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OW News

Marathon men, meningitis and MBEs

Good luck to all our OWs running in the London Marathon – postponed to 4 October 2020.



Dave Phillips MBE

In what will be his 501st full marathon, Dave Phillips (WS 1955-61) will be running for the Brain and Spine Foundation. Earlier in the week, Dave will be heading to Buckingham Palace to collect his MBE, awarded in the Queen's Birthday Honours for his contribution to charitable fundraising. Friends, family and fellow OWs are delighted that

his phenomenal achievements are being recognised in such a way. <https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/team/TeamPhillips2020>



Dominic Bostock

Having had meningitis as a child, Dominic Bostock (WS 1998-2005) will be using his passion for running to try and raise £2,000 for the Meningitis Research Foundation. Read Dom's story and follow his progress at <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/dom-bostock>.



Duncan Nealon

Former Warwick School Cross Country and Athletics captain Duncan Nealon (WS 1989-96) hopes to smash a world record by running the London Marathon in full rugby kit – in memory of a WS parent's son who died of meningitis.

Duncan has known Rod Adlington for 25 years since they first started playing rugby together at Claverdon

RFC. Always close, the friends were brought even closer after the death of Rod's son Barney in 2005, aged three. Duncan is determined to celebrate Barney's life by completing one of the most iconic races in the world dressed in rugby shorts, shirt, a scrum cap and mouth guard and carrying a rugby ball. All in less than 3 hours 14 minutes.

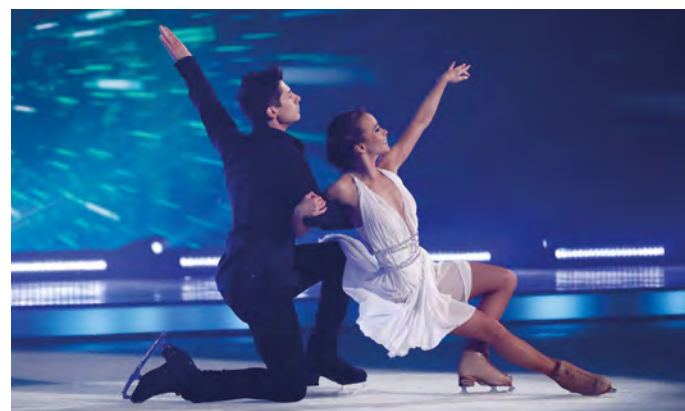
Money raised from his world record attempt will go to the UK's largest meningitis charity, Meningitis Now, which has supported Rod and his family since Barney's death.

Duncan says "I'm really hoping to beat the world record, but if I make a ton of money and raise a ton of awareness and the record doesn't fall, it's not the absolute end of the world. It's all about awareness of the symptoms, awareness of the charity and about raising money – as much money as possible."

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/meningitis-now>

Ben skates to the semi-final

Ben Hanlin's positive attitude, enthusiasm and determination during this year's *Dancing on Ice* was evident for all to see. The improvement of his skating, week on week and his progression to the semi-final was amazing. Morris Dancing was probably not his favourite week, but he approached the challenge with his inimitable good humour and mischief. The head banger week was not an easy one to watch, but Ben (and Carlotta's) bravery was rewarded with 9 points from every judge. Fabulous!



Ben (WS 1999-2004) in Episode 9 – The skate off ©ITV



Disney week ©ITV

Queen's Award for Enterprise

A Queen's Award for Enterprise in Exporting was presented to family firm The Lawton Tube Company and received by Rob Lawton (WS 1986-93).

Specialists in copper tubing, The Lawton Tube Company has sold enough copper tubes to circle the globe one and a half times. Lawton tubes heat and cool homes, schools and hospitals, are used in braking systems in all types of transport and even assist in the distilling of whisky.



Rob received the award from West Midlands Lord-Lieutenant John Crabtree OBE

Roy rows the Atlantic



Journey's end, Antigua



Still smiling!



Before setting off

Enduring 50 days and 19 minutes at sea, Roy Dixon (WS 1973-81), with the Atlantic Mavericks, rowed across the Atlantic Ocean.

The Atlantic Mavericks are a team of four ex-servicemen who took on the epic challenge of competing in the 2019-20 Atlantic Rowing Race. Yet this was a challenge rather than a race. A challenge to row 2,732 nautical miles while staying safe, enjoying the experience and remaining friends.

The send-off from La Gomera was amazing. But their journey started with a baptism of fire. By the end of Day 1 they had faced a Force 7 storm, all four men were seasick, their dagger board had snapped, the navigation light didn't work, a line was wrapped around the rudder, the boat was crippled and they were completely off-course. Giving up was not a consideration. Instead, they tackled each challenge and drew on their military experience, character and skills to overcome what needed to be tackled and to accept what couldn't be changed.

Miss Daisy, their boat, measures 8m by 2m. For the next month and a half, they rowed in pairs, two hours on and two hours off. The two hours 'off' were spent house-keeping, eating, catching up on WhatsApp and snatching sleep. They had a glass of port on Christmas Day – but enjoyed the accompanying cheese more!

The biggest challenge was the sea. Roy says "The sea is in charge. Nothing prepares you for the strength and vagaries of waves, which were like mountains coming out of the sea. We got soaked."

Towards the end of the journey, when they were approaching Antigua, things were even tougher when the weather dropped and calm waters meant they didn't get anywhere very quickly.

Despite hallucinating about turtles, Roy is proud to say he didn't fall asleep while rowing. He lost 8 kilos and the strength of his calf muscles (walking little more than one metre a day for 50 days). The team kept their calm, their sense of humour and their friendship.



Christmas Day glass of port

What did he enjoy most? Rising to challenges, the camaraderie and banter, the pod of dolphins and orca whales. Rowing at night was fantastic, especially if they could see the moon. Their arrival in Antigua was emotional and difficult to put into words. The University of Shrewsbury, investigating the effects of endurance on senior men (Roy is 58), insisted on ECGs before a beer.

The Atlantic Mavericks rowed and are still raising money for their three chosen charities; the Royal British Legion, Myeloma UK and 353, the charity set up to help members of the military community. Please support them if you can. www.atlanticmavericks.com.

Remarkably, Roy is the second OW to row across the Atlantic. In 1997 Dan Byles (WS 1985-92) took just over 100 days to row the ocean with his mother Janice. They were the first ever mother and son team to row the Atlantic. Will our third OW Atlantic rower please step forward? Now there's a challenge.

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Record breaking Wardles

Congratulations to Matthew Wardle (WS 1989-96) and James Wardle (WS 1997-2004) who were part of a relay team which broke a British Masters record in the 4 x 100m freestyle relay at the Swim England Masters National Championships. The record had stood for 160 years.



Matthew, second left and James, first right

100th birthday wishes

Happy birthday to Eric John Goodwin (WS 1930-36), who celebrated his 100th birthday in February.

Eric's first Headmaster at Warwick School – G A Riding (WS HM 1928-33) was responsible for the design of the school badge and uniform, both of which are still in use to this day.



Eric John Goodwin (WS 1930-36)

OW rugby success

Many OWs are continuing their passion for the game long after Warwick.

Fly-half Jamie Shillcock (WS 2004-15) marked his return to Premiership action with Worcester Warriors in their victory over Leicester Tigers at the start of the 2019-20 season. Jamie has celebrated over 50 appearances for Worcester Warriors.

Tom Dodd (WS 2014-16) graduated to the senior squad at Sixways and has now signed his first professional contract, for two years.

Nick David (WS 2010-17) scored his first premiership try for Worcester Warriors against Saracens in February.

Kieran Curran (WS 2011-18) moved into his second season with Wasps Senior Academy.

#10TEN10

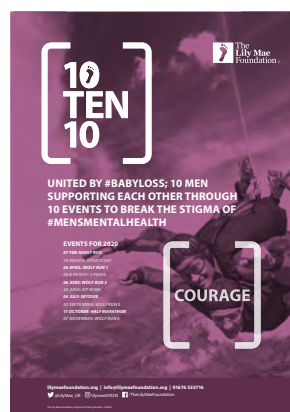
Dean Lomas (WS 1992-97) is one of #10TEN10 – a team of ten men, united by baby loss, who are supporting each other through ten challenging events to break the stigma of men's mental health.

Dean says, "Men grieve baby loss differently but no less acutely than women. Society does not affirm the experience of men in loss and this ultimately has a profound impact on their ability to cope with the feelings they have, leading many men to suffer with mental health illness."

Events undertaken throughout 2020 include wolf runs, the three peaks challenge, a zip wire, tandem skydive and the Birmingham Half Marathon on 11 October.

<https://justgiving.com/campaign/10TEN10>

Following our appeal in the Lent Old Warwickian we are delighted to report that at least three OWs have taken the bait to do the tandem skydive in June!



Harper and Benney

Nigel Harper (WS 1959-66) and Roger Benney (WS 1959-65) are delighted to have rekindled their school friendship after meeting for the first time in 50 years at the OW reunion seven years ago. Roger was the skipper of an Alaskan salmon and halibut fishing vessel, now retired and living in Oregon – a far cry from the days they spent on his father's cabin cruiser on the Thames in Oxfordshire in the early 1960s.



Nigel Harper and Roger Benney

Did you see?

Louis Hilyer (WS 1971-82) played DI Herbert in *The Trial of Christine Keeler*.

Hovercraft racing reborn

Thirty years after enjoying hovercraft racing at school, Richard Pound (WS 1981-88) has taken up the hobby again.

Richard has built his own craft and regularly races with his son at events across the UK. He recalls the school Hovercraft Club in the 1980s, which regularly raced 'Woodstock' and 'Snoopy' at events across the UK and abroad. Richard now races in Formula 3 and came third in the 2019 UK championships, while his son races in Formula Junior and came fifth in 2019.



Richard Pound

Engineering success for the Benton brothers

Luke Benton (WS 1997-99) and brother Elliot (WS 1996-2001) have run their family engineering firm, MNB Precision, since 2013. Together Luke and Elliot have reaped the rewards of continuous business improvement and developed MNB Precision from a £3.75m turnover business employing 32 people, to a £22m business employing nearly 150 people.

The company provides manufacturing and precision engineering services to more than 40 customers across markets including oil and gas, power generation, automotive, rail and aerospace. MNB has developed a robust supply chain, supplementing in-house capabilities in areas including CNC milling and turning, jig boring, spark erosion, wire erosion, grinding and shot penning.

MNB's success has won the leadership team a number of plaudits. In November 2019, MNB was named the Small to Medium Business of the Year and was a finalist in the Exporter of the Year category at The Lloyds Bank National Business Awards. This came on the back of being named Insider UK Manufacturer of the Year (under £25m) and making the shortlist for two 2019 Institute of Directors' Awards.

Watch Hagley West

With an enthusiasm for watches, Tim Hayden (WS 1981-86) has started a watch brand called Hagley West, which is fast developing in the cricketing world. Over 40 first class cricketers from all over the world now wear Tim's watches and last September he flew to Jamaica to sign up West Indies cricket legend Chris Gayle as his business partner. Tim and Chris started a crowdfunding event and became the fastest funded Quartz Watch company... definitely one to watch!

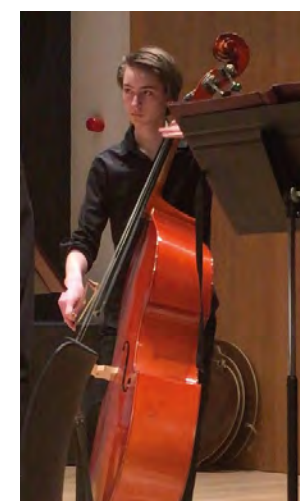


Chris Gayle and Tim Hayden

Gertrude Bark Award

Congratulations to musician Maxwell Manley (WS 2012-19), one of two winners of the twenty-sixth Gertrude Bark Award.

The Gertrude Bark Trust was set up in 1991 to make an annual award to encourage a student from the Warwick and Leamington area aged 16-18 years with potential to develop through further studies in literature, music or drama. Max is now studying Physics with Astrophysics at Leicester University and continues to play various instruments in the university orchestra and concert bands.



Maxwell Manley

The four fresh princes of Meribel-Air

2017 leavers Gurdev Singh, Harvey Innocent, James McSharry and Rajan Phakey are taking on a ski challenge this March to raise money for the Magic Future Foundation.

Magic Future Foundation was set up by fellow OW and friend Max Wissenbach and his family, following the tragic death of Max's brother Oli last September at the age of 25. Oli wanted to make the world a better place. Family and friends are honouring him and his legacy by building 100 schools. Follow the men's events and support them at <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/the-fresh-princes-of-meribel-air>.



Welcome return for David Foskett

Retired High Court Judge Sir David Foskett (WS 1956-67) returned to school in February to chair a discussion on Judicial Review with members of the Warwick School Law Society. David presented two cases and discussed with students the interface between politics and the law and the extent to which the British judiciary is effective in protecting our civil liberties.



David was keen that any photograph should have the old cricket pavilion in view: he was captain of the 1st XI in 1967

Coming soon to a screen near you

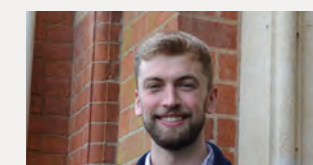
Joshua McGuire (WS 1999-2006) stars as Briar Cudgeon in Disney's long-awaited *Artemis Fowl* – currently due for release May 2020.

Thank you

Huge thanks to OWs who continue to give careers advice and valuable insights to current WS students.



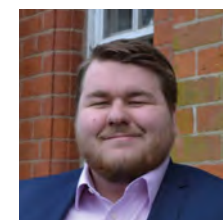
Ian Brown (WS 1985-92), CEO BookingGo and Booking.com, gave an honest insight into his career and secrets of graduate recruitment



Fresh from his epic cycle ride to the land of the rising sun, Rob Nichols (WS 2005-10), spoke about a career in graphic design

A degree in politics

Josh Mackenzie-Lawrie (WS 2008-15) gave WS students a brilliant insight into what you can do with a degree in Politics at a recent Careers Business Lunch. Josh spoke with great passion and enthusiasm about his career since graduating from Birmingham and current role as Senior Research Executive at EU Referendum Campaign.



Joshua Mackenzie-Lawrie

Apprenticeship evening

Huge thanks to the following OWs who returned to school to help at the Careers Apprenticeship Evening:

- Harry Abell (WS 2003-14) – Surveyor, Cushman and Wakefield
- Jack Bould (WS 2012-19) – Mechanical Engineering, MOD
- Ben Burrows (WS 2011-18) – Digital Degree Apprentice, Vodafone, Birmingham University
- Sam Button (WS 2004-15) – Degree Apprentice, Accounts Payable, JLR
- Drew Hill (WS 2011-18) – Economist Apprentice, Ofcom
- Jack Parkin (WS 2006-13) – Controls Engineer, Powertrain and Manufacturing Engineering, JLR
- Aden Rawlings (WS 2011-16) – Commercial Executive, Nielsen, Oxford Brookes University.



Sam Button and Jack Parkin



Ben Burrows



Harry Abell

Recent Events

Wessex Old Warwickians

The Forester Inn, Donhead St Andrew

With atlases open and sat navs set, 27 OWs and guests beat Storm Ciara and journeyed to The Forester Inn at Donhead St Andrew near Shaftesbury for the second gathering of Wessex Old Warwickians. The 15th century Forester Inn, with large inglenook fireplace, stone walls and original beamed ceilings, did not disappoint. The Forester has retained its prestigious Michelin Bib Gourmand Award and the fantastic food, drinks and great company were enjoyed by all.

Special thanks to Mike Huntley and Tim Harry for researching venues and hosting the lunch. Jimmy Flynn (WS 1970-77) has kindly volunteered to assist researching pubs and eateries for the next gathering on 12 September.



Former Headmaster John Strover and Anne Huntley



WOW lunch at The Forester



Martin Kennard and Richard Franklin



Bob Stoney, Sam Harry, Jimmy Flynn, John Hutton and Pauline Stoney



Jules Buczacki



Simon Jackson



Tim Harry and Mike Huntley



Colin and Roy Shiner



Joe and Sue Dunstan



Jimmy Flynn and John Hutton



Gervald Frykman and Andrew Gough

Save the date – Sat 12 Sept 2020

With enthusiasm for a WOW lunch twice a year, the next lunch date is provisionally set for Saturday 12 September. Jimmy Flynn (WS 1970-77) has kindly agreed to help Mike and Tim take on the reconnaissance mission to find a venue.

If you would like to register an interest, please email a.douglas@warwickschool.org.

OW Armed Forces Dinner

The Pyne Room, Warwick School

Warwick School was honoured to welcome back many OWs currently serving or retired from the Armed Forces for the biennial Chapel Service and Dinner.

The evening was brilliantly hosted by Col James Cook OBE (WS 1982-89). OWs currently serving and retired were joined by the Head Master and members of WS staff who have either served in the Armed Forces themselves or help manage the school's CCF. We were also delighted to be joined by three alumnae of King's High who are currently serving in the Armed Forces.



Head Master Deneal Smith and wife Lisa, Ken Dorsett and Sam Crane



View from the balcony!



Revd Alycia Timmis and husband Mark



Dr Ed Flint and Oliver Innes



Col James Cook OBE, Jo Buczacki, Helen Cook and Brig Jules Buczacki



Lt Col Venetia Field, Cdr Kay Hallsworth RN, Lt Col Jenna Kelway and Maj Nicole Evans AGC



Lt Cameron Mackenzie-Lawrie and Lt Chris Sunner



Sqn Ldr Marcus and Lucy Hicks



Surg Cdr Richard Haddon RN and Capt Richard Gething



Capt Rich and Angela Greenway



Louise Norris and Mike Stretton-Cox

Forthcoming Events and Latest News

Forthcoming Events

With social contact being restricted over the forthcoming weeks, a number of planned events have either been postponed, cancelled or are in question.

Regular updates will be posted on www.oldwarwickians.org. With the school temporarily closed, we will be working remotely and can access emails.

Please be reassured that OW reunions and gatherings will resume when we are through this difficult time. In the meantime, OW communications, including The Old Warwickian, will continue. We will post regular Tweets and Facebook messages and encourage OWs to use www.warwick-schoolconnect.org to contact and stay in touch with each other.



OWA President's Dinner

Saturday 16 May 2020 – The Royal Air Force Museum Cosford



In light of Coronavirus developments and Government advice, this year's President's Dinner at RAF Museum Cosford has been cancelled.

Anyone for golf?

Tues 19 May 2020 – Tadmorton Heath Golf Club

OW Golf Spring Meeting

All OW golfers are warmly invited to the OW Golf Spring Meeting at Tadmorton Heath Golf Club on Tuesday 19 May 2020.

Format

Edinburgh foursomes in the morning and an individual stableford in the afternoon, to allow those who only wish to play 18 holes the chance to participate in the afternoon.

Price

£70 for 36 holes or £60 for 18 holes, to include lunch, 3 course dinner, green fees and prizes.

Special rate for under 30s

Thanks to a legacy from Joan Marshall and to encourage younger players, OWs under the age of 30 are offered the discounted rate of £20.

To check status of this event contact:

Julian Marcus:
arkvets@hotmail.com



Message from the Chairman of Warwick Independent Schools Foundation

Dear Old Warwickians

Following our announcement in January, that we would be recruiting a Principal to provide a single point of executive leadership for the Foundation, we have been carrying out a rigorous national recruitment process which is now concluded.

I am delighted to tell you that Mr Richard Nicholson has been appointed as the new Principal with effect from 1st September 2020.

Mr Nicholson is well-known to the Foundation community, having led with distinction King's High School and Warwick Preparatory School as the first overarching Head, a role he took on a year after appointment to the King's High headship. Mr Nicholson shares the Governors' exciting vision for the future of the Foundation and we look forward to seeing our community continue to thrive under his leadership.

I am sure you will join me in congratulating Mr Nicholson on his appointment.

With all good wishes,
David Stevens

1960, 1970, 1980, 1990, 2000 and 2010 Leavers' Anniversary Reunions

Sat 27 June 2020 – Warwick School

150 OWs, and many of the staff who taught them, have already signed up for the 1960, '70, '80, '90, 2000 and 2010 leavers anniversary reunions on Saturday 27 June.

The reunions are relaxed, friendly and informal occasions, offering the chance to meet with friends and contemporaries and have a look round the school today.

Meet back at school from 12:00 to 16:00 for drinks and a light lunch followed by a tour of the school. Dress code is casual. While the format is informal and there is no charge for attending, places must be booked. Please book on www.oldwarwickians.org or return the booking form on page 20.

These anniversary reunions are for those who left at the end of the Upper Sixth in 1960, '70, '80, '90, 2000 and 2010, plus classmates who left earlier, including those who left two years early, after O levels or GCSEs.



Provisional Diary of Events – Summer 2020

OWA President's Dinner

RAF Museum Cosford
Sat 16 May – cancelled.

OW Spring Golf Day

Tadmorton Heath GC
Tues 19 May.

Anniversary Reunions

Warwick School
Sat 27 June, 12:00-16:00.

Wessex Old Warwickians Lunch

Venue tbc
Sat 12 Sept, 12:00.

OW Coffee Morning

The Pyne Room, Warwick School
Sat 4 July 2020, 10:00-11:30.

Coffee, bacon butties and a chat. Wives, partners and friends welcome.

As this date is after the end of the school term, we anticipate plenty of parking. We would suggest using the Junior School car park on this occasion.

For information on any of these events please contact:

Alumni Relations, Warwick School

E: alumni@warwick-school.org.

Chapel Services – Summer 2020

Sun 28 June 10:30 Foundation and Benefactors' Sunday

All OWs and their families and friends welcome.

As this date may change, please check details on www.oldwarwickians.org.

Music and Drama

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



Postponement or cancellation of events

If any event is postponed or cancelled we will endeavour to contact all those booked to attend and will regularly post updates on www.oldwarwickians.org.

In conversation with... Christian Horner OBE

Red Bull Racing's Team Principal Christian Horner (WS 1987-92) kindly gave up some time before the start of the new F1 season for an interview with two Warwick School students. Keen F1 fans Giosu  Larucci and Harry Hawkins were more than happy to pause their A level studies and chat with Christian about his time at school and some of his defining F1 moments. The boys seized the opportunity with great enthusiasm and gratitude.



Giosu  Larucci and Harry Hawkins

School days

Christian thoroughly enjoyed his time at Warwick School, which he attended with his two brothers. Key teachers he remembers with affection include Ken Freeborn (PE), Scott Wilson (English) and 'Frykers' aka Gervald Frykman (Chemistry and now School Archivist). Memorable moments included Thursday afternoon CCF and the Hovercraft Club. Usefully, Christian couldn't recall any embarrassing moments at school, although he distinctly remembers being petrified of Derek Shield, who ran the CCF. The boys confirmed he was not alone.

While doing his A levels, Christian graduated from karting to car racing – a big leap for anyone competing in motorsport, but especially aged 18. He recalls "spending every waking hour thinking about racing" and was grateful that the school supported his ambitions. Head Master Dr Philip Cheshire allowed him to take time out of school to compete in karting events around the country, including the world championships. To reciprocate the favour, Christian was obliged to bring his kart into school. The boys considered this a fair exchange.



From Portcullis 1991, Christian Horner (LA6T) Warwick School's Class 1 Karter in action in his Renault Super 100 Kart at Little Rissington  Coventry Telegraph



From Portcullis 1992, Christian Horner, Warwick School sixth former and very successful Formula Renault driver  Coventry Telegraph

Formula One

Where do you start with a man who, in 2005, was the youngest team principal in F1 and who has since won eight world titles? The boys jumped straight in and questioned one of the highest regarded team principals in the sport about some of his more challenging moments and tough decisions. Christian answered their questions with his distinctive professional candour.

The boys write: "Christian's replies were hugely interesting. During the 2013 season the well-known rivalry between Mark Webber and Sebastian Vettel was in full force. We asked him how he managed the situation. Whatever disagreements went on behind closed doors, he explained his mission to sustain and promote a united team. Christian acknowledged full well that drivers want to be winning, but he explained that he always reminds them that the team is more than just the drivers and it is more important for the team to be united; in victory, or defeat."

Christian explained his reasoning behind Red Bull's seemingly unexpected decision to promote Alexander Albon to replace Pierre Gasly for the last nine races in 2019. He talked about pressures and the luxury of having two F1 teams with the ability to move people around. The boys questioned his feelings when Daniel Ricciardo gave notice to leave Red Bull in 2019. Christian explained his surprise and then acceptance. As Team Principal he wants drivers who are 100% committed to the team and, with Daniel's head and heart elsewhere, the time was right for him to move on.

The boys asked if there were any parts of the job that he doesn't like. He admitted that the travel and increasingly heavy international calendar can be tiring (at that time there were 21 races in five continents scheduled in 2020). The politics can sometimes be infuriating, he says, but they're part and parcel of the job.

The future?

Aspirations for the future are simple. The winter months have been busy and productive for Red Bull. Christian is evidently still enjoying the competitive side of his career. For now, he is focused on wanting to achieve more with Red Bull and getting the team back into a winning position. We wish him well for the new season.



With Daniel Craig in 2019



Celebrating the Drivers and Constructors Championships with Sebastian Vettel in 2011



Adrian Newey and Christian with Sebastian Vettel after winning his third Championship in 2012



At the factory



Celebrating after a win in Monaco



Birthday celebrations with Max Verstappen and Alexander Albon in 2019



With Spice Girls Mel C, wife Geri and Emma Bunton



With the late Niki Lauda



Light relief behind the wheel

Christian's Five Favourites

Favourite book – The Book Thief by Markus Zusak

Favourite film – The Goonies

Favourite song – Gimme Shelter by the Rolling Stones

Favourite car to drive – Aston Martin, DBS

Favourite road to travel on – the road to home.

Warwick School families

Nine Bright Shiners

In a new feature, we celebrate families that have been associated with Warwick School for multiple generations. There are a number of current boys with fathers, uncles and grandfathers who came to Warwick School. A number also have sisters and mothers who attended King's High. Here we look at the Shiners. 'Nine bright Shiners' if the old English folk song is to be believed. All boarders at Warwick School, three generations spanning 76 years.

Albert Edward Shiner

Engineer and lay preacher who, according to Portcullis 1967, "anxious to obtain the best possible schooling for his sons, investigated facilities throughout the country and happily selected Warwick".

1 Stephen Shiner WS 1917-21

Awarded *Dombey and Son* for Botany, Agriculture and Chemistry in 1921. Hoisted chamber pot on flag pole at entrance to school. Emigrated to Canada twice. In later life was lay reader in the Anglican Church of Canada and wrote a book critical of Popes called *Holy Smoke*.



1919 Stephen Shiner

2 Philip Shiner WS 1919-25

Appeared in many school productions, played for the 1st XV and was a member of the school swimming team. Water treatment engineer. A staunch and enthusiastic supporter of the OWA for 20 years. OWA Chairman WS 1953-55 and 1959-60 and OWA President 1967.



1920s Cleaning the pool.
Philip Shiner left



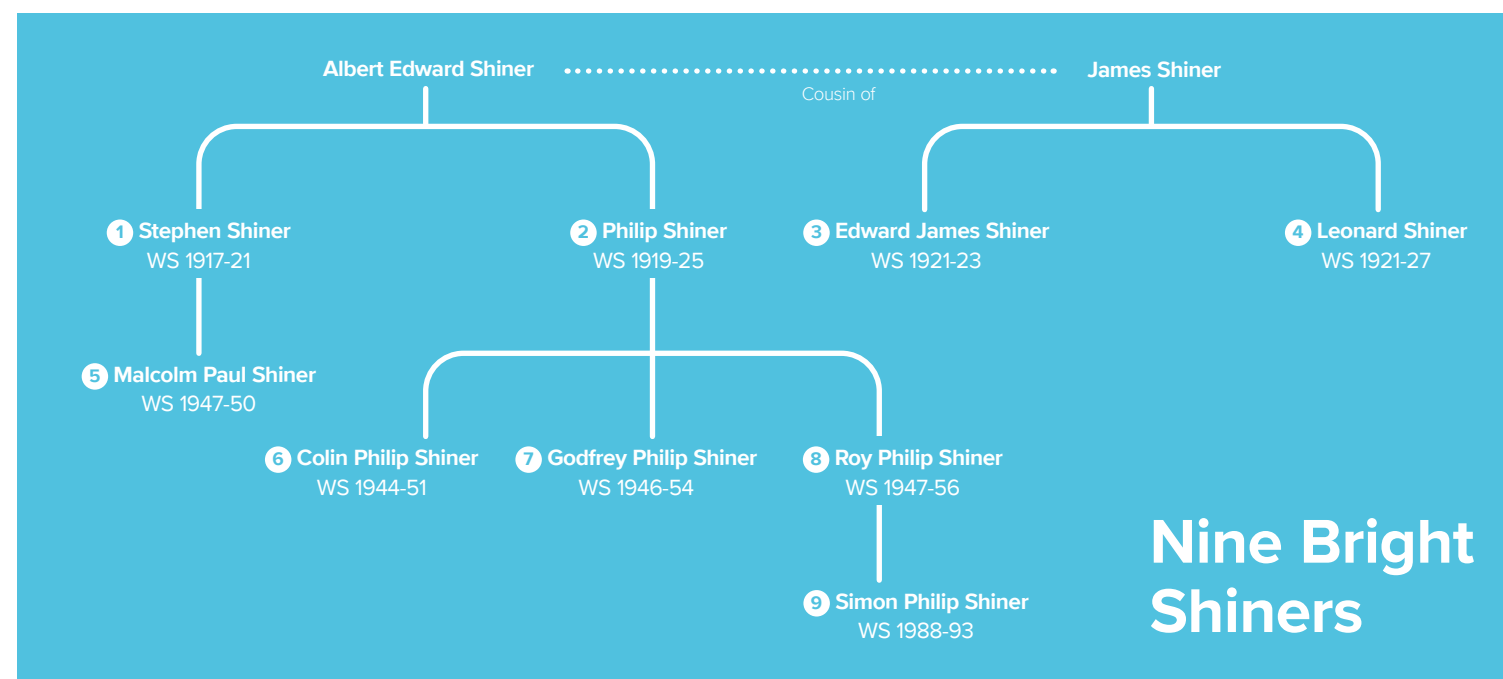
1925 Prefects. Philip Shiner
standing fourth from right.



1924 Philip Shiner's Life Saving Certificate



1922 Len and Philip Shiner
in front of five court



3 Edward James Shiner WS 1921-23



Edward James (Ted) and Len Shiner with their father James

4 Leonard Shiner WS 1921-27

Lt Col Royal Indian Service Army Corps. Died 1946 Malaya. Mentioned in Dispatches. Remembered on WWII memorial in WS Chapel.



1921 Napton Quarry. Padder,
Len, Philip and Steve Shiner



1927 1st XI with Len Shiner
standing third from left

5 Malcolm Paul Shiner WS 1947-50

Spent two years at Warwick before his family emigrated to Canada in 1950. Attending Warwick with three Shiner cousins, recalls they were referred to as Shiner Major, Minor, Maximus and Minimus. Enjoyed school except for stone cold C dorm. After graduating, taught history for a number of years in Canada.

6 Colin Philip Shiner WS 1944-51

Started at WS on his tenth birthday in 1944 in Junior Boarding House. Enjoyed being a boarder apart from the lack of food. Even jam was on ration!

Highlight was receiving form prize in LV from Field Marshal Montgomery. Only completed one year in the Sixth Form when it was suggested that he leave school because his father was finding it difficult to afford fees for three boys.

Two years National Service was next – in the Royal Warwickshire Regiment. After selection for Officer Training at Eaton Hall, returned to the Regiment as 2nd/Lt, serving in Cyprus and Northern Ireland during the EOKA and IRA troubles.

Later employed by various companies in the "rag" trade, finally as Development Director for Next. Early retirement was offered and accepted in 1991, aged 56.



1951 Prefects.
Colin Shiner back, second from left



Roy, Godfrey and Colin returned
to school in 2015 for the
School House Dinner

7 Godfrey Philip Shiner WS 1946-54

A-stream throughout school but never won a prize! House prefect. Shooting colours. Drum Major in CCF band. Played bugle for opening of Warwick Assizes and proclamation of HM Queen Elizabeth II's accession to throne. Studied Marine Engineering and formed own company in North African Oil Business, eventually falling foul of two dictators who suspected him of spying. Egyptian authorities found his American Express card ended in 007. Three daughters attended King's High.



1954 Warwick Assizes.
Godfrey Shiner third from left

8 Roy Philip Shiner WS 1947-56

Entered Junior House aged 7. In December 1955, aged 16, selected for final two 1st XV matches. 1956 1st XI. Joined CCF at earliest opportunity and played side-drum in CCF Band. Left Warwick after 'O' Levels to go to Welbeck College and then RMA Sandhurst. Commissioned into the Royal Corps of Signals. Enjoyed a full army career and played lots of rugby. Played for OW XV vs. JMA Marshall XV in October 1967.



1956 1st XI. Roy Shiner far right
(not Scorer)



Philip Shiner with sons Colin,
Roy and Godfrey

9 Simon Philip Shiner WS 1988-93

Full School Prefect and Head of School House. Member of 1st XV and Captain of 2nd XV (which only lost one match all season). Enjoyed rugby tour to Australia and New Zealand. Played viola in school orchestra throughout his time at Warwick. Took part in CCF March and Shoot competitions and laid wreath on Remembrance Day. Cycled Land's End to John O'Groats. A qualified accountant, Simon is currently Finance Director of RunYourFleet, based in Henley-in-Arden.



1992-93 Prefects.
Simon Shiner front left

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

School News

The coronavirus outbreak has been the most significant challenge faced this term. We are closely monitoring what is a very fluid situation and are following Public Health England advice to schools and educational settings. As you would expect, our Executive Management Group continue to plan for a range of scenarios and training has taken place for pupils and staff to ensure that teaching and learning continues remotely while the school is temporarily closed.

One Campus Plus



Project One Campus

The Project One Campus masterplan to bring all schools in the Foundation together on one site is nearing completion. One Campus Plus was created to raise an extra level of funds to provide further enhancements to the new campus. A key fundraising project is the proposed new Foundation Sports Clubhouse, which will be situated by the new 3G rugby pitch, tennis courts, and hockey pitches. This building will provide a new changing space for boys and girls, plus a viewing balcony of the sports fields. For further information on the campaign, please visit www.onecampusplus.co.uk.

Play on

Lessons, concerts and competitions continue to be enjoyed. One of the regular highlights of the Lent Term, Jazz at the Bridge, was as entertaining as ever. We wish all our students well when they head for the National Concert Band Finals.



Jazz at the Bridge

Exhibition of Young Local Artists

Celebrating art and young talent, 36 local schools took part in the 'Exhibition of Young Local Artists' hosted at Warwick School.



Exhibition of Young Local Artists

RNLI Day

Junior School students took advantage of dressing up as pirates for the RNLI day and raised £655.



RNLI Day

McKaren arrives in school

Pioneering medical engineer Dr Eric Yuen (WS 2004-06) generously donated an electric wheelchair robot to the school's Biology Dept and Medical Centre – for use as a teaching tool and mobility device for students who may have a sporting injury. The chair, named McKaren after Eric's mother, has been carefully engineered to balance itself in all terrains, automatically slow down before turning and is even operational in water!



WS students enjoyed testing out McKaren

Brain day

Our Year 12 psychology students were treated to a fantastic Brain Day, led by neuroscientist Dr Guy Sutton – an Honorary Special Lecturer in Neuroscience at the University of Nottingham.



Dr Guy Sutton with students

Trips and tours

Boys experienced a range of fantastic experiences on the many academic and extra-curricular trips and tours during February half term.



Geography A level trip to Cranedale



Junior school boys in Wales during February half term

Foundation and Benefactors' Sunday

Provisional date: Sun 28 June, 10:30

Join us for this special chapel service to commemorate the Foundation of Warwick School and celebrate our generous benefactors who have supported the school community over many years. All welcome at the service.

Check updates on www.oldwarwickians.org

Jacob's indoor sky dive

WS student Jacob has an inoperable brain tumour. He was challenged by the CEO of the Brain Tumour Charity to do an indoor sky dive and, on 14 March, he was scheduled to do one to raise over £2,000 for The Brain Tumour Charity. Read more about his story from Martin, Jacob's father, on <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/martin-walmsley5>.

Support very gratefully received.



Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious

Mary Poppins was this year's Middle School drama collaboration between Warwick and King's High.



Mary Poppins

Rugby 7s and U18 national finalists

The grounds staff have worked incredibly hard to maintain the pitches during a very wet winter. The new 3G rugby pitch has been put to fantastic use.

The weekend of 7-8 March was a busy one for WS rugby. On the Saturday we hosted the annual Warwick 7s and on the Sunday our U18s travelled to Northampton School for Boys for the Schools Cup semi-final.

For the fourth consecutive season, Warwick School's U18 reached the final of the national Schools Cup. In their semi-final, the boys put on an amazing show of resilience to come from behind and win 32-23. As we go to press, their final at Twickenham on 19 March has just been postponed.

Congratulations to current students Finlay Smith and Jack Forsythe, who have made the England U18 squad.



U18 Schools Cup semi-final

New boarding bursary

Thanks to a generous legacy made by Martin Lambert (WS 1944-51), the school has established a new boarding bursary for a pupil entering the school in September 2020. The Head Master is liaising with the Royal National Springboard Foundation, which connects disadvantaged young people with top boarding schools to provide transformational opportunities. The bursary recipient will receive a fully-funded boarding place at the school. We hope this will be the first of many boarding bursaries.

Old Warwickians around the world

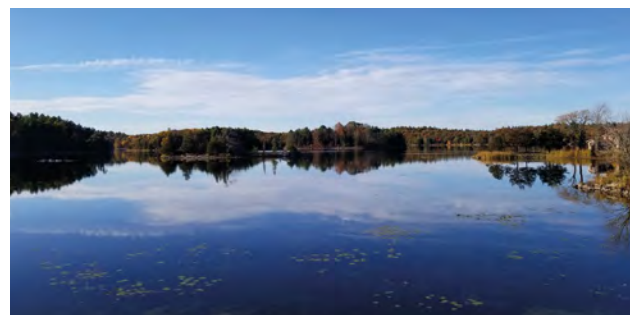
Opportunities for camaraderie, friendship and networking

From Belize to Bulgaria and Moldova to Monaco, OWs are living all around the world. According to postal addresses on our OW database, OWs currently reside in 48 different countries outside the UK.

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

If you are based overseas and would like to send an image for inclusion in the next Old Warwickian please email: a.douglas@warwickschool.org

Moving to Canada is a hot topic. Henry Averbs (WS 1972-83) sent us the view from his breakfast table in Ontario.



Will Todman (WS 1998-2009), based in Washington, on a recent trip to the Glacier National Park in Montana.



John Flynn (WS 1975-85) lives in San Francisco.



Rupert Elverson (WS 1964-73), chiropractor and yoga/life coach, lives in Siena, Italy.



Architect Mark Raymond (WS 1973-80) has been living and practicing in Trinidad for the past thirty years, but has just been appointed Director of the Graduate School of Architecture at the University of Johannesburg.



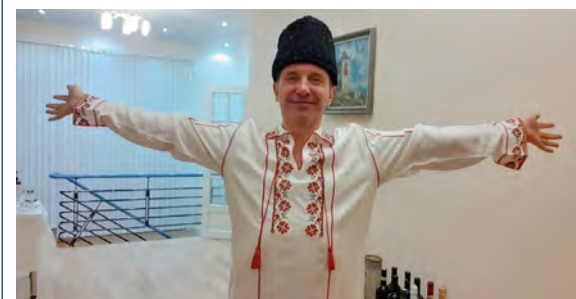
Guy Chamberlain (WS 1957-69) enjoyed welcoming fellow 1969 leavers and Olympic hopefuls Mike Huntley and Richard Jameson to his home in the Austrian Tyrol.



Gary Edwards (WS 1960-71) spotted a hippo on the shoreline of a remote and beautiful beach near his home in Durban, South Africa.



Steven Fisher (WS 1977-83), recently appointed as Her Majesty's Ambassador to the Republic of Moldova, was given the national costume as a birthday present. The shirt is called an 'ia' and the hat a 'sapka'. Steve reassures that he doesn't normally wear a goatskin hat indoors.



Guy Benfield WS 1974-83 and family next to his award-winning show garden in Melbourne.



Glyn Edwards (WS 1986-89) was delighted to welcome fellow OW Steve Walter and his family when they visited Sydney. Glyn was captain of the 1st XV in 1988-89 while Steve was vice-captain.



Earlier this year, Richard Meakin (WS 1956-63), who has lived in Thailand since 2003, was delighted to catch up with Adrian Robinson (WS 1955-61), visiting Thailand before returning home to France and Steve Chamberlain (WS 1958-65), who had stopped off en route from Burma to Hong Kong.



Ashley Morris (WS 1963-73), living in Singapore, pictured with wife Kathie and friend at Merlion Park with Marina Bay Sands in the background.



Mark Calverley (WS 1974-86) is Head of PE at Vanguard Military School, Auckland. Mark is pictured with (active) volcano Rangitoto in the background – his Friday workout spot!



The number of OWs residing in different countries outside the UK

Warwick School 1940

In his latest essay, School Archivist Gervald Frykman reflects on life at Warwick School eighty years ago, during the early part of WWII.

In September 1939, with the threat of Birmingham being bombed, the whole population of King Edward VI School, Camp Hill, was moved to Warwick, and shared this school's premises – Warwick School in the mornings and Camp Hill in the afternoons. The boys were billeted locally and several slept at Warwick Castle.

Shortly before Easter 1940 the temperature plummeted – “the great freeze-up”, as it was called. The poor weather, combined with an epidemic of German measles and influenza, meant that an extra week's holiday was granted at half term, and the digging of school air-raid shelters stopped because the ground was frozen. *Portcullis* magazine records that: “The baths were in considerable demand for skating, and those who cared to go further afield enjoyed some good sport in the Castle Park and on private waters at Barford.” To compensate, the summer term of 1940 started very early, on 18 April – and officially finished on 29 July.

In June 1940 the school hosted, for tea on the headmaster's lawn, a group of 300 exhausted soldiers who had just been evacuated from Dunkirk.

By June 1940 up to 50 boys were spending their afternoons at local farms, helping to gather in crops. They were paid 5d or 6d per hour, depending on age, and the work was popular for three reasons: they missed lessons, they were paid, and they were excused homework. An extra bonus, from the boys' point of view, was that end-of-year examinations were cancelled, as were Speech Day and the OTC Inspection. The summer term was extended until 17 August for day boys “as a contribution towards the national war effort”. Four term-time residential whole-form camps under canvas plus three summer plum-picking camps, lasting a fortnight each, were organised.

Other activities in support of the war effort were the formation of a “Savings Group”, where over 100 boys made “small weekly or fortnightly contributions to the national cause... every penny counts, and loans to the nation will be most gratefully received.” The boundaries of the school fields were turned into allotments, but “mistakes made by inexperienced gardeners” resulted in only “a small show of produce”.

The OTC (now called the CCF) was also playing its part in the war effort, by the training of Local Defence Volunteers and other static defence units in voluntary evening classes. A steady stream of its former members joined the Armed Forces.

By July 1940 the school had lost three members of staff to war service and replacements were hard to find.

In August 1940 Headmaster AHB Bishop organised and took part in a camp on the school fields to make up for boys not having a holiday. The invitation was extended to all local schools and photographs show a sea of tents having been erected.

An unexpected benefit of this war period was that Bishop was able to report that, by December 1940, the number of boys at the school totalled 413 – “a record in our history”, he declared.

Conversely, the OW casualty list began to rise. 12 OWs were reported killed by the end of 1940, half of them from the RAF.

Read the full essay on www.oldwarwickians.org/archives



1939 Officers and NCOs



1940 1st XI



1940 Skating on the baths – Birt and Checkley



1940 Ansty Aerodrome

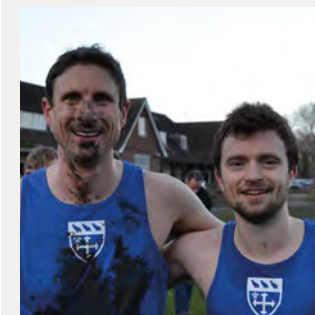
OW Sport

OW Cross Country

Sat 14 Dec 2019



Dominic Bostock (WS 1998-2005), Dave Phillips (WS 1955-61), Ben Hawkins (WS 2007-14), Martin Garrett (WS 1965-72), Chris Vincent (WS 1993-98) and Jack Thornton (WS 1951-58). Not pictured: Simon Bostock (WS 1994-2001)



Chris Vincent and Ben Hawkins



Simon and Dominic Bostock

Wimbledon Common was suitably muddy for the annual Thames Hare and Hounds Alumni Race. Huge thanks and admiration for the seven OWs, aged 23 to 80, who tackled the five-mile challenging course with good humour and determination.

Simon Wurr (WS 1988-95), previous winner of the race, was unable to run this year and we missed a few other familiar faces. It was wonderful to welcome back our OW cross country stalwarts and also to be joined by new faces and younger legs. Chris Vincent (WS 1993-98) won prizes for both the quickest and the muddiest OW. Dave Phillips (WS 1965-72), despite having run 500 marathons, found the terrain a challenge.

OW Golf – Spring Golf Day

Tues 19 May 2020 – Tadmarton Heath GC

All welcome – bring a friend too! The day will follow the usual format of Edinburgh foursomes in the morning and an individual stableford in the afternoon, to allow golfers who only wish to play 18 holes the chance to participate in the afternoon.

£70 for 36 holes or £60 for 18 holes – includes lunch, 3 course dinner, green fees and prizes.

OWs under the age of 30 are offered the discounted rate of £20.

For info and booking please email Julian Marcus: arkvets@hotmail.com.

Never too late



Jack Thornton

Special mention goes to Jack Thornton (WS 1951-58), who ran the race a few weeks after his 80th birthday.

Jack's competitive running probably started in Lower and Upper Fourth, when the ground was too wet for Games and boys were sent on a run to Tachbrook Road Fork and back. As Jack moved up the school, he ran for Greville House in the Middle and Senior Cross Country and, in his final year, he won the Senior Cross

Country. After leaving school his enthusiasm for running waned as he concentrated more on rugby and then hockey. Jack had not run competitively for over 50 years, until he read an appeal in 2014 for OWs interested in running in the annual Thames Hare and Hounds Alumni Race. Martin Garrett, Dave Phillips and he answered the call and others have joined the team since.

Jack's secret? He confesses he has never been enthusiastic about training and so, about a month before the race, he starts jogging and slowly builds it up. By race day, he has usually covered half the distance each night (but not if it's raining). The five-mile race is therefore an endurance test completed by willpower! We salute you Jack.

The 2020 race is scheduled for Saturday 12 December at 14:00. Please join us if you can run or if, like Jack, you fancy a bit of a challenge. To register an interest, please email Anne Douglas a.douglas@warwicksschool.org.

Interested in playing OW Sport?

Please contact the captains below

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School vs OWs
Join OWs Cricket on Facebook.

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OW Spring Golf Day
Contact Julian Marcus on arkvets@hotmail.com

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School vs OWs
Contact Ian Macvie on macvie3@yahoo.co.uk

OW Hockey
OWs vs Old Sils
Contact Dan Murray on murrayd1616@aol.co.uk

OW Rugby
OWs vs Old Sils
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E-mail: alumni@warwickschool.org.

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OW Anniversary Reunions

Warwick School

Saturday 27 June 2020.

☐ I would like to attend.

Name of guest (if you would like to bring one):

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

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- Roy Dixon with The Atlantic Mavericks ©Atlantic Campaigns
- Max Verstappen and Alexander Albon celebrating Christian Horner's birthday in 2019
- Ben Hanlin, *Dancing on Ice* ©ITV

100 years ago

One hundred years ago boys started Warwick School wearing a dark jacket, long grey trousers and a small navy cap with a silver portcullis badge. All boys under 16 years and below 5 ft 6 were required to wear an Eton Collar outside the jacket. Attendance at school rugby and cricket matches was compulsory, with prefects taking a roll call beforehand. The games were usually on a Saturday afternoon, following morning school. The 1919-20 1st XV played ten matches, winning four, drawing one and losing five.



1919-20 1st XV



2019-20 1st XV



1920 front view main building



One hundred years ago – The first ever whole school photo, taken March 1920