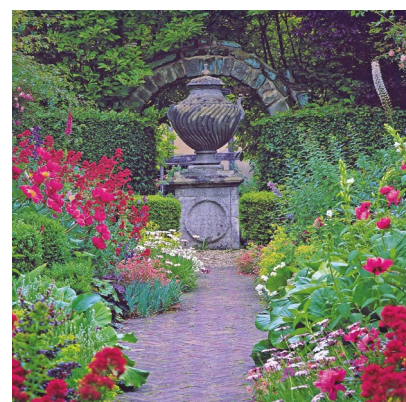


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The First World War Remembered

The school commemorated the centenary of the end of the First World War with a number of events. As well as the annual Remembrance Day Parade and Chapel Service, this year, a whole school assembly and an Evening of Music and Readings were dedicated to the First World War.

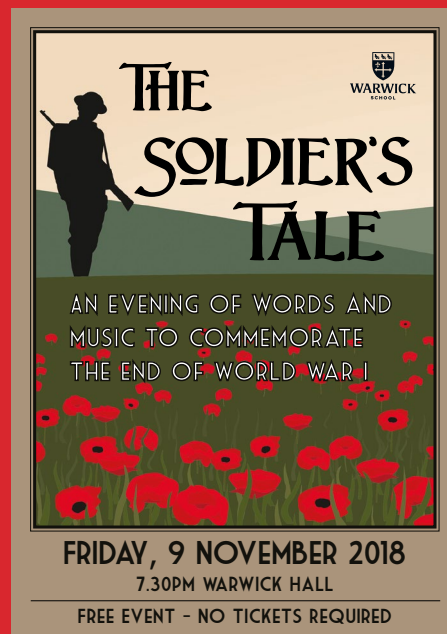
It is now known that 90 OWs plus two members of staff lost their lives in the war, including the Headmaster's son, Eric Wilfred Pyne, who died at sea in 1917 when his ship was torpedoed.

Prof Gerald Seaman (WS 1945-52) spoke in Assembly about his uncle, Capt Leonard Seaman, who was one of the boys in the WS team photo 1912-13 who died in the war.

The Evening of Music and Readings in Warwick Hall – The Soldier's Tale – featured music from the period performed by the Chapel Choir and instrumental soloists, interspersed with poems and readings.

The music chosen included two modern choral pieces alongside music written during, or straight after, the war: from popular melodies to virtuosic concert pieces. Among these, the third movement of Elgar's cello concerto has become synonymous with the elegiac mood of the post war years, and Stravinsky's 'The Soldier's Tale', composed at the close of the war, captures many of the contradictory attitudes of idealism and bitterness expressed at the time.

The readings chosen included some familiar poetry, a work by a current pupil, and a selection of extracts taken from The Portcullis from 1914 to early 1919. These extracts told the story of the war from a particularly Warwickian perspective. They included material written by boys, letters back home from serving OWs, speeches by Headmaster HS Pyne and assorted notices and accounts which gave a sense of life in school during the war. Placed between the musical performances they provided a moving account of the losses felt by the school community and, personally, by the Headmaster, following the death of his youngest son. They also, touchingly, spoke of a hope how coming to terms with these losses might shape the future: a hope made all the more powerful when felt from our vantage point a century later.



An Evening of Music and Readings.



Entrance to the Warwick Hall.



1912-13 Football Team, of whom nine were killed.



The 1914-18 chapel memorial.



Poppies of Remembrance in front of the school.



OWs Capt Richard Greenway, Capt Peter Selby and Sgt Ldr Marcus Hicks attended the Remembrance Assembly.



Warwick Hall poppies.

Recent Events

The Old Warwickian Association – 120 years old

The Old Warwickian Club, as the OWA was originally known, was founded 120 years ago, in 1898. Mention of an inaugural meeting was made in The Portcullis Vol VI, No. 8, although no details were recorded. The first recorded meeting of the Club was in December 1902, with Sir E Montague Nelson as President. Sixty years later, in 1958, it changed its name to the Old Warwickian Association. Membership has grown from 61 in 1903, to over 6,000 members worldwide in 2019.



1955 Portcullis Club opening.



Warwick School, 1906

OWA Annual Dinner 2018

Sat 1 Dec 2018

The traditional OWA Annual Dinner was held in the Pyne Room. 77 OWs from every decade since the 1940s, were joined by Head Master Deneal Smith and a number of current and former teachers. Great food, good wine, fun and fellowship were enjoyed.



Roy Dixon, Adrian Keeling and Jaish Mahan.



OWs from the 1950s and 60s.



2003 leavers, Tim Jacques, Sandip Dhillon, Kieran Millar, Tom Hamnett, Paul O'Grady, Laurence Foster, Hugo Doyle, Owen James, Michael Cheung and Simon Doherty.



Don Hanson, Richard Ashley, Tony Atkins and Jonathan Meredith.



2011 leavers, Chris Smith, Alec Shoesmith, Ben Howard, Trystan Macdonald and Matt Harry.

OWA Committee 2019

President – Adrian Keeling QC (WS 1975-85)

Chairman – Jim Button (WS 1978-85)

Treasurer – Arun Sachdev (WS 1991-2002)

Head Master – Deneal Smith

The committee retained the option to co-opt members.

President Elect (to serve as President 2020)

– Peter Varnish OBE (WS 1954-65)

OWA AGM 2018

Sat 1 Dec 2018

The 2018 OWA AGM took place before the Annual Dinner on 1 December. Reports were received from the Chairman, Treasurer and Alumni Officer. The Chairman thanked the committee for their continuing support. The accounts were approved. OWA President Col Jaish Mahan was thanked for his excellent support to the school and the OWA during 2018 and especially for hosting a very well-supported Armed Forces Dinner, superb President's Dinner at Sandhurst and for co-ordinating an informative and enlightening 'Careers in the Military' evening for current students.

OW London Reunion

5 November 2018 – The Royal Automobile Club

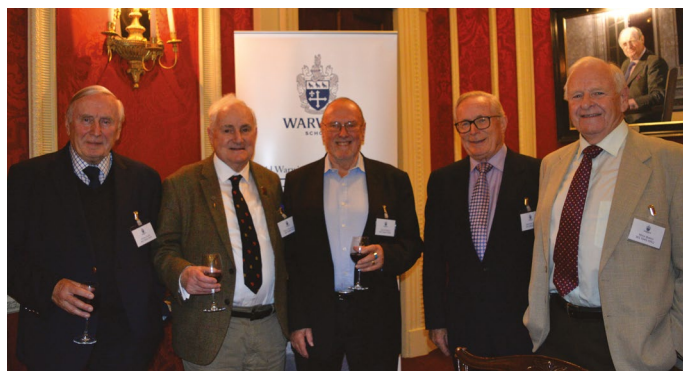
100 OWs gathered at The Royal Automobile Club on Pall Mall for the 2018 London Reunion.

Established in 1897 as the Automobile Club of Great Britain and Ireland, the Club is the oldest motoring institution in the UK and the second oldest in the world. The evening was kindly hosted by Chris Kroeger (WS 1998-2007) and OWs from every decade from the 1950s to recent leavers enjoyed drinks and canapés in The Committee Room.

Head Master Deneal Smith gave an update on the school and Jaish Mahan (WS 1985-92) reflected on his time at school and year as OWA President.



Frederick Williams, Vishesh Dawar, Finn Kelly, Simon Thompson, Nicholas Johnson and Sam Button.



Peter Duffy, Harry Greenway, Geoff Mann, Michael Duffy and Mike Baker.



Joseph Turner, Richard Brough, Ross Perry, Thomas Rockett, Joe Chapman and Charles Dixon. Note the Warwick School umbrellas in the background!



Alan Dee, Stephen Cutting and Clark Sargent.



Brian Johnson, Andrew Evans and Marcus Chorley.



Gervald Frykman, Jenna Bowyer and Phillip Rothwell.



Harvey Innocent, Gurdev Singh, Toby Clark and Rohan Pai.



Seven Buttons.



Irving Samwell, David Foskett, Mike Huntley CB and Chris Willford.



James Uffindell, Freddie Dixon, Rob Rigby and Thomas Key.



Rob Rigby, Sam Murphy and Thomas Pavel.



Steve Walter, James Cook OBE and Jaish Mahan.



Oscar Robinson, James Williams, George Vetch, Freddie Lindsay, Tom Spackman and Rory McGrath.

OWs in Hong Kong

22 September 2018 – The Pacific Club

With spectacular views across Victoria Harbour, The Pacific Club was a new and modern venue for the Old Warwickians annual gathering in Hong Kong.

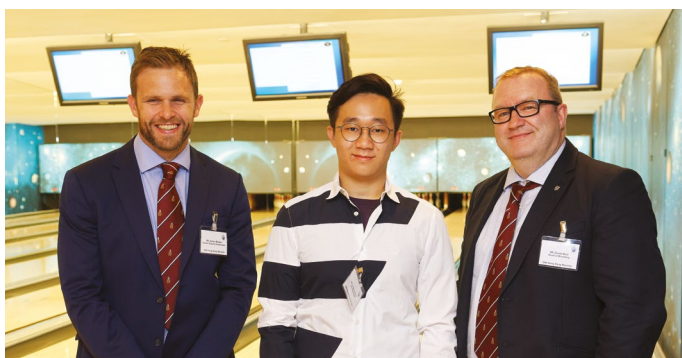
OWs joined Senior Deputy Headmaster James Barker (WS 1991-97), Peter O'Grady, David Bull (Head of Boarding) and Ginny Gretton, for a buffet, bar, bowling and billiards. Special thanks to Mr Eddie Leung who helped organise the evening... and to David Bull and Ginny Gretton for kick-starting the karaoke.



Aaron Cheung, Rico Leung and Stanley Chan.



Stephen Law, Peter O'Grady and Anthony Lau.



James Barker, Jasper Wong and David Bull.



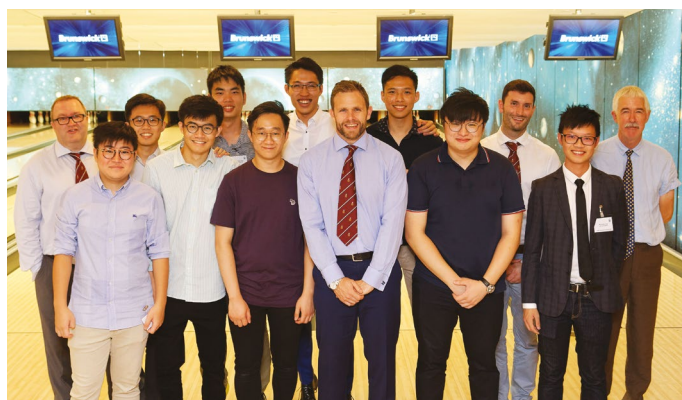
Anson Lei and Tin Lok Tam.



Chris Lee and Harlan Kwok.



View from The Pacific Club.



The bowlers.



Jordan Yim and Tin Lok Tam.



Lara Wong and Richard Wilson.



Prizes for the winners.

Forthcoming Events

1969, 1979, 1989, 1999 and 2009 Anniversary Reunions

Warwick School – Sat 6 July 2019

1969, '79, '89, '99 and 2009 leavers, and the staff who taught them, are warmly invited to anniversary reunions on Saturday 6 July.

Meet back at school from 12:00 to 15:00 for drinks, a light lunch and tour of the school. 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 16.

These anniversary reunions are for those who left at the end of the Upper Sixth in 1969, '79, '89, '99 and 2009, plus classmates who left earlier, including those who left two years early, after O levels or GCSEs.



The previous 1969 reunion in 2009.



2009 Sixth Form Charity Concert.



1999 Team Building.



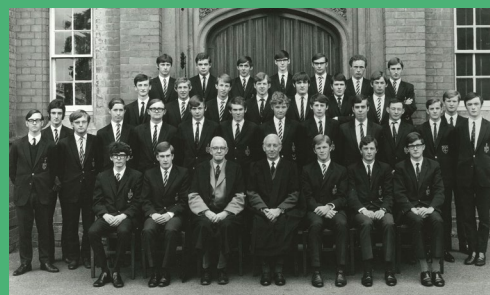
1979 1st XI.



1978-79 Prefects.



1988-89 1st XI.



1968-69 Prefects.



1988-89 1st XV.

Chapel Services – Lent 2019

Sun 3 Feb 10:00 Candlemas Choral Service
Sun 3 Mar 10:00 Mayor's Sunday
Sun 24 Mar 10:00 Passiontide Service

All OWs and their families and friends are welcome at these services. **As dates and services sometimes change please check details on www.warwickschool.org.**

Music and Drama

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

Diary of Events

Head Master's Quiz

Warwick School
Fri 1 March 2019, 19:00.

OWA President's Dinner

Lord Leycester Hospital
Sat 11 May 2019, 18:30.

Anniversary Reunions

Warwick School
Sat 6 July 2019, 12:00-15:00.

For information on any of these events please contact: Anne Douglas, Alumni Relations, Warwick School. T: 01926 776404.

E: a.douglas@warwickschool.org.

OW Coffee Morning

The Pyne Room, Warwick School – Sat 26 Jan 2019, 10:00-11:30. No need to book, just turn up for coffee, bacon butties and a chat. Wives, partners and friends welcome.

OWA President's Dinner

Saturday 11 May 2019 – Lord Leycester Hospital, Warwick

OWA President Adrian Keeling QC (WS 1975-85) invites OWs and their wives/partners to join him at the historic Lord Leycester Hospital on Saturday 11 May for the 2019 President's Dinner.

The Lord Leycester Hospital was the home of Warwick School in the second half of the 16th century. After nearly 500 years the school is therefore "coming home" to the centre of Warwick – for one night only.

The evening will give almost unique access to the mediaeval timber-framed buildings that are clustered around the Norman gateway into Warwick. During the reign of Queen Elizabeth I it became, under the patronage of Robert Dudley, a place of retirement for old soldiers. To this day the Hospital carries on that proud tradition and is home to retired service men and women and their partners.

Enjoy pre-dinner drinks in the historic Master's Garden, with its 12th century Norman arch, Victorian pineapple pit, 2,000 year old nilometer and thatched summer house favoured by Nathaniel Hawthorne. Visit the ancient Guildhall and the stunning galleried courtyard before following in the footsteps of James I to dine in the Great Hall.

Programme

18:30 Pre-dinner drinks in the Master's Garden.

19:30 Four course dinner in the Great Hall. There will be a cash bar during and after dinner.

23.30 Carriages.

Dress

Black tie.

Tickets

£70 per person to include pre-dinner drinks and a four course dinner. 100 tickets are available on a first come, first served basis.

Please book online at www.oldwarwickians.org or return the Booking Form on the back page of this newsletter.



The Lord Leycester Hospital.

Parking

There is no parking at the Lord Leycester Hospital. The nearest public car park is a few minutes away at New Street (free after 18:00).

Chance to visit Warwick School

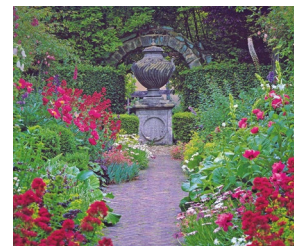
An optional afternoon tour of Warwick School is available on request from 15:30-16:30.

Cancellations

Tickets are for named individuals only and are non-transferable. If you wish to cancel your ticket(s) please advise Alumni Relations so that they may be reallocated to those on the waiting list. After 11 April, tickets are only refundable if we are able to reallocate them.

Booking deadline

Thursday 11 April 2019.



The Master's Garden.

OWA President 2019

Adrian Keeling QC, WS 1975-85

Adrian joined Warwick Junior School in Lower Two. His junior school years were noteworthy only for his inability to master cricket, despite the expert tutelage of Jack Marshall, and for playing Ratty in Toad of Toad Hall, and bizarrely, therefore, following in the footsteps of The Hon Sir David Fosskett (WS 1956-67) who did the same.

Once in Big School, Adrian resolutely stuck to the B stream but peppered his time with other activities; Hockey, CCF, the choir, and even the model railway society.

After Warwick he spent a year growing tobacco in the Philippine Islands, before reading law at Trinity Hall, Cambridge. He then went to the Inns of Court and was called to the Bar by the Inner Temple in 1990. He joined chambers at 3 Fountain Court in Birmingham, with a broad practice which covered almost every area. After a move to No5 Chambers, he specialised more in Regulatory and Criminal work, took silk in 2011, and was made a Master of the Bench in 2017.

Adrian is acutely conscious that much of his reputation with the school will now rest on delivering a good speech to go with the cheese and port at the Dinner in May!



Adrian Keeling QC (WS 1975-85).

School News

This new academic year brings many exciting changes at Warwick School. In addition, the number of events, activities and opportunities for the boys is tremendous. We include here a selection of stories which have made the headlines in the Michaelmas term.

Meet the new Head Master



Dr Deneal Smith.

Deneal Smith was brought up in Blackpool and educated at Arnold School. From there, he went to St John's College, Cambridge to read Mathematics and then Astrophysics, completing a PhD in Observation Astronomy.

His first teaching post was at Winchester College, where he taught Physics and Maths. In his six years there, he took football, hockey and cricket teams, directed plays and briefly ran a boarding house. He was appointed to his first senior post as Head of Sixth Form at Magdalen College School, Oxford, and became Director of Studies two years later, eventually combining this role with being a day housemaster and master i/c football.

A move to London followed in 2013, where he became Under Master (Deputy Head) at Westminster School. He has been a governor of an Oxford primary school and a trustee of Future Academies, a multi-academy trust based in Pimlico and Hammersmith.

Dr Smith is married to Lisa, who has also worked as a teacher and educational consultant. They have two children aged 11 and 8.

Deneal says *"It has been a great honour and pleasure to take the helm at Warwick School at such an exciting time in its history. With all our many and varied strengths we will continue to aim higher as we aspire to become the best all round boys' school in the country."*

Academic achievements

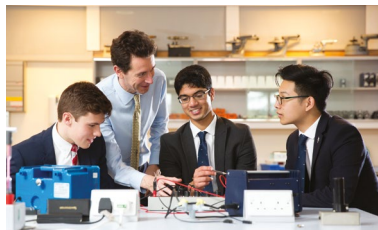


A level results day.

Once again, Warwick School students celebrated 100% pass rate at A Level, with 55% of students gaining A* or A grades. Biology results were outstanding, with 66% A*-A grades, Chemistry 64% A*-A grades, closely followed by Maths with 62% A*-A grades. Overall, students achieved superb results and have gone on to secure places at some of the most prestigious universities in the country. 16 boys who received Oxbridge offers secured their places at Cambridge and Oxford. In addition, there were great accomplishments in sports, music and the arts, to complement these excellent academic achievements.

The school also celebrated fantastic GCSE results. For the first time in its history, over half the grades (55%) were at A* or the equivalent in the new system (9-8). 78% of grades were awarded at A*-A (9-7) with 94% at A*-B (9-6). Results were strong across a diverse range of subjects, with History, Design & Technology and the Sciences all scoring around 90% A*-A.

National Centre for teaching of Maths and Physics



Calling all OWs who might consider teaching as a career. Have you thought about teaching Mathematics or Physics, even if you have not read these subjects at university?

Warwick School and King's High are soon to become a national

centre for the teaching of Maths and Physics – a new government initiative aimed at increasing the number of such teachers.

Bursaries and scholarships (up to £32,000) are available. Successful completion of the year will lead to the award of QTS and a PGCE accredited by Buckingham University. Support from the Institute of Physics and Mathematical Association will provide ongoing high quality professional development.

Head Master Deneal Smith says *"There is no better way to learn and understand more about the subject you love than teaching it to children. I dipped my toe in the water of school teaching nearly 20 years ago and have not looked back since. The breadth of experience, with involvement in extra-curricular activities and pastoral support for children, makes it a thoroughly rewarding vocation."*

Warwick School has outstanding facilities (come and see our physics labs!), bright boys who are eager to learn, and experienced teachers who can help guide new recruits to the profession.

Physics is our most basic science, and yet to my mind the most fascinating, particularly when we look at things on the astronomical and sub-atomic levels. Maths provides the language to describe physics, as well as economics and many other fields, and yet has an intrinsic beauty of its own, which a teacher can reveal to their pupils."

If you are interested in finding out more please contact Mrs R Chapman; Director of NMAPS on nmaps@warwickschools.co.uk.

Project One Campus



The new shared Sixth Form Centre.

Progress on Project One Campus has gone exceptionally well over the last year, allowing the Governors and Project Team the opportunity to review the original timeline. The decision has been made to move some of the project stages forward, with the intention of completing aspects of the project earlier than originally planned.

While teaching will remain single sex from the age of seven, there will be far more opportunities for collaboration between our Foundation pupils. This includes a new, joint programme of Friday Afternoon Activity across Warwick School and King's High for students in year 9 and above, including CCF, BBC School Report, Community Sports Leadership Award and many more activities.

The shared Sixth Form Centre is ready and will provide, from September 2019, a space for private study for both boys and girls, and opportunities to socialise together.

The new sports facilities and flood-lit all-weather pitch will significantly improve our ability to train and host fixtures, particularly in the evenings and during periods of bad weather.

To follow Project One Campus in more detail, follow us on Twitter @POC_WISF or www.projectonecampus.co.uk

Ground breaking news

A ground breaking ceremony took place in September to mark the start of a state-of-the-art 3G rugby pitch. This top-quality, floodlit 3G surface will allow boys of all ages to continue playing rugby even in the dark and muddy depths of winter.



Head Master Deneal Smith, Captain of the 1st XV William Kelley, Director of Rugby Mr Tom Pierce and a Warwick Junior School U11 player.

Twilight Walk



The Twilight Walk.

On Sunday 30 September, Warwick School families and staff and the local community joined together to take part in the 10km Twilight Walk, raising much needed funds for research into brain tumours. Many were inspired by the story of Jacob, a year 9 student, who was diagnosed with a brain tumour in 2014. Jacob wants to help and support other children, adults and families going through the experience both he and his family face on a daily basis.

Speed Interviewing



Teachers, parents, OWs and industry contacts were drafted in for the annual Careers 'Speed Interviewing' evening with students from the Upper Sixth. Having indicated their university subject choices and potential job interests, students met with three professionals with direct or indirect experience in their chosen fields. From finance to medicine, marketing to flight school, linguistics, law, engineering and accountancy, students presented their achievements, weaknesses and idiosyncrasies under the scrutiny of business insiders, journalists, academics and ruthless CEOs.

"Now, tell me," enquired one admissions tutor, "what is your favourite physics equation? If you were a fruit what would you be? Can you tell me why you have lasagne on your tie?"

A five minute period of feedback was offered after each 15 minute interview:

"You hold great eye-contact," informed one psychologist, "but that handshake reminded me of a limp fish. And do up that top button: it's looser than your handshake."

Despite a mix of impressive performances, none fell short of one or two things to improve upon. With care and honesty, each interviewer left their charges determined to impress and improve in future interviews.

OW News

Spotlight on Wakeboarding



Spot on Wake.



Peter McCall (WS 1987-97) .



The aqua park.

Peter McCall (WS 1987-97) is the hands-on, hard-working and inspirational man behind Spot on Wake, Warwickshire's amazing new wakeboard and aqua park at Wootton Wawen.

The story of Spot on Wake began while Pete was a teenager at Warwick, when he learnt to sail and windsurf. He became passionate about water sports and, after Warwick, completed a BA Hons in Leisure, Sport and Recreational Management. As an avid windsurfer he became qualified to coach RYA level 3 windsurfing and then took up wakeboarding as a hobby.

With the family's farm business diversifying, six years ago Pete began to explore new business ideas which would involve his passion for watersports. Having come across wakeboarding cables at various locations, his ideas for a wake park came to fruition with a new 'two-way' cable system that was developed in Germany. The wake park also fits in well with the wedding and accommodation business set up by older brother Mark (WS 1984-93).

With planning consent and change of use confirmed, Pete began to dig lakes and landscape six acres of family land. Doing most of the work himself, the process took two years until, in April 2017, the new wakeboard park was opened to the public. During the first highly successful season Spot on Wake attracted day visitors, locals wanting regular lessons, plus a number of experienced wakeboarders from across the UK.

The business is evolving and developing. Last summer Pete introduced a small inflatable aqua park, which provides great fun for kids and adults alike. The park also achieved official recognition and accreditation from British Waterski and Wakeboard and has been featured on RedBull.com as one of the top ten must-visit wake parks in the UK. During the winter, much work is being done to continually improve facilities and, this summer, there are plans to open a larger inflatable obstacle course and to introduce kids club sessions. For further details see spotonwake.co.uk.

New paths



Duncan Gunn (WS 1978-85).

Duncan Gunn (WS 1978-85) has bought the Covent Garden architects' practice he has been with for five years. Gunn Associates work with property developers, individuals, and higher education establishments on residential, mixed-use, and educational projects. In the last two years the practice has offered work experience to three Warwick boys who were interested in being an architect.

Duncan has also taken up marathon running. After four half marathons in 2018, he ran his first full marathon in September, the Richmond Marathon, in 4 hours 9 minutes.

Ralph Davis at the RSC

Ralph Davis (WS 2003-14) played three characters in *Tamburlaine*, the RSC's epic portrait of absolute power at its most charismatic and violent. Directed by Michael Boyd, *Tamburlaine* was at the Swan Theatre to 18 December.



Ralph Davis in *Tamburlaine*. Photo by Ellie Kurtz ©RSC.

Army commission



Sam Ackers on final exercise in Germany before commissioning.

Congratulations to Sam Ackers (WS 2007-13) who was commissioned from Sandhurst last summer. Sam first expressed an interest in the Army during Upper 5 and was encouraged by Army Careers Advisor Col John Moody to apply for Sandhurst. While not a member of the CCF due to his 1st XV rugby commitments, Sam's A levels in History and Politics gave the perfect foundation to study International Relations at Lancaster University, a very relevant degree for Army Officers.

Sam said "The P.E. staff at Warwick, in particular Mr Pierce and Mr Nasey, set high standards in sports and fitness, this contributed massively during the gruelling selection process and ultimately in me securing a place at Sandhurst".

Sam was commissioned as 2nd Lieutenant and joins the 2 Rifles infantry regiment based in Lisburn, Northern Ireland.



Sam and Joel Ackers in front of Old College, Sandhurst.

Historic whole school photos

While tidying the archives, we have come across a limited number of new school photos which are available to buy for £25. Proceeds will go to the Warwick School Bursary Fund. Please contact Alumni Relations if interested: alumni@warwickschool.org, tel: 01926 776404. Photos will need to be collected from school.

Whole School (framed, glazed, no names)

- 1970 (b & w)
- 1974 (b & w)
- 1977
- 1981
- 1986 x 2
- 1989 x 3
- 1998 (and one with no frame)
- 2002

Whole School (framed, glazed, with names)

- 1998
- 1999
- 2002 x 2
- 2007
- 2011

Junior School (framed, glazed, no names)

- 1989

Upper Sixth (framed, glazed, with names)

- 1998 (no glass)
- 2000 x 3
- 2001 x 2
- 2002 x 4
- 2003 x 2

Upper Sixth (on boards, no frames, with names)

- 1998 x 5
- 2000 x 20
- 2001 x 2
- 2002
- 2003

Anyone for real tennis?

Leamington Real Tennis Club Chairman Guy Stanton (WS 1977-88) hosted Prince Edward, Earl of Wessex, for dinner and tennis. The Earl was promoting The Duke of Edinburgh's Award. Several schools took part in master classes with club professionals and the Earl played six sets of tennis against members to raise funds for DofE. A number of OWs also attended the Gala Dinner to celebrate DofE.



Did you see?

Charlie Hamblett (WS 2004-11) appeared in a significant role in *Killing Eve* Episode 2. Spoiler alert: unfortunately Charlie's character was killed off.

Maanuv Thiara (WS 2001-12) starred in *The Funeral Director* at Southwark Playhouse.

Josh McGuire (WS 1999-2006) was the lead character's loyal press agent in *I'm Not Running*, the latest David Hare play at the Lyttleton Theatre.

Seasoned street performer Noel Byrne (WS 1988-93) performed in an adaptation of *The Turn of the Screw* at Underbelly Cowgate, at Edinburgh Festival Fringe.

Ben Hanlin's live show was named 'Best Variety Show' at the Edinburgh Fringe. In the autumn, Ben's spooky one off TV special 'Drowned' saw him and Joey Essex attempt a live deadly challenge.

James TW's single 'Soldier' was featured in the Chelsea Pensioners' dance in *Strictly* on Remembrance Sunday.

Royal Leamington Spa: A history in 100 buildings



Harrington House, Leamington.

Leamington History Group has compiled a book telling the stories of one hundred buildings in Leamington. The book, edited by Michael Jeffs (WS 1953-60), tells the stories of those who built the buildings, as well as those who lived and worked there.

Family links



Ben Andrews is the new Head of Modern Foreign Languages at Warwick. With no apparent previous connection to the school, Ben noticed, in the old Dining Room, a panel for E C Wroth (WS 1894-1902). Wroth is Ben's mother's maiden name and a very unusual one.

School archivist Gervald Frykman was able to expand that Edward Charles Wroth, born 1 January 1884, was a boarder at Warwick who played 1st XV rugby and 1st XI cricket for the school, and latterly for OWs. Further work is underway to establish the family links.

Ironman Talling-Smith



Simon crosses the finish-line at IRONMAN Barcelona.

Simon Talling-Smith (WS 1979-86) completed IRONMAN Barcelona to help build a new home for the 2nd Warwick Sea Scouts. Simon, who was a member of the Sea Scouts in the early 1980s, completed a 3.8km swim, a 180km bike ride, and full marathon in an impressive 11 hours and 55 minutes. He raised £4,000 for the construction of the new HQ which is to be built next to St Nicholas Park Leisure Centre. www.2wk.org.uk/new-hq.

A career in the military



Flt Lt Matt Jackson (47 Sqn Royal Air Force), Anthony Pimm (Commanding Officer of HMS Chiddingfold), Edward Flint (Deputy Head, Department of Defence and international Affairs, Sandhurst), Jaish Mahan (Commander CRHQ Second Medical Brigade) and Richard Greenway (2IC Montgomery Company, Birmingham UOTC).

Warwick and King's High students interested in a career in the military were privileged to meet a number of OWs currently serving in the Armed Forces. Col Jaish Mahan (WS 1985-92), Anthony Pimm (WS 1992-99), Edward Flint (WS 1982-87), Richard Greenway (WS 1990-95) and Matt Jackson (WS 1997-2008) gave a Careers talk in the new Sixth Form Centre, with honest, enthusiastic and informative insights about the staggering variety of opportunities there are in the military.

Welcome back

It's always great to welcome OWs back to school. If you are unable to make a reunion and would like to look round the school on a personal visit, please book your visit in advance with Alumni Relations (alumni@warwickschool.org or telephone 01926 776404) so we can make sure someone is available to accompany you. Please note also that there is no visitor access to the Boarding House during term time.



Peter Cutress (WS 1985-96).



Head of Sixth Form John Jefferies with Majinder Hothi (WS 1993-98).



Roy Posey (WS 1994-2000).



Terry Chung (WS 2000-2008).

Running into one another again



Mike and Paul – post run.

Mike Slade (WS 1978-87) and Paul Lambert (WS 1976-87) were pleased to run into one another at the Guildford Park Run. It was the first time they had seen one another in over 30 years.

Windsor Castle flowers

Simon Lycett (WS 1974-85) was honoured to return to Windsor Castle to decorate the castle's State Entrance, Grand Staircase and Grand Reception Room for the wedding of HRH Princess Eugenie and Jack Brooksbank.



Up, up and away



Marcus and crew ready to take off on a morning flight.



The last visit to France and the poppy drop over a lost Lancaster.

Royal Orthopaedic Hospital Knee and Shoulder Orthopaedic Consultant Marcus Green (WS 1974-81) competed in the British National Hot Air Balloon Championships. The contest was held over four days, with contestants being set a number of tasks to steer the balloon.

Marcus led the competition until the last morning flight, when he was overtaken by his godson (who had, just a few weeks previously, won the World Championships).

Marcus has flown at both World and European championship levels. This is the second time he has finished second in the British Championships.

On his last visit to France he arranged for six British balloons to fly across the field where his uncle's Lancaster Bomber crashed in World War II. Although his uncle survived, the pilot and rear gunner were killed. In their memory, the British balloonists dropped 20,000 poppy petals over the crash site.

Edge of Africa



Julian Chorley.

Julian Chorley (WS 1968-75) returned to school to talk to the Careers Department about work experience programmes and volunteering in Africa. Julian works with his partner who set up Edge of Africa, an award winning organisation providing ethical and life-changing opportunities in Africa through volunteer programmes and work experiences.

Careers Business Talks

OWs continue to provide Warwick School students with a range of open and enlightening insights into different careers.



Tyler Jeffs (WS 2010-17) spoke about apprenticeships and a career in accountancy.



Oran Aske-Haley (WS 2006-17) explored different routes to becoming a pilot.



Mike Jones (WS 1980-90) talked about a career in books and how to get ahead in publishing.



Richard Meadows (WS 1995-2002) shed some light on working for the Civil Service.



Martin Hopkins (WS 1971-76) covered Graduate Apprenticeships and Opportunities in Law.



Stu Bevan (WS 1977-84) gave an insight into the world of banking with 'A random walk down Wall Street'.



Charles Brooke Taylor (WS 2001-12), Freddie Williams (WS 2005-16), Nicholas Johnson (WS 2009-16), Joe Carroll (WS 2005-10) and Alexander Russell (WS 2007-14) covered opportunities for students with a Humanities degree.



Former Bench Chairman Stephen Lamley (WS 1956-63) spoke to members of the Law Society about the work of the magistrates' courts.



Simon Twigger (WS 1980-87), pictured with father Pat, spoke about careers in biochemistry and bioinformatics in the UK and USA.

OW Sport

OW Hockey

Sat 8 Sept 2018 – OWs vs Old Sils



Back: Dan Murray, Rob Pomfret, Matt Leatherdale, Nick Baker, Phil Foster, TJ Jackson, Ian Reynolds and John MacDonald. Front: Alex van Dijk, Olly Hobbs, Jack Bennett, Ian Best, Max Jennings and Baz Holton.

“What’s the average age of your team?” Old Silhillians asked just before push-back. **“You all look like Dads!”** they said. But Old Warwickians proved the value of the odd grey hair by registering a 4-2 win and a fifth straight Strover Shield triumph.

It was a tight start, with Phil Foster and Nick Baker dominant at the back for OWs and Ian Reynolds and TJ Jackson controlling the midfield. OWs stepped up the pressure with some excellent moves on the counter, going in at half time 1-0 after Baz Holton converted a cross at the far post.

In the second half, Old Sils pegged OWs back, but OWs retook the lead with Max Jennings slotting in across the keeper. When Old Sils drew at 2-2, with another short corner and 15 minutes left, it looked like penalty shuffles might beckon. But Olly Hobbs quickly put OWs back in front and the match was rounded off in style with a brilliant OW team move. Olly turned two defenders inside out, before combining with TJ Jackson to set up Matt Leatherdale to score. Final score: 4-2 to OWs.

If you are interested in playing OW hockey, please contact Rob Pomfret at rjp503@googlemail.com.

With thanks to Rob Pomfret.



A highly competitive match.

OW Golf

Fri 14 Sept 2018 – Autumn Golf Meeting



Back: Malcolm Eykyn, Rob Kay, John Sheffield, John Elson, David Cleminson, James Cumberland, Peter Baird, Iain Simmons, Oliver Commins, Richard Simmons, Mike Barnwell, Chris Kaye, Clive Boast and Chris Aldridge. Front: Budd Abbott, Vic MacDonald, Peter Gedge, David Phillips (Capt), Julian Marcus (Hon Sec), Tim Shenton-Taylor and Chris Adams.

The long hot summer had parched many courses but, in the most part, Kenilworth GC had recovered and provided some extremely fast greens to test our OW resolve with the putter.

Coffee, bacon rolls and a catch up set eight golfers off to a good start. We were joined by Rob Kay who had driven down from Royal Birkdale for the day, though sadly not playing on this occasion. Foursomes golf over 18 holes in the morning were played for the keenly contested OW Tankards. Soup and sandwiches were delivered for lunch and a further 12 players arrived for the main afternoon competition – the OW Salver.

OW Tankards

Winners – James Cumberland and Chris Aldridge on 35 pts
Runners up – Malcom Eykyn and Chris Kaye on 28 pts
Third – Mike Barnwell and Peter Baird on 28 pts

OW Salver

An individual stableford played off full handicap for the first time in our main event.

Winner – Iain Simmons (retaining his title) on 35 pts
Runner up – James Cumberland on 33 pts
Third – Chris Aldridge on 31 pts

Golfer of the Year 2018

A combination of individual points made in both individual rounds at Tadmorton and Kenilworth.

Winner – Chris Kaye on 60 pts
Runner up – Piers Neville on 55 pts
Third – Budd Abbott on 55 pts
Nearest the pin on 7th – Iain Simmons
Nearest the pin on 18th – James Cumberland

Huge thanks to all the sponsors and to Peter Baird, outgoing Captain, who handed over the Captain’s Pot (a silver tankard) to Dave Phillips on his first official OW Captain’s engagement – having missed Tadmorton in favour of a Buckingham Palace garden party!

With thanks to Julian Marcus.

**Date for your golf diary – OW Spring Golf Day
Tues 21 May 2019 – Tadmorton Heath GC**

OW Rugby

Sat 8 Sept 2018 – OWs vs Old Sils



Top: Harry Bassett, Matt Riley (VC), Noah Thorne, Will Roberts, Jack Firth, Max Roberts, Tom Fawcett, Oliver Richardson, Ed Andrews and Angus Firth. Bottom: Josh Fox, Kyriakos Grammatopoulos, Jamie Walker, George Nellany, Sam Lillie, Joe Blake (Capt), Alex Lillie, Tommy Jones, Henry Stride and Will Tanner. Not pictured: Daniel Swan.

Saturday 8 September saw a resurgent Warwick convincingly beat a strong Solihull old boys' team 33-21. Despite limited preparation and even more limited fitness, Warwick were able to exhibit a fine display of fluid running rugby to secure The Coton Cup for the first time since 2010 (now proudly displayed in the Warwick Alumni Office). Sheer dynamism in the forwards, combined with deft hands and blistering pace in the backs, made for a force to be reckoned with.

Special mention to Harry Bassett, who pulled off an 'out the back door' pass of which Sonny Bill would be proud. Huge thanks to the boys for pulling on an OW jersey on the day and to all those who came to support, and of course to Solihull who never fail to put up a fierce fight.

If you would like to get involved in this year's fixture, don't hesitate to reach out to Joe at joe.l.blake@outlook.com.

With thanks to Joe Blake.



Jamie Walker.



Try!



Henry Stride.



Will Tanner.

Marko Stanojevic back at Warwick School



Marko Stanojevic.

Former rugby international Marko Stanojevic (WS 1991-98) is currently coaching Warwick School's U13B team and assisting with the U16 team. Marko was first capped for Italy in 2006 and one of his career highlights was scoring a try against New Zealand in the 2007 Rugby World Cup.

Marko says "It is a privilege and a pleasure to be back at Warwick School in a coaching

capacity, having learnt my skills here as a young rugby player. It's fantastic to see the number of pupils playing and enjoying rugby on a regular basis. I have very fond memories of the school and being part of the rugby team with so many great players, particularly during a fantastic tour in 1997 which saw us travel to Argentina and Chile. The camaraderie was, and still is, fantastic and the core values it promotes both on and off the field are invaluable. While I played my last competitive match in 2015 I'm always happy to play a game of touch rugby whenever possible!"

Booking Form – Events

Please return this form to:

Alumni Relations, Warwick School, Warwick CV34 6PP.
Tel: 01926 776404 E-mail: alumni@warwicksschool.org.

Title

Full name

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

Address

Postcode

Tel

Email

Signed

Date

1969, '79, '89, '99 and 2009 Anniversary Reunions

Warwick School.

Saturday 6 July 2019.

☐ I would like to attend.

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

OWA President's Dinner

Lord Leycester Hospital.

Saturday 11 May 2019.

☐ I would like to book _____ ticket(s) at £70 each and enclose a cheque for £ _____ made payable to **Warwick Schools Enterprises Ltd.**

☐ I would like to pay by bank transfer, please send details.

☐ I would like a tour of the school at 15:30.

Name of guest (if applicable)

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

Cancellations

Booking is on a first come, first served basis. Tickets are for named individuals only and are non-transferable. If you wish to cancel your ticket(s) please advise Alumni Relations so that they may be reallocated to other OWs on the waiting list, should there be one. After the booking deadline, tickets are only refundable if we are able to reallocate them.

Front cover images, clockwise from top.

- Marcus Green's poppy drop over a lost Lancaster.
- Ralph Davis in *Tamburlaine*. Photo by Ellie Kurtz ©RSC.
- The Master's Garden at the Lord Leycester Hospital.
- Sam and Joel Ackers in front of Old College, Sandhurst.
- OW winners with The Coton Cup.



Safeguarding then and now

From the Head Master,

For the five years prior to moving to Warwick, I was the Designated Safeguarding Lead at my previous school. I regarded that as the most important part of my role as Deputy Head. I am pleased to say that the Warwick School that I have inherited has a dedicated team of senior pastoral staff who are trained to deal with any safeguarding concerns. All teaching and support staff also have appropriate training and the culture is very much that every child matters and every concern is taken seriously. Our primary objective is always to care for the wellbeing of each and every boy.

Boys are taught about safeguarding as well. For instance, boys in the Junior School were recently sent home with a booklet entitled, *'Everyone has a right to feel safe.'* As we have seen from the Independent Inquiry led by Professor Alexis Jay, this right was not always protected in the way it should have been, and several schools have come in for deserved criticism. I am aware that independent schools in an earlier era were very different, and safeguarding would not be a term that previous generations of pupils would have understood in the way it is today.

I am therefore inviting any OW who may have been abused and was not properly supported at the time – whether because they did not feel able to report it, or they did and no action was taken – to contact me in writing or by email at deneal.smith@warwicksschool.org. All concerns raised will be reported appropriately, to the Local Authority or the Police if necessary.

Dr Deneal Smith
Head Master

