight Training Europe Jerez. He got his foot in the door through Jet2's pilot apprentice scheme in 2018, which offered low-hour qualified pilots a Second Officer position on condition that they undertake a program which sees them spend time with all areas of the company including call centres, engineering and cabin crew, before starting on the Boeing 737-800.

While still at the beginning of his career in airlines, Patrick has plans to teach Crew Resource Management, which deals with the biological sciences of aviation, human factors in accidents and cooperation in a multi-crew environment. Outside of work, an ambitious bucket list of island-hopping, continent touring and bush flying is simmering for the distant future.

Andy Alsop MBE (WS 1952-59)



Andy's aircraft in front of the Theron mountains



The Twin Otter aircraft which Andy flew for The British Antarctic Survey from 1987 to 2001



In October 1993 Andy joined the semi-official Antarctic organisation 'The Whale Patters' Club'. He is pictured with a rarely seen Arnoux's beaked whale

A special thank you to Andy Alsop MBE who began this three-part feature on OW pilots in The Old Warwickian by sending some amazing images and stories which we included in Issue 40. Over his career Andy spent over 22,000 hours flying, many of it as 'single pilot' and with the British Antarctic Survey. He flew professionally on all of earth's seven continents and all but one of earth's oceans (the latter from aircraft carriers, in float planes or from an iceberg or sea ice). He never managed to land on the Arctic Ocean and would have liked to have landed on the sea ice at the North Pole. He now spends his time gardening. His speciality is bamboos which hate wind and maritime exposure! Living in Orkney, this is quite a challenge.

Letters Home

Life as a Boarder at Warwick School, 1946–54

Thank you to many OWs who kindly donate items of school uniform, photographs, reports and other memorabilia which help preserve the history of Warwick School and contribute to our Archives. Several years ago, Godfrey Shiner (WS 1946–54) handed Warwick School the most extraordinary archive – all the circulars sent from school to home, all the play and concert programmes that he had performed in and, most importantly, all the letters that he (compulsorily) wrote home.



Godfrey wearing his school boater on his visit to school 2022

Godfrey's mother had filed all Godfrey's letters and stored them in her attic. In June 2022, he revisited school, to donate the letters, his straw boater and his father Philip's text books (after 95 years!). He gave us his permission to quote from the huge cache of nearly 200 letters, which give an unparalleled pupil view of life at Warwick School (and the Junior School) just after the Second World War.

We include some delicious excerpts here. Godfrey's spelling has been preserved, as has his very sparing use of the question mark.

Godfrey was one of nine Shiners who attended Warwick School, including elder brother Colin and younger brother Roy. The young Godfrey incessantly asked for things to be sent from home – things that he had forgotten, acquisitions like new Dinky toys – and especially food. Every one of his letters starts with the greeting: "Dear Mother and Father, I hope you are well." In the very first, dated January 12th 1946, when Godfrey was aged eight-and-a-half and had been at the school for one day, he goes on: *The key of my tuck box is broken so I pretend to lock it. Will you give me one of those lockers like the one on bunnys hut, and will you send a screwdriver and a padlock and screws. I am having a good time. We are going to play football on Tesuday [sic] and Thursday. We have baths on Mondays Wednesday and Friday. I have nerly finsh all my food so will you send me some more tuck. With love from Godfrey.*

A couple of weeks later, perhaps inevitably: *I am ill in the sick room. When will you send me my fountain pen. Will you send me my tool set.* (28/1/46). Godfrey soon recovered: *Will you send me my stamp album and some stamp hinges. If you see any dinky toys for sale will you buy some for me... I have nothing else to say so good bye. Love from Godfrey.* (9/2/46).

On the third anniversary of D-Day, 6th June 1947, Field Marshall Montgomery inspected the Corps, and was guest of honour at Speech Day – awarding the school an extra holiday, which Godfrey discusses: *On Monty's holiday we are allowed to go home like a free Sunday and will you phone Mr Cullis if I can come home for free Sunday and Monty's holiday. I can swim half a length now and dive a bit.* (28/6/47).

The new school year sees 10-year-old Godfrey, now in form SIIA with Mr Marshall, being given some responsibilities: *I am 2nd head of Junior house and I give out the letters for Matron. I have got lots of conkers could you send me some string and a bora [sic] for my conkers.* (25/9/47). There is now a hint of his future academic prowess, too: *I came top in maths every test.* (27/9/47).

A reminder of what boys used to put on their hair: *Could you send me my slippers and Brylcream?* (13/1/48).

Godfrey, aged 10-and-a-half, is busy on sports day and seems to notice the opposite sex: *I am in three things in the sports 100 yds, three legged and wheelbarrow and egg and spoon. There is a smashing girl sleeping in John's room and is a friend of Miss Wilford.* (6/3/48). He is, of course, forever hungry, too: *Could you bring the food for dorm feast next Saturday. I want four bottles of pop and some other grub.* (14/3/48).

Godfrey's letters become chatty in the summer of 1949. The fight mentioned is probably boxing coaching. Miss Wilford was, later, to become Mrs Thornton: *Yesterday in a cricket match I got eleven runs. Miss Wilford let me go in the swimming yesterday to teach Roy to swim he can swim half a width. Yesterday I had another fight with Major Whitlam. A stand for the school telescope has been put on top of the main changing rooms. All the Upper fifths are allowed to were straw hats now and they look ever so funny. My ankle still hurts and I can't run properly. Trimble says I have probably chipped a bone. Nearly every Saturday morning I wreck my knee. Sid Cooper says he thinks the water is hard in the swimming baths because every time he does a belly flopper it hurts him.*



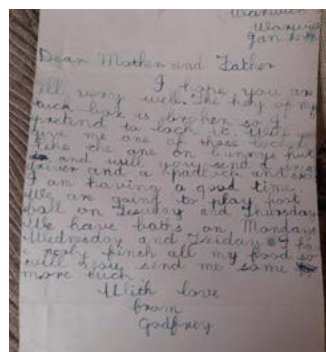
1946 Junior Boarders, Godfrey on the front row, far left



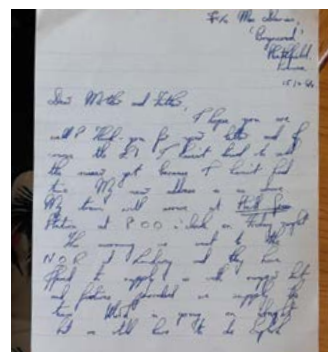
1954 CCF with Godfrey as Drum Major



1952 Twelfth Night. Godfrey was a page



Godfrey's first letter, dated 12 Jan 1946



Extract from the last letter in the nine-year collection



1952 Speech day, courtesy Michael Duffy



Visit to Oxford, looking at College pet tortoise

We now know the nature of his music lessons: Colin is bringing his tenor drum home at half-term and I am bringing my bugle. (6/4/51). The reason becomes clear: On Mayors Sunday some time next month the school band are going up to Warwick for a band demonstration. (29/4/51).

In 1951 Godfrey is still small for his age, and is at a disadvantage in rugby: Yesterday we played Henry VIII Coventry and we lost 14-3. They were much bigger than me. The ref was awful. They played rough and fouled all the time so we decided to play rough and I ripped somebody's shirt and shorts. The pitch was less than 50 yards long. (21/10/51).

He was cast in a number of productions including Twelfth Night in 1952: We are having the dress rehearsal for the play today but I don't think the play will be finished for Thursday night. I have got some seats in row P that was the nearest to the front I could get... See you on Saturday night. (2.3.52).

Godfrey entered the sixth form in September 1952: Its jolly expensive being in the sixth we have to buy exercise books. At the moment I am broke (21/9/52). Godfrey's trumpet and bugle practice is now paying off: Next week sometime we are going up to the Assizes to blow our bugles. (16/11/52).

Godfrey must have confided something about a young King's High lady he met at the "social" to his parents: Thank-you for lecture no. 14, it is the first time that I have had one in a letter. I assure you that Valerie does not affect my work as I only see her on Sundays and it is one of my principles never to have any work on Sundays. I have just been out to Warwick looking for a junior who had run away. (8/2/53).

A couple of weeks after the Coronation Godfrey met Monty: Yesterday I went to the Royal Warwick's "at home" do, Monty was there and of course he was in a shabby old suit. I am 2nd bugler in the band and I've got a silver bugle. (14/6/53).

Sixteen-year-old Godfrey's last three letters from school to home convey a good deal of introspection about his abilities, and his future career. He entered the UVI, in form USVI, but decided to spend his last two terms at Warwick School living at home. There are no more letters home from school after November 1953. In the summer of 1954 Godfrey passed A-levels in chemistry, physics and maths and, aged just 17, went to Swansea Technical College to study for a National Diploma in Marine Engineering.

We wished Godfrey a very happy 85th birthday on 24 July 2022 and thank him most warmly for his co-operation with the writing of this article.

Read the full essay at www.oldwarwickians.org/lettershome.

In 1949 there was a dreadful accident in the chemistry laboratory in which chemistry master, Rev. H. E. Cullis, was seriously injured: On Thursday afternoon in Chemistry we had an explosion it was about 6 inches away from me. It blew me on the floor and half deafened me. And I got sulphuric acid over my clothes and face. I got cut by glass. If I had not been wearing glasses I would probably lost my eyes. Yesterday our school fifteen beat the O.W. club. I got a S. for form report. The explosion was heard all over the Science block. (23/10/49).

In the new school year of September 1950 Godfrey is in form LVa with Mr Adcock, and his first ever question mark appears: Has my badminton racquet come back yet? Do you think you could send me some money because I am very short. And could you get me some B.S.A. air rifle pellets. I am having my first music lesson on Tuesday but I have already started practicing. I think it would be a good idea if you sent me my old music books. We have started practising for the Opera and I am in the Chorus as a tenor. (1/10/50).

OW Sport

OWs vs School Cricket



Back: Dan Hooper, Charlie Curtis, Joe Robbins, Oliver Tubb, Oliver Richardson, Ed Briggs, Tim Briggs, Peter Dobson. Front: Alex Beesley, Jon Byrd, George Tedstone and Adam Lane

The annual OWs vs School cricket match took place on 24 June with appropriate music blaring and great support from the class of 2020 who enjoyed a BBQ on the same evening. OWs were pleased to be back playing on The Oval at Warwick. The T20 match was a thrilling game, well managed by OW captain Jon Byrd. The match went down to the final over – a captain vs captain over which resulted in OWs clinching a narrow win. Director of Cricket Simon Francis presented OWs with the Peter Treadaway Salver. Special thanks were extended to Ben Howard for organising the OW team and to all who played.

Final score:

OWs 144-8 (20), WS 141-7 (20).



Simon Francis presents the Peter Treadaway Salver to Jon Byrd



Final score

See cricket records at Warwick School since 1928 on www.oldwarwickians.org/cricketrecords

Answering the cricket call

With train strikes imminent, and having omitted to put an age filter on the database query, an urgent call for OW cricketers on 24 June generated some endearing replies from our more senior OWs:

It has done my heart good to be offered a place on the OW team (albeit along with several thousand others). This is the closest that I have ever come in over 60 years to being selected for a school team.

Sir John Cavanagh (WS 1968-78)

Sorry you are short of players and also that I cannot help now I am in my nineties, but good luck!

Bob Buglass (WS 1943-48)

I was Captain in the late 1950s. I would love to offer my services but the dwindling eyesight, bad back and general decline in other parts of the body would be a burden not an attribute. Furthermore, there is no fielding position where you could put me.

Richard Barker (WS 1954-61)

Love to indeed but at 85 I would be an easy target for a runout. Hope it goes well and regards.

Mike Cotton (WS 1943-50)

Much as I would have liked to have been able to answer the call I am now 83 and sadly even a full 18 holes of golf are too much. Best of luck to Ben Howard and both teams and hope the weather stays fine for the game!

Pat Twigger (WS 1949-58)

OWs vs School Tennis

The annual OWs vs School tennis match reconvened after an absence of two years. The first two rubbers tied the match at 1-1 with some particularly canny play from the experienced pair of Mark Wilson and Ian Macvie. In a championship tie-break OWs secured a welcome win and then enjoyed retiring to the pavilion to join the cricketers and 2020 leavers. Special thanks to non-playing captain Ian Macvie who stepped in at the last minute.



Back (School): Toby, Rowan Butler, Ben Barnes and Mr Richards. Front: Mr Maguire. OWs: Mark Wilson, Alex Butt, Ian Macvie and Joseph Chapman

OWs vs School Golf

The annual OWs vs School golf match resumed with two teams battling it out, for the 14th time, for the Jack Marshall Trophy. The course was in great condition and after two pairings the match was all square. It fell to the final pairing of Geoff Tedstone and Sam Gill to decide the OW fate. Final score: OWs 1 & ½ vs School 1 & ½. Match tied, with OWs retaining the trophy. The score book now reads OWs 7 wins and School 7 wins.



OWs: Steve Tubb (capt), Sam Gill, Geoff Tedstone, John Gibbons, Brian Docker and Tim Harry



School: Sam, Charlie, Monty and the two Jacks

OW Golf Spring Day

After a full three-year absence from Tadmorton Heath GC, it was wonderful for our golfers to be playing again at the OW Golf Spring Day. The occasion also marked the 100-year anniversary of THGC (with OWGS being their longest running regular society).

14 players assembled for the morning and they were joined by a further nine players in the afternoon. Mostly gorgeous weather and a great day's golf were capped with a great dinner in a full dining room, with much laughter and lively conversation.



To mark Tadmorton Heath GC's anniversary, OWGS Hon Sec Julian Marcus, Captain Dave Phillips and former Hon Sec and Captain Peter Gedge presented Tadmorton Heath GC with 'Warwick School a Portrait' and a special photo frame



L-r: Carrick Waldron, Harry Abell, Myles Collett, Sam Gill, Clive Mather, Chris Moody, Brian Woodham, Tim Shenton-Taylor, John Loynton, Dave Phillips (capt), Tim Harry, Clive Boast, Steve Tubbs, Andrew Dunnell, Jon Gregory, David Rees, Clive James, Peter Baird, Richard Simmons, Paul Kemp, Peter Gedge, Martin Clifford (photo taken by Hon Sec Julian Marcus)

Gracey Tankard

Edinburgh foursomes – take the best of 2 drives and play alternate shots on either odd or even holes.

- Winners: Julian Marcus and Harry Abell on 41 pts
- Runners up: Steve Tubbs and Peter Baird on 40 pts
- Third place: Carrick Waldron and Paul Kemp on 38 pts.

Langley Trophy

The individual main event – an individual stableford off full handicap.

- Winner: Harry Abell on 38 pts
- Runner up: Tim Harry on 35 pts
- Third: Paul Kemp on 33 pts
- Fourth: Richard Simmons on 33 pts.

The Peter Gedge Pot

Peter Gedge was one of the founding members of the OWGS and attended the first OWGS golf day at Tadmorton Heath GC in 1967. He was the club's first Honorary Secretary and then Captain and has been a regular and constant attendee at OW golf days. Peter generously donated a solid silver pot, to be presented as a prize for the best gross score.

- Winner: Sam Gill.



Tadmorton winners Sam Gill, Harry Abell and Carrick Waldron

OW Golf – Save the date

Autumn Golf Day, Friday 9 September 2022 at Leamington & Co GC
Spring Golf Day, Tuesday 16 May 2023 at Tadmorton Heath GC

Huge thanks to OW Golf Hon Sec Julian Marcus. If you would like to be added to the circulation list of OW golfers to receive details about these and other golf fixtures, please contact Julian on arkvets@hotmail.com

OW Rugby 7s

The new 7s Club has been a great success with OWs loving playing together again in the blue and white. A playing squad of about thirty OWs has welcomed lots of support from parents, friends and fellow OWs.

Five tournaments were played over the summer and OWs were delighted to win the Open competition at the Summer Social in Richmond. The Chester 7s was a great opportunity to compete with some of the top, fully established teams in the country. The squad were deeply saddened by news of the death of Dr Bill Gill and wanted to show their appreciation for him and support for the British Heart Foundation by commissioning new vests and T-shirts to wear as their official warm up tops.



OW Rugby 7s

See rugby records at Warwick School since 1888 on www.oldwarwickians.org/rugbyrecords

OW Rugby and Cross Country

As we go to press OWs vs Old Sils rugby is scheduled for Saturday 10 September. Cross country runners are in training for the annual Thames Hare and Hounds alumni race across Wimbledon Common on Saturday 17 September.

Forthcoming Events

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

2022 OWA Annual Dinner

Sat 3 Dec 2022, 18:30
– The Pyne Room, Warwick School

All Old Warwickians are warmly invited to this year's OWA Annual Dinner in the Pyne Room at Warwick School on Saturday 3 December at 18:30.

Enjoy an evening with fellow Old Warwickians and members of staff past and present. Bookings can be made individually, for small groups or tables of 8-10.

Pre-dinner drinks will be served in the Panel Room at 18:30, followed by a four-course dinner with coffee. Card bar facilities for beers, wine and spirits are available.

The OWA AGM will take place before the dinner at 18:00 in the Conference Room (all welcome).

Dress: Black tie.



Tickets: £42.00 include pre-dinner drinks, a four-course dinner (including cheese and a glass of port) plus coffee.

Book now at www.oldwarwickians.org/2022AnnualDinner

Booking deadline: Friday 18 November.

Please note events are dependent on any Covid mitigation strategies in place at the time of the dinner and are subject to change.

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All welcome.

OWA Committee 2023 nominations

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/2022AGM by Fri 4 November. Any other nominations for President-Elect 2023 (to serve as President 2024) and committee members 2023 should be sent to Anne Douglas, Hon Sec OWA, c/o Warwick School (a.douglas@warwickschool.org) no later than Fri 18 November.

1960s Birmingham Bash

Wed 26 Oct 2022 – San Carlo, Birmingham

Clive Boast (WS 1956-63) invites OWs from the 1960s to join their contemporaries at the annual Birmingham Bash – drinks in the Old Joint Stock Exchange at 12:00 followed by lunch at San Carlo at 13:00.

**For further details please email Clive on cliveboast@gmail.com.
Booking deadline 21 October.**

OWs in Hong Kong – Zoom reunion

Sun 2 Oct 2022, 11:30am BST, 18:30 HKT

OWs in Hong Kong are warmly invited to join David and Katy Bull for an informal Zoom call.

Please register at www.oldwarwickians.org/HKZoom so we can send you a link.

2023 – Save the date

1960s Decade Lunch (including 1963 Leavers Anniversary Reunion)

Saturday 25 March 2023 – Warwick School

OWA President's Dinner

Sat 6 May 2023 – Exciting venue to be announced at the AGM!

1973, '83, '93, 2003 and 2013 Anniversary Reunions

Saturday 10 June 2023 (14:00-17:30) – Warwick School



Front cover images

- 1973 Leavers Reunion
- 2005 Leavers pictured on the Thames
- 2010 Leavers Anniversary Reunion
- 2022 Leavers – U6 Graduation