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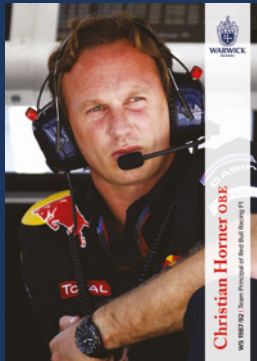
New event planned
for OW medics,
dentists and vets

Bookings going well
for the Anniversary
Reunions



Celebrating our Old Warwickians

With the Old Warwickian Association now 120 years old, we celebrate some of our Old Warwickians, past and present.



Christian Horner OBE.



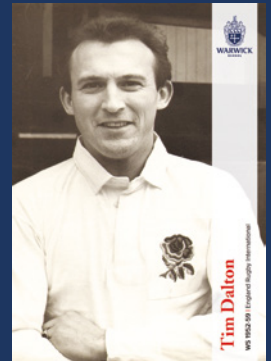
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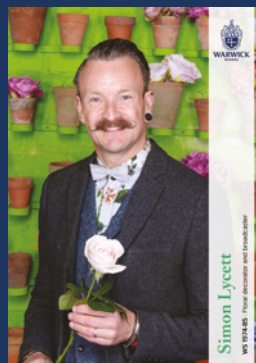
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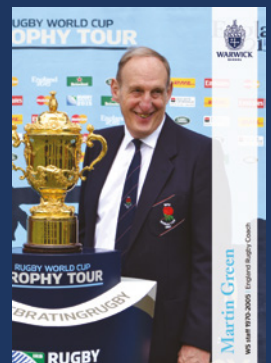
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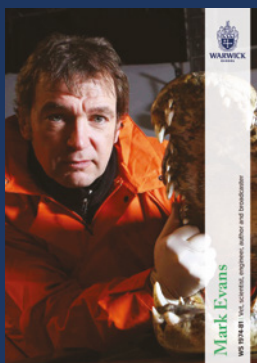
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The Hon Sir David Fosskett.



Martin Green.



Mark Evans.



Leo Hughes.



Steve Hamilton Shaw



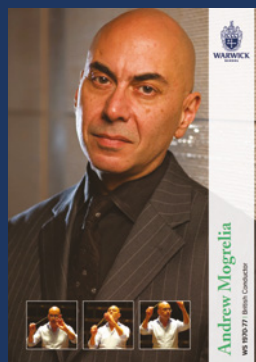
Sqn Ldr Hugh Nichols MBE.



David Phillips.



Charlie Hayer.



Andrew Mogrelia.



Martin Richards QPM.



Sir Tim Barrow KCMG LVO MBE.



Neil Smith.

These are among a number of portraits on display at Warwick School.
Further suggestions for our 'Rogues Gallery' gratefully received.

Forthcoming Events

NEW OW Medics Dinner – for all OW medics, dentists and vets

Thursday 7 November 2019 – Warwick School

OW medics, dentists and vets, either studying, working or retired, are warmly invited back to Warwick School on Thursday 7 November for a new OW Medics Dinner.

The evening will offer a friendly, social opportunity for OW medics and related professionals to gather back at school. Current Warwick School boys considering such careers will also be invited and given the opportunity to hear first-hand about different careers and opportunities.

Plan for the evening

- 17:00** Optional tour of Warwick School
- 17:45** Careers Session with 6-8 OWs giving a short, no-frills talk about their particular field
- 18:30** Drinks reception in the Halse Pavilion
- 19:00** Three course dinner in the Pyne Room, kindly hosted by Consultant Orthopaedic Surgeon Dr Peter Baird (WS 1953-61).
- 21:00** Ends.

Laughter is the best medicine

Comedian and doctor Ahmed Kazmi will offer some light after-dinner insights into the medical profession.

Tickets

Tickets for drinks and a three course dinner are £25.00. OWs in full time education are offered discounted tickets at £15.00.

Volunteers needed

Up to eight OWs are needed to give five minute talks to current students in the Careers Session.

Register now

To help us identify our OW medics, please register your interest in attending by contacting Anne Douglas, email a.douglas@warwickschool.org or tel 01926 776404. Please also indicate if you are prepared to give one of the five minute talks. No payment is required at this stage. Invitations and further information will be sent out in the summer.



Chapel Services – Summer 2019

Sun 12 May 11:00
Sun 30 June 10:00 Foundation Sunday
Old Warwickians and their families and friends are welcome at these services.

Music and Drama

For information on forthcoming school music and drama productions see www.warwickschoolcalendar.org and www.bridgrousetheatre.co.uk.

Diary of Events – Summer 2019

OWA President's Dinner
Lord Leycester Hospital
Sat 11 May, 18:30.

OW Golf – Grafton Morrish Qualifiers
Olton GC
Sat 11 May.

OW Golf Spring Day
Tadmorton Heath GC
Tues 14 May, 08:00.

School vs. OW Golf
Stratford GC
Fri 5 July, 17:00.

OW Anniversary Reunions
Warwick School
Sat 6 July, 12:00-15:00.

OW Coffee Morning

The Pyne Room, Warwick School
Sat 15 June, 10:00-11:30.
No need to book, just turn up for coffee, bacon butties and a chat. Wives, partners and friends welcome.

School vs. OW Tennis
Warwick School
Sat 6 July, 14:00.

School vs. OW Cricket
Warwick School
Sat 6 July, 11:00.

For information on any of these events please contact:
Alumni Relations, Warwick School
T: 01926 776404
E: a.douglas@warwickschool.org.



1969, 1979, 1989, 1999 and 2009 Anniversary Reunions

Saturday 6 July 2019 – Warwick School

Don't look back and wonder

I had thought that the past was best left alone until that evening ten or more years ago when, after a most pleasant dinner and a couple of frames of snooker, my old school-friend, Richard and I realised that we were on the verge of being 40 years on from our student days at Warwick School. We knew not what had become of any of our contemporaries. And there we might have left it until curiosity got the better of us.

Six months later and with much trepidation fifty of the class of '69 assembled, with some of our former (not old) teachers. Many of us were wondering how we'd let this happen and if it would have been better to let sleeping dogs lie.

In the event, initial awkwardness having passed, we discovered that forty years was no time at all and that what we had once shared and things we value and have in common, are far greater than what we'd missed in the meantime.

Ten years on, we're about to do it again. Some of us have kept in touch over the last decade and remade old friendships – and some new ones. All of us are looking forward to gathering one more time. We know that we are blessed in many ways. We recollect those lost along the way and value the opportunities we have had as we approach our threescore and ten.

On another day, like many of those who read this, I might have said 'No thanks' but the reunion we had and those meetings we've had since have been a source of great pleasure and reassurance. What chance 60 years on? Let's not get ahead of ourselves.

Graham Powell (WS 1962-69).



Over 140 OWs, and many of the staff who taught them, have already signed up for the 1969, '79, '89, '99 and 2009 leavers' reunions on Saturday 6 July.

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.

Return to school from 12:00 to 15:00 for drinks (cash bar), a complimentary 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 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 40 year reunion for 1969 leavers, with Head Master Ed Halse, in 2009.

Please book your reunion place on www.oldwarwickians.org

OWA President's Dinner

Saturday 11 May 2019 – Lord Leycester Hospital, Warwick

The OWA President's Dinner at the Lord Leycester Hospital on Saturday 11 May looks set to be a great evening. Ninety OWs have already booked and there are just a few places remaining for anyone else who would like to come.

These mediaeval timber-framed buildings in the heart of Warwick were once the home of Warwick School in the second half of the 16th century. OWA President Adrian Keeling QC (WS 1975-85) invites OWs and their wives/partners to join him for pre-dinner drinks in the historic Master's Garden, followed by dinner 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. Please contact a.douglas@warwickschool.org or tel 01926 776404 if you would like to come.

Parking

There is no parking at the Lord Leycester Hospital. The nearest public car park is a few minutes away at New Street (£1 18:00-08:00).

Chance to visit Warwick School

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

Booking deadline

Thursday 11 April 2019. After 11 April, tickets are only refundable if we are able to reallocate them.



The Lord Leycester Hospital.



The Master's Garden.

OW Hong Kong Dinner

Saturday 21 September 2019 – World Trade Centre Club

Dr Deneal Smith, Head Master of Warwick School, warmly invites all OWs in Hong Kong to the 2019 OW Hong Kong Dinner at the prestigious World Trade Centre Club on Saturday 21 September at 19:30.

A well-established private club on Hong Kong Island, the Club is situated on the top floor of the World Trade Centre with breathtaking panoramic views over Victoria Harbour.

Pre-dinner complimentary drinks will be served courtesy of Warwick School. Mr Peter O'Grady, Mr David Bull (Head of Boarding) and Mrs Ginny Gretton will also be attending.

Location

38/F, World Trade Centre, 280 Gloucester Road, Causeway Bay, Hong Kong.

Tickets

£32, are available online at www.oldwarwickians.org or return the booking form on the back page of this newsletter.

Dress

Jacket and tie.

OW News

Balloon ride over the Maasai Mara



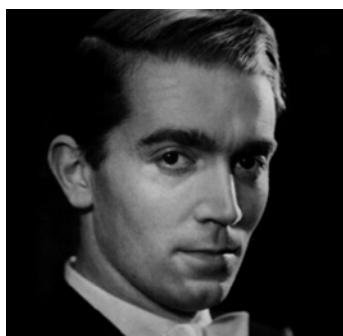
Pictured after a balloon ride over the Maasai Mara: Tony Backhouse, Nigel Evans, Mike Huntley, Richard Jameson, Alec Davis and Guy Chamberlain.

Alec Davis (WS 1964-69) was delighted to welcome five friends from the class of '69 to his home in Kenya. The friends had a wonderful holiday together visiting the coast and the Maasai Mara.

Denis Matthews Memorial Concerts

Two concerts, by celebrated concert pianists Julian Hellaby and Sarah-Beth Briggs, were held at Warwick School in memory of distinguished international pianist Denis Matthews (WS 1932-36), to mark the centenary of his birth. Julian and Sarah-Beth were two of Denis's protégés.

Denis Matthews.



Our man in Tehran

Warwick School Politics Society was privileged to hear a talk by Keith Wellings (WS 1968-79) on his experiences as a senior member of the Foreign Office team specialising in trade with the Middle East, especially Iran. At a time when President Trump had re-imposed sanctions, against the wishes of the other nations that had negotiated a deal around the nuclear policies of Iran, the insight Keith gave was outstanding and his company at dinner was much enjoyed by the staff and Sixth Formers who attended. His understanding of and affection for the people of Iran was palpable.



Keith Wellings.

Durham Reunion

Three OWs at Durham enjoyed the Durham University Polo Club Ball at Wynyard Hall.



Edward Innes, Will James and George Simms.

Indoor rowing record broken

There is a popular and growing indoor rowing event scene in the UK, which culminates in the British Indoor Championships in December each year. Last December, Dominic Chandler (WS 2000-07) won gold in the Lightweight 500m. He has also recently broken the British record for the 1 minute time trial.



Dom pictured with his mother, after winning gold.

Bears award Yates with first contract



WS boys gave Rob a guard of honour at his final school innings against Epsom.

Warwickshire CC Club have awarded Academy batsman Rob Yates (WS 2011-18) his first professional contract with the club to cover the 2019 season.

Rob initially joined Warwickshire's Player Pathway at the U10 age group and has scored 4,258 runs for the club's age-group sides to date, including six centuries and 27 half-centuries.

Oh, what a beautiful morning

Guy Chamberlain (WS 1957-69), now living in Austria, is enjoying some fantastic skiing.



Guy's early morning tour.

Hayter takes on role of player/coach



Charlie Hayter.

Charlie Hayter (WS 2000-2007) took on the role of player coach for the 2018/19 England Sevens season. Charlie, who has been with the England team since 2014, worked with head coaches Simon Amor and James Bailey across both the men's and women's programmes, focusing on contact and scrums.

Did you see?

Charlie Hamblett (WS 2004-11) appeared in *Grantchester*, Series 4, Episode 3 – the one where Georgie investigates an apparent break-in at a computer lab.

David Tickner (WS 1962-69) plays Danny in *Brassed Off* at the ADC in Cambridge. He then appears as Monsignor O'Hara in *Sister Act* at the Edinburgh Fringe.

25 years after doing the flowers for *Four Weddings and a Funeral*, Simon Lycett (WS 1974-85) was delighted to be involved in this year's sequel for Red Nose Day.

Button debuts with The King's Singers

Edward Button (WS 1997-2008) enjoyed an exciting debut with The King's Singers at Versailles' Théâtre Montansie. After Versailles, the singers had concerts in Toulouse, Moscow and the Netherlands before embarking on a North American tour.



The King's Singers (Edward Button fourth from left).

Best factual storytelling award

Jonathan Izard (WS 1966-73) won Gold for Best Factual Storytelling at the Audio and Radio Industry Awards – the ARIAS – for his documentary *Meeting the Man I Killed* which was broadcast on BBC Radio 4. Jonathan killed a man in a road traffic accident. It was not his fault. In an attempt to come to terms with what happened, he tried to get to know the man he killed. The programme was included in the Radio 4 Pick of the Year and referred to as "one of the most acclaimed programmes on radio in 2018". It is available online via BBC Sounds.



Jonathan Izard with producer Kim Normanton.

Welcome back



Tom O'Grady (WS 1990-2001), pianist with top UK funk outfit Resolution 88, joined Warwick School's jazzers for a fusion filled funky spectacular.



Currently studying medicine at Sheffield University, Dan Taylor (WS 2009-16) offered advice to hopeful U6 medics, with MMI mini medical interview practice.



Andrew Derrington (WS 1980-91) returned to school with sister Sally (KHS Governor) and was especially pleased to see Economics classes X1 and X2.



Simon Twigger (WS 1980-87) presented Gervald Frykman with his GB shirt from the 1991 World Championships Wild Water Racing.



London barrister James Hay (WS 2000-2007) gave a talk to Year 10 and 11 boys on the legal ramifications of drug taking, possession and supply.



Tim Barnwell (WS 1963-72) and brother Mike (WS 1960-68) enjoyed watching the 1st XV training on the new 3G pitch.



Chris Purvis (WS 1980-87) was delighted to collect his 1986 school photograph.



Chris Groom (WS 1977-84) had a nostalgic tour of school which both he and his father attended.

The story of the rebuilding of the Upper Avon navigation

Industrial designer David Higgins (WS 1945-53) has published a book telling the story of the rebuilding of the Upper Avon Navigation. This story, written by John Grundy as a dissertation while at university, records the amazing feat of building nine locks and four weirs linking Evesham and Stratford, using three full time employees, a secretary, volunteers and prisoners. Copies are available from upperavonstory@gmail.com.

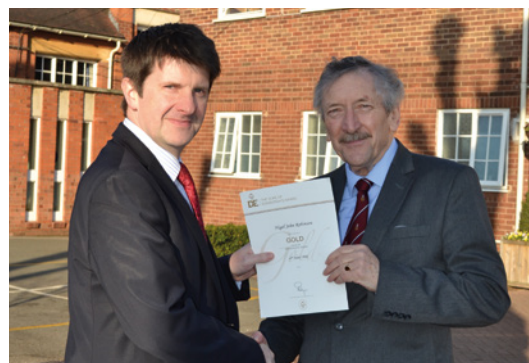
Gold DofE, aged 70

Old Warwickian Nigel Robinson (WS 1955-66) has been awarded the Duke of Edinburgh's Gold Award – at the age of 70!

Nigel was among the first eight boys to enter the award scheme when the school introduced it in 1963. Having achieved both bronze and silver, he completed the gold in June 1966 but never had it signed off by the headmaster, Pat Martin.

"There was so much going on that summer – A-level revision and exams, leaving school, starting my first job in journalism and, of course, England winning the World Cup! I had completed all the sections but had left without the headmaster signing my record book," he said.

Having recently found the book in a box of old memorabilia, he gave it to the school's DofE Award coordinator, Heather Bowie, who passed it on to the DofE operations office, who duly approved it and posted him the certificate and the badge.



Nigel Robinson received his DofE Gold Award from Head Master Dr Deneal Smith.

Spotlight on...

Marathon Man – Dave ‘Taff’ Phillips, WS 1955-61

Not many 75-year-olds are about to run their 500th marathon. Even fewer have run 500 marathons plus 357 half marathons. By Sunday 28 April 2019 Dave Phillips will have done just that, when he completes the Stratford-upon-Avon Marathon.

Dave was a founding member of the 100 Marathon Club. He was the first in the world to run 100 marathons and 100 half marathons. There is no club for those who have run 500, because only a handful of individuals have completed such a Herculean challenge.

A determined, gentle natured and modest man, Dave runs marathons because he loves exercise. He loves the challenge of numbers, goals and targets and he loves the camaraderie of the marathon fraternity.

Dave was always active, he loves the gym, swimming and golf. His first sporting passion was rugby and he played at school for the 2nd XV and afterwards at Kenilworth RFC. His running began in 1982 when he heard about a Coventry marathon. With no training, he pitched up and completed the run, he says, in about 4 ½ hours. In 1983 he ran a couple more, in Stratford and Wolverhampton – and so it started. As he began to run more marathons, so he kept meeting the same people and, over time, numbers and friendships grew.

At his peak Dave would run 10 to 15 marathons per year. From 1989 to 1991 he ran 58 in two years! He has never been worried about times, instead he sets himself numbers as goals (not surprising for an accountant by profession).

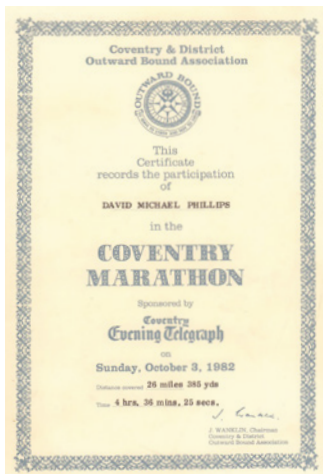
Dave has run marathons in New York, Boston, Paris, Duisburg, Davos and Malta, to name a few. In Egypt he dodged camel dung thrown by local children. Without doubt, his favourite marathon is Snowdon (not surprising for a Welshman), which he has completed no less than 32 times and in all weathers. He loves the beauty of the mountains, the fantastic atmosphere and the feeling of home. He has only failed to complete one marathon – when his finger fell off after a fall in the Stratford marathon! Knee ops and a broken leg (slipping off the tee playing golf) have not deterred him for long. No special clothing, no earphones, no special diet apart from the odd beer and cider.

Running for charity is also a key motivation. For many years he has run for the Brain and Spine Foundation and has raised £125,000 so far.

Not one to rest, Dave can often be spotted supporting Warwick School students at music and drama productions. He has served on the OWA committee and taken on the roles of Treasurer, Secretary, Chairman, President and OWA Trustee. Since 2004 he has also been squeezing in German lessons – Ein bemerkenswerter Mann!

Sunday 28 April 2019 will be a special and remarkable day. There will be many a cheer and many a tear as he crosses the finish line (not before 15:00 he assures us).

If you would like to cheer him on, please come along and/or support him online at <https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/Team/TeamPhillips2019>.



Coventry Marathon 1982.



The Pyramids Marathon 1993.



Jungfrau Marathon 1994.



London Marathon 2016.



Inspired by Michael Watson, Dave runs for the Brain and Spine Foundation.



Dave and wife Robina at the Buckingham Palace Garden Party.

School News

Project One Campus



Aerial view – January 2019.



First session on the new pitch.



3G pitch.

The winter months haven't stopped the incredible progress of Project One Campus and King's High will be moving in September 2019. The new main school building is progressing well and work has also begun on their Sport, Art and Technology building. This new building will be attached to the Bridge Sports Centre, providing a range of fantastic facilities including a gym/fitness suite, DT workshops, art areas and a new exhibition space.

The brand new synthetic 3G rugby pitch was completed early this year. This new facility gives all-year round access to training for our

pupils, helping the development of the next generation of sporting stars! The surface will make a real difference to the amount of time pupils get to play and train outdoors, as it performs well in challenging weather conditions. It has already transformed our winter training by offering scope for day and evening training for huge numbers of players. The pitch will be an amazing asset for the school and Warwick School community for many years to come.

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

National Schools Cup

Congratulations to the 1st XV who reached the final of the Schools Cup, meeting Whitgift at Twickenham on 21 March.

This was the third successive final for the 1st XV. They secured their final place after defeating Rugby School 29-23 in the quarter-finals and Woodhouse Grove 36-24 in the semi-finals.

This year, the U15s were knocked out by Rugby School 15-19 in round 3.



The U18 semi-final squad at Allianz Park.

Roderick Williams

The school's music department puts on a rich and varied calendar of musical concerts and events. Roderick Williams, the internationally renowned baritone, performed Schubert's *Winter Journey* in Warwick Hall.

Trumpet Diploma

Congratulations to Warwick School student Luke Barker who gained his Diploma for trumpet playing (with Distinction).

Bursaries at Warwick School

A number of boys at Warwick School receive financial assistance with school fees. They are offered bursaries, thanks to the generous support of the Old Warwickian Trust plus many individual OWs who give regular monthly donations or, in some cases, even fund a complete full bursary place. The school was able to offer ten full bursary awards for new boys starting the school in September 2019. We would have liked to have offered twice that number to deserving boys. If you are interested in finding out more about contributing to the Bursary Fund please contact Phillip Rothwell, Development Director on p.rothwell@warwickschool.org, tel: 01926 776402.

National Concert Band Festival



NCBF Regional Finals.

Congratulations to our amazing musicians who achieved the best results in the school's history at the National Concert Band Festival regional finals, bringing home four Platinum and two Gold awards. Little Big Band, Big Band, Jazz Lab and Camerata qualified for the finals which take place in April.

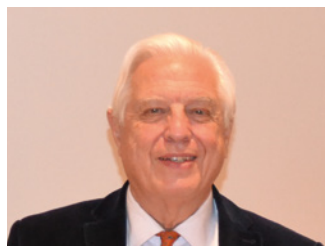
Queen's Commonwealth Canopy

A new silver birch, part of the Queen's Commonwealth Canopy, was planted at school to commemorate the Armistice at the end of World War I.

The planting is part of a network of global forest conservation initiatives to mark Her Majesty's lifetime of service to the Commonwealth.



John Simpson



John Simpson.

BBC World Affairs Editor John Simpson visited school to talk about his career reporting from the world's conflict zones.

Dominic Grieve MP

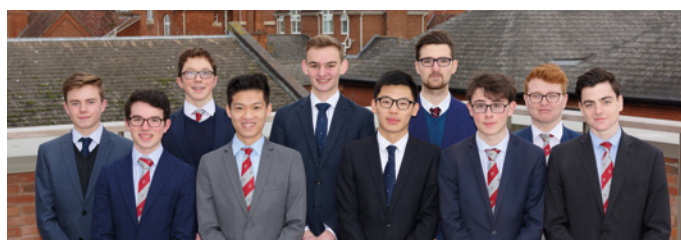


Dominic Grieve MP with WS student Michael Cox.

The school's Politics Society welcomed prominent Tory remainder Dominic Grieve MP, who spoke about Brexit.

Oxbridge offers

11 boys have received Oxbridge offers this year and are set to study wide-ranging subjects including Architecture, Biomedical Sciences, Chemistry, Classics, Engineering, Medicine, Modern Languages and Physics.



Ten of the boys with Oxbridge offers.

Neurorehabilitation

Psychology students, medical students and volunteers were given an insight into neurorehabilitation by Gregory Watson, who shared his personal experience about rebuilding his life after a brain injury.

Jazz at the Bridge

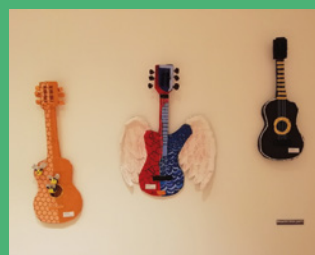
The standard of musicianship achieved by the school ensembles at this year's Jazz at the Bridge was amazing.



Jazz at the Bridge.

Exhibition of Young Local Artists

The school was pleased to welcome exhibits from 29 local primary schools at its annual Exhibition of Young Local Artists in Warwick Hall.



Warwick School Archives

Monty's visits to Warwick School

Photographs hitherto unseen by school archivist Gervald Frykman, kindly sent in by Graham Warwick (WS 1951-60) have prompted further research into the story of Viscount Montgomery of Alamein's two visits to Warwick School.

Viscount Montgomery of Alamein (1887 – 1976) visited Warwick School twice. It is presumed that PNG Whitlam was instrumental in securing these high-profile visits. The first came in 1947, on the third anniversary of D-Day (6 June), when the man who was Chief of Imperial General Staff reviewed the Junior Training Corps (it was re-branded as the CCF in 1948) and presented the prizes at Speech Day. On both visits he offered to take each prize-winner's book away and sign them – they were duly returned (by Rolls-Royce) and we have one such book on display in the Portcullis Room. He asked for, and was granted, a whole day's holiday for the school, which was taken on 23 July (the summer term ended on Monday 28 July 1947). In addition, he signed the skin of the Corp's bass drum, which, needless to say, was cut out, framed and hung in the Corp's HQ for many years – but seems now to have been mislaid.

Monty's second visit came seven years later, on 9 June 1955. The Memorial Endowment Fund had been started in 1945 "to mark the sacrifice of those who fell in two World Wars." The Fund gave

£15,000, about half of the total cost of the new gymnasium that was about to be built, and the rest was to be raised on appeal. On a very chilly day boys were lined up to await the arrival of the great man. After inspecting the CCF, Viscount Montgomery was led to a patch on the school fields near the pavilion where, what looked like the corner of a building had been constructed. Graham says "*I do remember a mystery pile of bricks appearing on the cricket pitch without apparent reason!*" A short service was held by an assistant bishop in the Diocese of Coventry, and Monty laid the foundation stone of the new Memorial Gymnasium. The fact that the contract had not yet been assigned for the construction of the building does not seem to have deterred the headmaster, AHB Bishop, from arranging this ceremony, and, needless to say, the brickwork was dismantled shortly afterwards. Construction actually started much later in 1955. The foundation stone was, needless to say, incorporated properly into the entrance of the new building.

The story does not end there. At some later date, a disaffected pupil (or pupils) vandalised the stone, and altered Monty's "K. G." after his name to "K. G. B." The stone was repaired, but there is now a noticeable dip in the flat surface. When the Halse Pavilion was built in 2012, the stone was removed and is now in safe archive storage.



6 June 1947.



9 June 1955, a chilly but memorable day.



9 June 1955, Monty and Head Master AHB Bishop.



1955 – Monty lays the foundation stone at Warwick School.

The Warwick School Sevens celebrates 50 years

2019 marks the fiftieth anniversary of the Warwick School Sevens, with the first tournament taking place on a fine sunny afternoon on Saturday 8 March 1969.

The origins of the tournament lie with long serving member of staff and rugby enthusiast Ralph Thornton (WS staff 1948-89). Ralph was responsible for first introducing Sevens to Warwick School at senior level and it was he who instigated the Warwick Sevens competition, identifying an appetite and need for a competition for younger players. Ralph set up the tournament in the group format which remains to this day – giving opportunities for more pitch time and negating the need for teams to set off back to the bus after just one match. That first tournament was extremely well received, and the Warwick Sevens has developed into an important and popular fixture in the school's rugby calendar.

The scale of the tournament has changed considerably over fifty years. In 1969 there were two tournaments – one for the U16s and one for the U15s. The Under 16 and Under 15 competitions have taken place every year since then, with the Under 14s, Under 13s and Under 12s added at a later stage. The number of schools participating has also risen over time, with the Warwick School playing fields ideally suited to host such a large tournament.

Over the years, as Warwick's rugby has grown in stature, so has the geographical reach of the tournament. In the early years, the competition was among local schools. These days, we are delighted to welcome schools from much further afield, including Millfield, Sedbergh, Bradford, Cardiff, Wimbledon, Dulwich and Portsmouth.

By and large, the rules have not changed. One key difference between then and now is the size of the squad. Initially, no substitutes were allowed. If one, two or sometimes even three players were injured, they could not be replaced until the next match. It has been known for a sevens team to have only four boys left standing at the final whistle!

In the early years Warwick School teachers (and those from other participating schools) acted as referees. Refereeing several games in one afternoon sometimes put undue pressure on the fitness levels and long distance eyesight of some of the more senior members of staff! Nowadays, qualified independent referees are more widely used.

Unlike 8 March 1969, not every Warwick Sevens has been blessed with spring sunshine. Teams have played in all weathers and snow even brought cancellation on one occasion. The 2018 tournament was a quagmire.

Conditions for the 2019 tournament were dry and sunny and they provided the perfect backdrop to a fantastic day of rugby. On the pitch, there were some brilliant performances, with cup wins for Warwick (U16s), Millfield (U15s) and Sedbergh (U14s). Warwick won the Freeborn Shield for the best performing school across all age groups. The shield is named after Ken Freeborn (WS staff 1957-93). A fitting win in the 50th anniversary year.



The 2019 Warwick School Sevens on 2 March.

Also in 1969



The Guy Nelson Hall was completed, costing a total of £95,000.



Headmaster PW Martin received the keys for the school's first minibus.



The school site looked very different in 1969!

Recent articles and essays added to the archives on www.oldwarwickians.org

- Rugby records at WS since 1888
- The House system at WS
- The naming of Forms at WS
- WS characters – Revd H E Cullis, 1887-1971.

OW Sport

OW Cross Country

66th Thames Hare and Hounds Alumni Race



Dave Phillips, Jonathan Hobbs, Duncan Gunn, Martin Garrett, Chris Marshall and Ben Hawkins.

Six brave Old Warwicksians formed the Warwick School team for the 66th Thames Hare and Hounds Alumni Race over Wimbledon Common in mid-December. This five-mile, cross-country race for former pupils of schools across the UK, is always a challenge.

What better way to spend a few hours on a pre-Christmas Saturday afternoon? The course is very tough with its woody terrain, mud, trees to scramble over and puddles to negotiate. The 2018 race was no exception with the addition of rain, wind and near freezing temperatures.

Huge thanks and congratulations to all our competitors.

The 2019 race is scheduled for Saturday 14 December. If you fancy a challenge and the opportunity to run for OWs, please contact a.douglas@warwickschool.org. We may enter a team of unlimited numbers, so the more, the muddier and the merrier.

OW Rugby



The 2018 winners with the Coton Cup.

The annual match between Old Warwicksians and Old Silhillians is scheduled for Saturday 7 September at 12 noon at Solihull School. Help OWs retain The Coton Cup! If you are interested in playing please contact Joe Blake on joe.l.blake@outlook.com.

OW Golf

Tues 14 May 2019 – OW Spring Golf Day, 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 specially discounted rate of £20. If you'd like to play, please email Julian Marcus: arkvets@hotmail.com.

Grafton Morrish Finals



Mark Wolton, Peter Gordon, Matt Hicks, James Cumberland, Matt Leefe and Steve Tubb.

After successfully negotiating the Grafton Morrish qualifiers in the spring, the first week of October saw the OW scratch golf team travelling to Norfolk for the finals. We were particularly grateful to Steve Tubb for stepping in as an 11th hour substitute.

Following a round at Royal West Norfolk GC on Thursday afternoon to acclimatise, we were drawn against George Heriot's, the defending champions. At 08:00 on the Friday morning Matt Leefe and Steve Tubb led the way, with Peter Gordon and Mark Wolton in match two and James Cumberland and Matt Hicks in the final game. Matt and Steve fought back bravely for a half against the Heriot's captain and his partner (who turned professional the following week). Our other two pairs succumbed down the course against strong play from Heriot's, who went on to successfully defend their title on Sunday afternoon.

We returned to Brancaster on the Saturday morning for the Solihull Salver plate competition. This Stableford competition is usually played in three-ball six-somes, with two other schools in a group, but atrocious weather led to 20 of the 32 schools pulling out, including both of our playing partners, so the OW team headed out together marking our own cards.

30-40 mph winds, rain and a sea fret are not ideal conditions in which to play golf. Huddling like penguins to keep warm, the team produced a creditable 58 points to finish sixth out of the 12 teams who had braved the elements. Matt and Steve once again led the way with 21 points. This unfortunately left us just two points short of qualifying for the Committee Bowl competition on Sunday.

Many thanks to the team for representing OWs in this prestigious competition, to James Cumberland for captaining and for this report and to travelling supporter Tim James for his encouragement and advice.

Date for your golf diary – OW Golf Autumn Day
Fri 6 September 2019 – Kenilworth Golf Club.

OW Cricket

OW cricket is a great social opportunity to play cricket, whether you are a regular or occasional player. The annual summer fixture against the school takes place on Saturday 6 July. Join 'OWs Cricket' on Facebook to register your interest in playing, or email alumni@warwickschool.org.



OW Tennis



The OW tennis team last summer.

The annual tennis match against the school also takes place on Saturday 6 July. If you are interested in playing for OWs please email Ian Macvie on macvie3@yahoo.co.uk.

OW Hockey



OWs vs Old Sils 2018.

If you would like to play OW hockey please contact Rob Pomfret on rjp503@googlemail.com.

The annual match between Old Warwickians and Old Silhillians takes place on Saturday 7 September 2019 at 12 noon at Solihull School.

Booking Form – Events

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

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Full name	
Years at Warwick School: From (year)	To (year)
Address	
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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):

OW Hong Kong Dinner

World Trade Centre Club

Saturday 21 September 2019.

☐ I would like to book _____ ticket(s) at £32 each and enclose a cheque for £ _____ made payable to **Warwick Schools Enterprises Ltd.**

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

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

OW Medics Dinner

Warwick School

Thursday 7 November 2019.

☐ I am interested in attending.

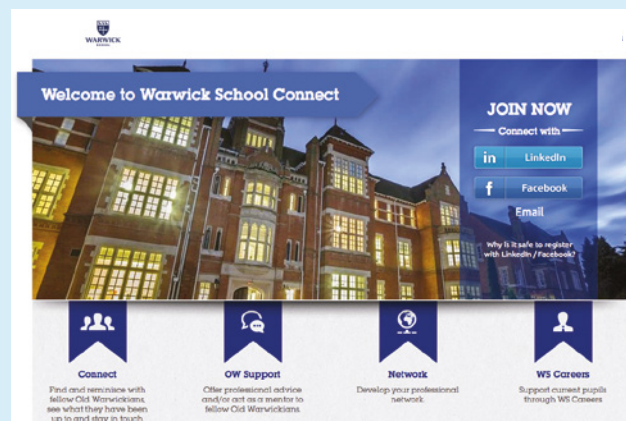
☐ I am interested in attending and am in full time undergraduate education.

I am happy to give a 5 minute careers talk on (please specify):

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

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Easter Sunday Treasure Hunt

Enjoy Easter Sunday with your family at Warwick School on Sunday 21 April 2019.

Start the day with a treasure hunt followed by a family Sunday Lunch @ £21.95 per person. To book, please contact WS Venues and Events, tel: 01926 735410 or email: events@warwickschool.org.

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Front cover images, clockwise from top.

- Edward the Confessor has a new home on the first floor landing.
- The Master's Garden at the Lord Leycester Hospital.
- OW Cross Country team 2018.
- 9 June 1955, Montgomery lays the foundation stone at Warwick School.
- 1969 leavers in the Maasai Mara.

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. After the booking deadline, tickets are only refundable if we are able to reallocate them.