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Recent Events

1960s Lunch

28 November 2021

OWs from the 1960s, who continued to enjoy friendship through OW rugby and The Portcullis Club, were delighted to spend time together again back at Warwick School in November. A roast carvery lunch in the Halse Pavilion, washed down with some excellent wine, was organised by Julian Griffiths (WS 1957-68). Extra entertainment was provided by means of a current boarders' snowball fight when it began to snow!



L-r Brian Emmerson, Torie Griffiths, Julian Griffiths, Nigel Robinson, John Elson, Pauline Elson, Steve Chamberlain, Sheena Griffiths, Rupert Griffiths, Leslie Clements, Julie Robinson, Nick Wilson, Mike Barnwell, Ian Macdonald, Kathi Macdonald, John Macdonald, Linda Macdonald, Ann Hill, Rob Kaye, Nigel Hill, Clive Mason, Judy Wilson and Tony Clements



John McDonald and Rob Kaye



Julie and Nigel Robinson, Nick Wilson and Mike Barnwell



Leslie and Tony Clements



Mike Barnwell and Steve Chamberlain



Pauline and John Elson



Rupert Griffiths, Linda Macdonald and Julian Griffiths

OW and OGA London Breakfast

8 March 2022 - The Lansdowne Club

Warwick School and King's High alumni enjoyed their first joint OW and OGA London Breakfast at The Lansdowne Club on 8 March. This new initiative was a great opportunity to network across a wider alumni Foundation. A huge thank you to Bright Network Founder and CEO James Uffindell (WS 1992-97), who led the event with great enthusiasm and insight, speaking about the future of work and energising discussions with a speed networking session.



Melanie Norton and David Glennie



Ihowa Onaro and Samuel Ward



George Underwood and Emma Blake



Cameron Imray, Gabriel D'Souza, Theo Spencer and Simon Morland



Daisy Jones, Milly Truman, India Mansfield, Faatima Bhyat and Esme Ferguson



Noah Thorne, Joe Jones, Tom Johnston-Smith, Jake Salmon, Cameron Koolhoven and Archie Dent

OWA Annual Dinner

4 December 2021 - The Pyne Room, Warwick School

It was wonderful to reconvene the OWA Annual Dinner in the Pyne Room and to welcome back so many OWs from different decades. Members of staff past and present included James Barker (Head Master), John Jefferies, Jon Stone, Eric Hadley, Robert Hudson, Carlo Giudici, Tony Sparks, Beverleigh Twohig-Howell and Gervald Frykman. Good food, wine and company was enjoyed and a post-dinner bar in the Halse Pavilion offered further opportunities to relax.



Good to be back in the Pyne Room



Back: Kieran Millar, Nick Grey, Tim Jacques, Paul O'Grady, Tom Hamnett, Loz Foster. Front: Owen James, Sandip Dhillon, Michael Cheung



Ben Barnes, Max Stanton, Alvin Yeung, Rafferty Forsythe, Sam Jones and Ed Jobburn



Julian Green, Will Morris and Matthew Bevan



Benjamin Lambert, Joseph Doyle and Ashley Barron



Beverleigh Twohig-Howell, Tom Curtis and Daniel Morris



John Jefferies, Hugh Robbins, Jon Stone, James Barker and Alexander Russell



William Woodward and Alistair Welch



Norman Hyde and Roger Wyatt

OWA AGM

4 Dec 2021 - Conference Room, Warwick School

The 2021 AGM was held before the Annual Dinner. Reports were received from the Chairman, Alumni Officer and Treasurer.

The Chairman confirmed Peter Varnish OBE as OWA President 2022 and the following OWA Committee nominations were approved for 2022: Chairman – Steve Tubb (WS 1971-82)

Treasurer – Arun Sachdev (WS 1991-2002) Head Master – James Barker (WS 1991-97)

The committee continued with the option to co-opt members. At its meeting on 20 September 2021 the committee nominated Jim Button (WS 1978-85) as President Elect 2022 (to serve as President 2023).

Save the date - 3 Dec 2022

The 2022 Annual Dinner will be held on Saturday 3 December 2022.

OW Platinum Jubilee Afternoon Tea

2 April 2022 – Warwick School

OWs at school in the 1940s, 50s and 60s were warmly welcomed back to school to celebrate HM Queen Elizabeth II's Platinum Jubilee with Afternoon Tea on Saturday 2 April 2022.





Carol and Geoff Lane



Judith and Richard Gelling



Kathleen Phillips MBE and Nicholas Whiting



Mike Spurgeon, Rachael Stevens and Don Hanson



Nigel Harris and Dave Phillips checking out their Blue Books



Kate and Peter Bailey



Nicholas and Sally Madeley



Robina and Dave Phillips MBE



Stephen Warland's first visit to school in over 50 years



Yvonne and Barrie Noble



Welcome from Head Master James Barker

Royal Encounters

Warwick School

As well as spending time with old friends and enjoying a Platinum Jubilee Afternoon Tea on 2 April, OWs were treated to an illustrated talk on Warwick School's Royal Visits and Connections from WS Archivist Gervald Frykman.

The highly successful recent visit of HRH The Princess Royal on 5 November 2021, marking the completion of Project One Campus, should be set in the context of previous Royal visits - or 'almost visits' or near misses.

Queen Elizabeth I visited Warwick in 1572 and was told that her father, King Henry VIII, had endowed the town (in 1545) and had provided for "a skolemaister for the bringing up of youth in learning and vertu". The premises occupied by the school at this time were what is now the Lord Leycester Hospital. The boys would certainly have been released to cheer the Queen, but there is no record that she set foot in the school.

There are two successive entries in the Warwick School Master's Book (Vol II) dating from the late 19th century: Tomorrow at the request of the Earl of Warwick, a whole holiday will be granted to the school in honour of the visit of HRH the Prince of Wales (16 May 1895, JP Way).

HRH the Prince of Wales has requested me to grant a holiday to the whole school in honour of his visit. I need not say that such a request comes to me as a command. There will, therefore, be no school today. The Prince passes the school on his way to Leamington Station about 2.15 this afternoon. I must ask the whole school to be present at the gates and to give him a hearty cheer (20 May 1895, JP Way).

The November 1958 visit by Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother to Warwick School was a triumph of minute-by-minute organisation. The Queen Mother opened the new school gates and walked through Big School (now the Pyne Room), chapel, the gym and the chemistry lecture room in the new 1957 science block.

On 5 July 1990 Princess Anne visited Warwick Preparatory School, aka The Squirrels. She opened the Science, Technology and Art building and rounded off her visit by planting a tulip tree.

HRH The Prince of Wales visited Warwick School on 2 June 2014, marking the school's 1,100th anniversary. The Prince of Wales was greeted by the Head Master, a number of local dignitaries and the CCF, who gave a Royal Salute at the front of the school. He signed the same Visitors' Book that his grandmother, the Queen Mother, had signed when she visited the school in 1958.

Most recently, on 5 November 2021, HRH The Princess Royal came to celebrate the work of local charities and organisations, and to mark an important milestone in education – the completion of Project One Campus.

Pupils from the CCF formed a Guard of Honour as Governors, staff and pupils lined up to greet the Princess following her visit to Warwick Hall. The Princess Royal was escorted on a visit to parts of the schools and she unveiled a plaque by the shared Sixth Form Centre.



HM The Queen Mother, 1958



A further Royal Encounter includes Secretary of State for Defence Fred Mulley (WS 1929-36) who fell asleep during the Queen's Jubilee Review of the RAF at Finningley in 1977





HM The Queen's former Equerry, Wg Cdr Sam Fletcher (WS 1992-99) is pictured here receiving his MVO at Balmoral



Visit by HRH The Princess Royal, 2021



HRH The Prince of Wales, 2014

OW and OGA Armed Forces Dinner

12 March 2022

In his Chapel address before the Armed Forces Dinner on 12 March, Maj Gen Mike Huntley CB (WS 1962-69) reflected on the core values of honesty, integrity and resilience which are shared by Warwick School and the Armed Forces.

With international relations and the war in Ukraine at the forefront of current affairs, it seemed more appropriate than ever to honour and remember alumni past and present who have chosen to serve in the Armed Forces. Some 38 alumni are currently serving, spread across the Royal Navy, Royal Fleet Auxiliary, British Army (including General Staff) and Royal Air Force.

Brig (Ret'd) Bill Aldridge CBE (WS 1969-79) kindly hosted the dinner which was held for serving and retired Old Warwickians and Old Girls of King's High. As well as being married to Gill (KHS 1974-81), Bill is the son of Brig Brian Aldridge OBE (WS 1945-52) who married Sue (also King's High!). Excellent food and wine were enjoyed by all.

Head Master James Barker (WS 1991-97) emphasised how proud the Foundation is of its servicemen and women. He highlighted the strength and popularity of the joint CCF today. The overriding aim of CCF training remains to develop leadership, teamwork, initiative and self-reliance, helping our students become more confident and independent. The Head Master toasted all our alumni in the armed forces and absent friends and Brig Bill Aldridge finished his excellent speech with a toast to the schools.



Mrs Anne Huntley, Dr Matthew Boulter, Mrs Cheryl Stephens and Maj (Retd) Robert Stephens



Lt Col Jim McLaren OBE, Mrs Ruth Selby and Capt Peter Selby



Messrs Ed Flint and Richard Gething



Mrs Gill Aldridge, Mrs Helen Skilton and Lt Col Keith Davenport



Maj Richard Greenway and Mrs Angela Greenway



Rachel, CCF CSM and Dr Shirley Varnish



Capt Ian Thorpe RN and Mai Gen Mike Huntley CB



Rachel, CCF CSM and Messrs Chris Sunner and Mike Whelan



Mrs Alison Stephens and Messrs James Barker, Olly O'Brien, Chris Sunner and Brig Mike Stephens



Prof Peter Varnish OBE, Brig (Retd) Bill Aldridge CBE, Mr James Barker and Maj Gen Mike Huntley CB

Encounters

Senior Tutor John Jefferies is organising an incredible line-up of 'Encounters' speakers and stories to inspire and engage our students. Encounters are generally at 16:15 on Fridays. Many are open to parents and OWs and some are streamed. Full details on www.warwickschool.org/encounters



Recent Encounters

The War in Afghanistan: a platoon commander's perspective

Owen James (WS 1993-2003)



Owen was commissioned from the Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst into the Welsh Guards and served in Afghanistan in 2009, where he led an infantry

platoon in combat at the height of the conflict.

The changing state of global politics

Angus Lapsley CMG (WS 1981-88)



Angus is a Diplomat, former Director General Strategy and International at the Ministry of Defence and Ambassador (Political and

Security) to the EU.

Following your dream – getting to the top in the police force

Martin Richards QPM (WS 1966-77)



Martin joined the police in Warwickshire in 1982 and during his career was Chief Constable of Wiltshire Police in 2004 and Chief Constable of

Sussex Police in 2007. He retired from policing in 2014 and now works as non-executive director with Sussex Mental Health, Chichester Diocese, British Transport Police and Sussex County Cricket Club.

An Encounter with an old Q

Prof Peter Varnish OBE; FREng (WS 1954-65)



Peter has spent much of his career as a diplomat in the MoD, Foreign Office and Defence Evaluation

and Research Agency. His present work includes responding to cyber warfare, identifying novel threats, data mining and the benefits from genome sequencing. Peter's thoughts on the current conflict in Ukraine provided valuable insights and evoked many questions from a packed Science Lecture Theatre.

The importance of honest reporting

Luke Hanrahan (WS 2002-04)



Royal Television Society awardwinning journalist Luke Hanrahan gave an Encounter on the importance of honest

reporting of the news. Luke began his career at BBC local radio in Coventry and has gone on to work internationally as a freelance news reporter at the BBC, CNN and ITN. His recent assignments include reporting from COP26, Ukraine and natural disasters in both Europe and America.



An Encounter with the Falklands War 40 years on

Simon Weston CBE Special thanks to Norman Hyde (WS 1956-63) who was instrumental in

arranging Simon's visit, having got to know Simon through their shared love of motor bikes.

An Encounter with the World Bank

Vivien Foster, Chief Economist for the Infrastructure Vice-Presidency of the World Bank

An Encounter with the Labour Party
Matt Western MP

An Encounter across the Atlantic Stephen Sidaway



An Encounter with Three Hundred Years of Prime Ministers

Sir Anthony Seldon



An Encounter with Suffering, Endurance and Evil Janine Webber BEM, Holocaust

An Unscheduled Encounter with the European Union

Thomas Brandtner, Head of Unit at General Secretariat, Council of the EU

Forthcoming Encounters

What history should we learn?

Dominic Sandbrook Friday 29 April, Bridge House Theatre

One of the pre-eminent historians of his generation, Dominic Sandbrook is the author of many books on modern British history.

Abraham Lincoln

Professor Adam Smith Friday 6 May, Science Lecture Theatre

Adam Smith is a member of the Oxford University History Department. He is the Edward Orsborn Professor of US Politics and Political History. In 2017 he published The Stormy Present: Conservatism and the Problem of Slavery in Northern Politics, 1846-1865, which won the Jefferson Davis Prize, awarded by the American Civil War museum in Richmond for the best book on the Civil War era.

A Life in Politics

The Rt Hon the Lord Blunkett Thursday 12 May, Science Lecture Theatre



David Blunkett's political career began on Sheffield City Council. First elected an MP in 1987, he was Education and Home Secretary under Tony Blair and

now sits in the House of Lords. Blind from birth and brought up in one of the poorest parts of Sheffield, David will reflect on his remarkable political career.

Forthcoming Events

OWA President's Dinner

Saturday 14 May 2022 – Hartlebury Castle

Professor Peter Varnish OBE (OWA President 2020 & 2022) and Peter Baird FRCS (OWA President 2021) warmly invite you to their joint OWA Presidents' Dinner at Hartlebury Castle on 14 May 2022.

Hartlebury Castle is a Grade 1 listed former Bishops' Palace, superbly located in the beautiful Worcestershire countryside and a short distance from the M5.

Timings

18:15 Welcome drinks in the 18th century Carriage Circle with small group, timed visits to the Hurd Library and the chance to explore the chapel, Bishop's Study and Long Gallery.

19:30 Three course dinner in the medieval Great Hall.

23.00 Carriages.

Tickets

£60, include pre-dinner drinks and a three course dinner with coffee. There will be a card bar for dinner wine and additional drinks. Wives, partners and friends welcome.

Dress: Black tie.

Travel and parking

There is ample free car parking at Hartlebury Castle (DY11 7XZ).

Book now at www.oldwarwickians.org/2022PresDin

Booking deadline: Thursday 21 April 2022.







The Great Hall

Wessex Old Warwickians WOW Lunch

Wednesday 25 May 2022 - The Plume of Feathers

OWs in the Wessex region are warmly invited to join Jimmy Flynn (WS 1967 & 1970-77), Tim Harry (WS 1963-73) and Mike Huntley (WS 1962-69) for the long awaited:

Wessex Old Warwickians Lunch at The Plume of Feathers, Sherborne, DT9 3LN on Weds 25 May 2022. Wives/partners most welcome.

Enjoy a private OW tour of Sherborne Abbey, before a welcome drink and nibbles in the walled garden of The Plume of Feathers, followed by a delicious set lunch with dessert in a separate part of the pub, all for £35 a head. Lunch wine and drinks at the table to be bought and paid for separately on the day. Donations to the Abbey after the tour gratefully received.

Timings

11:00 Sherborne Abbey tour

12:30 Welcome drinks in The Plume of Feathers garden

13.00 Lunch in a private dining room at The Plume of Feathers.

The Plume is a traditional 16th century pub opposite the Abbey, serving the very untraditional Italian small plate food, some of the best Italian food you'll find locally. Each table is served a selection of dishes to share in no particular order as the dishes will arrive when they're ready. The set menu will cover all of this and more! Expect to see seasonal Italian and West



Sherborne Abbey

Country ingredients used to make the authentic, occasionally quirky, Italian homemade dishes. All the pasta, bread and sauces are made in-house on a daily basis. It also provides an unparalleled experience for those who have dietary requirements with numerous options for vegetarians, vegans and coeliacs.

Jimmy, Tim and Mike have had to suffer endless trials and tastings at The Plume to make sure it'll be good enough for you all and it would be lovely to see you there. We do hope you are able to come.

Parking in Sherborne can be tricky and The Plume has no car park of its own. Nearby, there is on-street parking limited to two hours or a long-stay car park called Culverhayes (DT9 3ED) where you can park all day for £2.80, and it's only a six-minute walk. The best way to travel is by train as the Abbey is only a three-minute walk from the station.

Book now on www.oldwarwickians.org/2022wow Booking deadline: Thursday 21 April 2022.

Please note that all our events are subject to change and any Covid-mitigation strategies in place at the time.

OW Anniversary Reunions

Saturday 11 June 2022 – Warwick School

Over 200 OWs have already booked to attend our OW anniversary reunions on Saturday 11 June. As well as year-group gatherings for 1962, '72, '82, '92, 2002 and 2012 leavers, we are welcoming back leavers from 1960, '70, '80, '90, 2000 and 2010 who were unable to gather in 2020 due to Covid restrictions.

The reunions will be simple and relaxed. Meet back at school from 14:00 to 17:00 for drinks, tours of the school and afternoon refreshments. Name badges will be provided and areas assigned for different year-groups to gather.

A number of current and former staff have also confirmed their attendance. These anniversary reunions are for those who left at the end of the Upper Sixth in those years plus classmates who left earlier, including those who left two years previously, after O levels or GCSEs.

If you would like to come, please book now on www.oldwarwickians.org/2022anniversaryreunion



Why come to an OW Reunion?

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

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

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

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

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

Dr Scott Wilson, WS staff 1979-2010



1969 leavers 50 year reunion, 2019



1978 leavers 40 year reunion, 2018



1989 leavers 30 year reunion, 2019

School News

We feature here a selection of Michaelmas and Lent news, reflecting just some of the amazing opportunities available at Warwick School. Beyond the classroom, students continue to enjoy a full and broad programme of sport, music, drama, debating, co-curricular activities and academic enrichment opportunities.

Concert Band Festival



Chamber Concert

The joyful sound of music is once again heard in the classrooms and performance spaces across Warwick School. Jazz at the Bridge and Brass for Africa were amazing. The Music Scholars' Concert featured a range of exceptional solo performers and the annual Chamber Concert showcased our superb small classical ensembles, including piano trios, string quartets, a saxophone ensemble, chamber choir and fanfare team.

Congratulations to Super Tonics, Jazz Lab, Big Band Blue, Big Band Red, Little Big Band and the Foundation Wind Orchestra who were each awarded gold for their performances in the regional round of the National Concert Band Festival. We wish them well in the National Concert Band Finals in April.

53 years of Rugby Sevens



Warwick Sevens

The Warwick Sevens returned triumphantly at the beginning of March, welcoming school teams from across the UK. The U13-U16 Warwick teams did fantastically well, with the U14s losing to Wellington College and the U15s to Hampton in their respective semi-finals. The U16s lost narrowly to King's Macclesfield in their final. The event raised over £4,000 for two charities; the Ukrainian UNICEF appeal and the testicular cancer charity, Oddballs.

The Mulley tie

A school assembly on OW and leading Labour politician of the 1970s Fred Mulley (WS 1929-36) heralded the introduction of the Mulley tie. The tie is awarded to commemorate the achievements of Fred and to recognise, from individual students, a love of learning and intellectual enquiry. The ties are offered to a small number of Sixth Formers each term.



The first recipients of the Mulley tie

Exhibition of Young Artists

While we were unable to welcome local schools to the annual Exhibition of Young Artists in person, the event was moved online. In addition, our young artists put on their own exhibition for Warwick School pupils, parents and staff in Warwick Hall.



Junior art exhibition

Eddie Jones returns

It was wonderful to welcome back England Rugby Head Coach Eddie Jones, who joined an audience in Warwick Hall via video link to talk about 'Leadership and lessons from my life in rugby'. Boys were delighted when Eddie also returned in person to offer some rugby coaching.



Eddie Jones returned to school to help with rugby coaching

Oxbridge offers

Congratulations to five boys who have received Oxbridge offers and are set to study Natural Sciences, Music, Law, Engineering and History.

Walk for Ukraine

Students from Warwick and King's High undertook a 'Walk for Ukraine' in order to purchase two second-hand ambulances which will be loaded with vital medical supplies and driven to a Ukrainian field hospital. See why our students undertook this challenge: https://youtu.be/ejfmpkyOw-s and please support them if you can via our JustGiving page: https://bit.ly/3ICnWD5.

Return to the stage

Talented actors from Warwick and King's High made a spectacular return to drama with a modern retelling of the 15th century morality play *Everyman* in the Bridge House Theatre.

This term, a Middle School production of *The Musicians* was enjoyed by audiences in early March and our Sixth Form production of *Hedda Gabler* offered audiences an intimate production with a capacity of 20 audience members only.

Rehearsals are well underway for a Lower School production of *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*, which takes to the stage in the Summer term.

Tickets and information on Warwick School and other productions in the Bridge House Theatre are available on www.bridgehousetheatre.co.uk.



The Musicians



Everymar

Anthony Nolan Bone Marrow Trust

Sixth Formers welcomed Marrow, the Warwick University arm of the Anthony Nolan charity and many joined the stem cell register.



Students line up for the Bone Marrow register

Orchestra of the Swan

The incredible Orchestra of the Swan are performing three exciting and accessible concerts in Warwick Hall as part of our ground-breaking new partnership aimed at creating a centre of musical excellence in Warwickshire on the Foundation site. Arcadiana (20

January) and Pastoral (17 March) have already delighted many. A Family Concert featuring Prokofiev's Peter and the Wolf on 18 June will be a superb afternoon for all to enjoy. See www. bridgehousetheatre.co.uk for tickets and information.



Arcadiana, Orchestra of the Swan

Schools Cup

This year's 1st XV journey in the Schools Cup came to an end in the regional semi-finals, with a 13-10 win for Rugby School. The U15 rugby team lost 10-5 to QEGS Wakefield in the quarter-finals.

Sport

Hockey, swimming, cross country, fencing, clay pigeon shooting and even skiing are some of the many sports enjoyed by students in the Michaelmas and Lent terms. We even entered two teams of skiers in the English Schools Ski Association Finals... held in Norwich!



Seb in full flight at the ESSkiA Finals

Remembrance

School Remembrance events included a Remembrance Assembly, Chapel Service and the laying of wreaths in honour of OWs who lost their lives in the service of their country. We are especially grateful to Jaish Mahan (WS 1985-92) who gave the address in the Chapel Service. Jaish is currently Deputy Commander Reserves 7 Brigade



Remembrance poppies in Warwick Hall

Development News

Thank you



Old Warwickians have a long tradition of giving back to Warwick School. OWs volunteer time to support pupils with careers, lend expertise by serving as Governors and make gifts to develop facilities or to support bursaries.

We are enormously grateful for all your support which makes a lasting difference to the education of our students. It transforms lives and opens up new possibilities and opportunities.

If you would like to make a gift or discuss any aspect of supporting Warwick School please contact Phillip Rothwell via email on p.rothwell@warwickschools.co.uk or phone on 01926 776402.

Phillip Rothwell (WS 1994-2001), Director of Development (WS staff 2011-)

The Old Warwickian Trust

The Old Warwickian Trust, established in 2011 and currently under the chairmanship of Charles Heaton (WS 1969-80), is pleased to announce that it is currently providing bursaries for five boys at Warwick School.



Reaching higher

David Stooke Memorial Humanities Prize



fundraising appeal to establish a prize in honour of David Stooke, English teacher at Warwick from 1970 to 1998, who died in 2020.

Bill Penn (WS 1970-75) led a

Many OWs who fondly remembered David's inspirational teaching joined together to establish a fund of £3,500, enabling a £250 annual award to be made for at least 14 years. The award takes the form of an essay

competition for Year 10 to 13 students, who are invited to submit a 1,000-word short story with a blinding twist. The first award will be made in the Summer term 2022.

Telephone Campaign and Regular Giving for Bursaries

The collective support of OWs making one-off and regular gifts to the Bursary Fund helps to increase the number and level of bursaries the school can offer to boys joining in Year 7. In recent years, many OWs have set up regular direct debits which, on average, provide the equivalent of at least one full fee place per year at the school.

We are proud of the support received from our three telephone campaigns, held in 2014, 2017 and 2021, during which teams of recent leavers called alumni to reconnect. The campaigns raised some £300,000 in gifts.



The 2014 Telephone Campaign Calling Team



The 2021 Telephone Campaign Calling Team

Martin Lambert Legacy and Boarding Bursary Fund



Martin Lambert at the start of the 1951 tour to Rhineland

Martin Lambert (WS 1944-51) received a free place at Warwick School. He went on to study languages at Birmingham University, later working as a Russian translator for the Government, before settling on a teaching career in Cheltenham. Martin never forgot the kindness of Head Master AHB Bishop who helped to pay for his train fare to Birmingham University in his first term.

When he died in 2019, Martin generously left a substantial legacy to Warwick School of over £800,000. This money has helped to establish a new Boarding Bursary Fund in partnership with the Royal National Children's Springboard Foundation. The Springboard Foundation knows that some of the UK's leading schools – boarding and independent – offer their pupils opportunities, experiences and relationships that are literally life-changing. The new Boarding Bursary Fund ensures that these opportunities are targeted towards young people who most need them: those who have faced challenging circumstances – children or teenagers in or on the edge of care or growing up in households or communities where opportunities to flourish are limited.

Thanks to Martin's legacy two pupils are currently being supported on a boarding bursary and further bursaries are being offered in September 2022.

Leaving a legacy is a very personal decision and can truly transform lives. The Floreat Society was set up to recognise those OWs and friends who have left a gift to the school in their Will.

If you wish, in confidence, to discuss any aspect of leaving a legacy, please contact Phillip Rothwell, Director of Development, on p.rothwell@warwickschools.co.uk or tel 01926 776402.

Major gifts for transformational projects

In March 2022, Warwick School Head Master James Barker and Foundation Principal Richard Nicholson hosted a London dinner for some of our many generous OWs who are significant supporters. These and a growing number of OWs have made major contributions to the school in recent years for both bursaries and capital projects. Some have funded a whole bursary place or contributed to buildings such as the Guy Nelson Hall redevelopment. The school is enormously grateful for their generosity and looks forward to sharing future news of major gifts and transformational projects.

CCF Corps of Drums

Nigel Robinson (WS 1955-66) and David Stevens (WS 1968-74) are leading the charge to re-establish a CCF Corps of Drums.

The CCF band was a popular and prominent feature of Warwick School life for many years but ended in the mid-1980s. CCF OC Lt Col Keith Davenport has over 20 aspiring band members in the current CCF contingent and we now need to fund equipment and resources to re-establish the band. We have already received a generous gift from Nigel Brown OBE (WS 1957-64) to establish a new fund for the band and hope to increase this over the coming months. Richard Phillips (WS 1959-66) and John Davidson (WS 1957-66) have both offered a bugle in memory of their friends and former bandsmen Adrian Haynes and David Thomas respectively. Watch this space for more information or email development@warwickschools.co.uk if you would like to find out more.



1952 Warwick Buglers announce the Queen's Accessic



1955 Church Parad



1970s CCF Band

OW News

Splashes of scents and colour



Simon Lycett (WS 1974-85) continues to create the very best in floral design. In March Simon enjoyed a day at Le Manoir aux Quat'Saisons, demonstrating how to create the perfect tablescape. Using an assortment of seasonal spring flowering bulbs, cut flowers and plants, Simon shared some of his floral secrets.

F1 World Championship

After a dramatic and exciting 2021 title-decider, congratulations to Christian Horner OBE (WS 1987-92) for crowning a tremendous Formula 1 season as Red Bull Racing's Team Principal and CEO.



Christian Horner OBE

James TW on tour 2023

Due to uncertainty surrounding travel and venue restrictions platinum-selling singer-songwriter James TW (WS 2005-15) has rescheduled his upcoming UK and EU tour from 2022 to 2023. Tickets are on sale for James's 2023 tour to Dublin, Glasgow, Leeds, Manchester, Bristol, Birmingham, London, the Netherlands, Germany, Denmark, Norway and Sweden.



Did you see?

Warwick School teachers are invariably delighted to come across OWs in a range of radio, TV and film productions. Special credit to Eric Hadley who gets top marks for spotting the following:

Maanuv Thiara (WS 2001-12) and Marc Elliott (WS 1991-98) appear in the gripping new play *The Father and the Assassin* at The National from 12 May. Maanuv was spotted in Casualty and in BBC Radio 4's *Our Friends in the North* while Marc was spotted in *Call the Midwife* (13 Feb).

Joshua McGuire (WS 1999-2006) stars as Josh in the BBC's comedy drama *Cheaters*, an 18-episode series told in 10-minute chapters. *Cheaters* follows the fallout from a one-night stand after a couple are thrown into an impossible situation.



Around the World in 80 Days ©BBC/Slim

Charlie Hamblett (WS 2004-11) featured as a young British Army Officer in Episode 4 of the BBC drama Around the World in 80 Days.

1960s Birmingham Bash

OWs from the 1960s are warmly invited to the annual Birmingham Bash Lunch on Wednesday 26 October 2022. Enjoy good food, wine and company. Venue to be confirmed.

Please email Clive Boast on cliveboast@gmail.com if you would like to receive details.

Did you hear?

Peter O'Grady was delighted to hear a composition on Radio 3 by Alex Paxton (WS 1999-2009). Alex was the youngest winner of the Ivors Composer Awards 2021, taking home the Small Chamber Award for his work for keyboard and drums, *Sometimes Voices*. The new piece was created and premiered during lockdown via livestream.

Evensong at Pembroke College

Parents and a small number of OWs enjoyed Warwick School Chapel Choir singing Evensong at Pembroke College, Oxford in February.

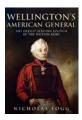


Jim Fellows, Mike and Alison Stephens at Pembroke College



Forgotten Englishman

Forgotten Englishman: Thomas Stephens and the Mission to the East is a new book from Nicholas Fogg MBE (WS 1952-59). Nick tells the rich account of the fascinating life and hazardous voyage of the first Englishman to sail around the Cape of Good Hope.



Wellington's American General

Nick had a creative lockdown. His other new book Wellington's American General: The Oldest Serving Soldier in the British Army is based on the journals of a New Yorker who became one of Wellington's senior generals.

Gallery of Young OWs

Thanks to all those who have agreed to be included on a new Young OWs Gallery. Their profiles will illustrate, online and in print, to prospective and current students, the fantastic and diverse range of employment and career opportunities enjoyed by our young alumni. As well as career insights, OWs have shared their fondest memories of Warwick and advice they might offer to their teenage selves. We share a few highlights from some here:

Chris Byrne (WS 1998-2003)



Chris is Senior Vice President at global advertising agency Media. Monks. He stresses the importance of confidence in communications in the workplace and fondly remembers Drama at Warwick. Rainy rugby matches helped forge friendships, build grit and encourage teamwork. One piece of advice to his teenage self: "aim for the best grades... video games can come later".

Kishan Bodalia (WS 2002-13)



A&E doctor Kishan Bodalia especially appreciated sports and music at school. Through his role as Head of School he developed communications skills which have given him confidence speaking to large audiences. His number one piece of advice: "try as many things as possible to find out what you enjoy!"

Daniel Simmons (WS 2006-11)



Six years ago Dan started social media marketing agency, Populate Social. Dan's advice to his teenage self: "You don't need to know what you want to do with your life. Find something you enjoy, put your all into it and take every opportunity. Take a moment to appreciate what you have and what you are achieving".

Nick Claydon-Bevan (WS 2002-10)



Nick is currently Communications Director for Aldi UK & Ireland. He says "Warwick teaches you to be well rounded. I picked up so many useful life skills and discipline from my teachers, from playing sport, CCF and school trips". His advice to his teenage self: "Work hard at school. Employers look closely at your GCSE and A-level results!"

Edward Button (WS 1997-2008)



Edward loved being in Warwick School Chapel Choir and is currently one of the Countertenors in The King's Singers. His main advice to his teenage self would be: "be yourself, whatever that might be".

Ryan Wong (WS 2005-10)



Ryan is a software engineer in the finance industry. He has fond memories of the boarding house, including the regular staff vs boarders football. He remains very close to fellow OWs who are in the UK and back in Hong Kong.

Johnny Wang (WS 2004-09)



Architect Johnny spent five great years in the WS Boarding House. He says: "Stick with what interests you and give it your full energy and attention. Accept all the challenges, stay positive, be kind and always show appreciation".

Will Todman (WS 1998-2009)



Will is a fellow in the Middle East Program at the Center for Strategic and International Studies in the US. His interest in languages began at Warwick and he is grateful to John Jefferies, who first suggested he study Arabic and to Charlie Hammel, who introduced him to Arabic on Thursday afternoons.

Careers support

OWs continue to be a tremendous support to Warwick School Careers. A number of OWs have recently provided in-person or virtual Business Lunches, offering students special insights and advice on a wide range of careers.



Psychologist Henry Harrison (WS 2008-15) delivered a Business Psychology Workshop.





Solicitor Michael Buckworth (WS 1995-2000) shared his legal expertise. Mike has written his first book – Built on Rock – the busy entrepreneur's legal guide to start-up success.



Engineer Ryan Wong (WS 2005-10) delivered a workshop on pathways to software engineering.

The Heaton Podcast

In one of the latest Heaton Podcasts, listen to scientist, diplomat and engineer Peter Varnish OBE (WS 1954-65) and OWA President 2020 and 2022 as he talks about his memories of school and fascinating career while sharing his authoritative views on the contemporary world.

The Heaton Podcast is a series of discussions of History and Politics from WS teachers John Jefferies and Olly O'Brien. https://theheatonpodcast.buzzsprout.com

Runderful

Former captain of WS Cross Country Elisha de Mello (WS 2012-14) competed in the English National Cross Country Championships in February, coming 38th out of a field of more than 3,000.

Tom Parsons (WS 2005-12) succeeded in his goal and raised £741 by running the London Winter 10k in February. Tom ran in support of Cancer Research UK, helping to fund scientists, doctors and nurses to help beat cancer.

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Heading for pastures new

Congratulations to Warwick School's former Senior Deputy Head David Wickes (WS staff 2013-18) on his appointment as Head of The Portsmouth Grammar School from September 2022. David is currently in his fourth year as Headmaster at Merchant Taylors' School in Crosby.

In another move, former WS Head of Economics and Solihull School Head Master David Lloyd is returning to his family home on the Isle of Wight. David will take up the post of Principal for Priory School of Our Lady of Walsingham at the end of 2022.

OW Book Club

The OW Book Club continues with a strong and enthusiastic core of OWs who love reading and meeting to discuss a broad range of books. In early 2022 the four original book groups combined to form two new groups. Each group meets online, generally once a month. The afternoon group usually meets



Nick Grey (WS 1992-2003) queried whether one of the books chosen was popular with the 0-24 hours old demographic!

at 16:00 and the evening group at 20:00. View the books chosen and discussed on www.oldwarwickians.org/bookgroups.

WarwickFoundationConnect.com

Over 1,300 OWs and Old Girls of King's High have now signed up to the networking platform www.warwickfoundationconnect.com. Use the platform to connect, find your year-group, search for contacts in a particular industry or profession and request or offer mentoring.

Armonico Consort celebrate 20 years

Dave Phillips MBE (WS 1955-61) has been delighted to be associated with critically acclaimed choir and instrumental Armonico Consort, since attending their performance of Scarlatti's Dixit Dominus twenty years ago. Armonico began life in 2001, set up by Christopher Monks and university colleagues with a shared passion for music from the Renaissance to Baroque. Twenty years on, Dixit Dominus featured again in Armonico's performance in St Mary's



Dave Phillips enjoyed his birthday at the concert

Church at the end of January – which Phillips and Becker Accountants were delighted to sponsor. Armonico were back in St Mary's Church on 9 April, with a performance of Bach's St John Passion.

OW Sport

OW Cross Country



Huge congratulations and thanks to Dominic Bostock (WS 1998-2005), Martin Garrett (WS 1965-72) and Jack Thornton (WS 1951-58) who represented OWs in the challenging Thames Hare & Hounds five-mile Alumni Race over Wimbledon Common. Jack says "My abiding recollection was of turning off a firm track at the far end of the course on to a single width slippery/sliding quagmire some 30 metres long and then, on towards the end, needing to steeplechase over the trunks of fallen trees".

Thames Hare & Hounds Alumni Race 2022 Saturday 17 September 2022

Note the new date! THH have decided that the optimum date for the event this year is Saturday 17 September. For most, holidays are over, but universities have not started. The weather should be kinder too. We may enter a team of unlimited numbers so all OW runners are encouraged to join the team. Please contact Anne Douglas on a.douglas@warwickschool.org if you would like to run.

Calling all OW Cricketers

The annual OW match against the school is on Friday 24 June at 16:00.

A match against Old Silhillians is scheduled for 5 June at Solihull

If you would like to play in either or both matches, please sign up at www.oldwarwickians.org/2022cricket.

Warwick School Cricket Records

Brian Joseph (WS 1960-71) kindly volunteered to digitise some of our Warwick School cricket records. Browse the details of cricket captains and matches played at www.oldwarwickians.org/CricketRecords





Painting by Grahame Ward

OW Rugby 7s

This summer, a group of OWs have set up an Old Warwickian Rugby 7s club to compete in five major tournaments across the UK.

The club aims to create an Old Warwickian community that comes together to compete in the game. The club includes Warwick Rugby the national leagues, BUCS Super Rugby and on the Super Sevens Series circuit. The tournaments are a way of reuniting old boys who enjoy rugby values and a few beers after the tournament to catch up squad welcomes and actively encourages OWs to join, whether that be through lacing up boots or supporting socially.

Follow an OW 7s' Supporters WhatsApp Group Chat and an OW 7s Instagram account - @old_warwickian_7s.

The squad is also actively seeking sponsors and partners ahead of the summer season. If you or anyone you know, would like to support, please get in contact with Team Manager Tom MacDonald (WS 2013-18) via the OW 7s Instagram account or by emailing tommacdonaldt00@gmail.com.



OW Rugby

The annual OWs vs Old Sils 1st XV rugby match is planned for Saturday 10 September 2022 at Warwick School. K/o 12 noon.

OW Golf - Spring Meeting

Tuesday 17 May 2022 - Tadmarton Heath Golf Club

The spring meeting will follow the usual format of 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 just play in the afternoon. Costs: £80 for 36 holes or £65 for 18 holes, including lunch, 3 course dinner, green fees and prizes.

Thanks to a legacy from Joan Marshall we are pleased to offer young OWs a discounted rate of just £20!

All welcome. Please contact Hon Sec Julian Marcus on arkvets@hotmail.com if you would like to play.

GM Qualifier

Olton GC: Saturday 14 May 2022 OWs vs School Venue tbc: Friday 1 July 2022

OW Golf Autumn Meeting Leamington & County GC: Friday 9 September 2022



GM Qualifier 2017

View from the cockpit (Part 2)

We continue our feature on OW pilots. Men who have a love of flying in craft ranging from light aircraft to supersonic jets, Harriers and helicopters.

Air Cdre Peter Squires OBE (WS 1975-86)



Air Cdre Peter Squires OBE

A younger Peter with brother Chris



Harrier over Iraq



More Harrier flying

Warwick CCF gave Peter the opportunity to visit several RAF stations, fly on the school's catapult launched glider, get a taste of military life and cemented his desire to fly within the RAF. A Sixth Form flying scholarship followed by Southampton University Air Squadron, built further on his passion for flying.

After RAF flying training, Peter was selected to fly the Harrier jump jet where he spent 12 years on different squadrons deploying on numerous operations. His speciality was weapons and tactics, often leading large formations with the US and allies on operations, before heading to test new weapons and electronic warfare equipment in the USA. He was also privileged to spend a year demonstrating the Harrier across Europe as the air display pilot.

As experience grew, Peter took command of 100 Squadron which flew Red Air aggressor sorties against UK and US aircraft.

Inevitably, ground-based appointments beckoned. Brother Chris (WS 1978-88), who also flew fast jets in the RAF, chose to continue his flying career with the airlines, but Peter opted for other roles in the military. From 2016-19, he was appointed Commandant RAFC Cranwell where he flew Air Cadets in the Grob Tutor light aircraft.

Peter received the Queen's Commendation for Valuable Service in the Air and, in August 2022, becomes Commander British Forces Cyprus and Sovereign Base Administrator in the rank of Air Vice-Marshal.

Oran Aske-Haley (WS 2006-17)



Oran always wanted to be a commercial airline pilot and is navigating the challenges of post-Brexit pilot licensing. He is currently doing some flying and more tests in Belgium in pursuit of an additional commercial pilot's licence that will allow him to fly in the EU. He will then have two commercial pilot's licences, one allowing him to fly for UK airlines and the other for EU airlines.

Amit Bir (WS 1999-2006)



Amit worked for Ryanair for six years, based in Scotland and Spain. For the last seven years has been working for Emirates Airlines and is currently a Captain flying the Boeing 777, based out in Dubai. During the pandemic Amit flew the cargo variant of the 777 for Emirates, delivering consignments of PPE globally.

James Ryan (WS 2003-11)





Cumulus cloud on arrival into Murcia, height of over 30,000ft

James started flight training in 2014 and, upon graduation, was hired by Flybe as First Officer on the Dash-8 Turboprop. He now flies the Boeing 737 for a major European carrier.

One of his best moments: sunrise over the Alps on an early training flight on the 737.

Worst moment: an unlatched door swinging out over the wing during take-off in Phoenix.

Most unusual flying experience: flying a heart to Leeds-Bradford for a transplant. The heart sat in an icebox in the cockpit.

Mike Stretton-Cox (WS 1986-89)





Refuelling RAF Harriers in Iraq, 2003, in the mighty L-1011

Mike was always fascinated with jets, fast cars and all things adrenaline-related. He won a university RAF Flying Scholarship and, upon graduating, joined the RAF. After four years flying in high-performance trainers, he became operational on the L-1011 TriStar at RAF Brize Norton. He then spent three years on Air-to-Air refuelling in Afghanistan, Iraq (Gulf War 2) and on global transport flights, before becoming an instructor on the Tucano, training the next generation of fast-jet pilots in Yorkshire.

Mike flew the C130J Hercules and went back out to Afghanistan and Iraq. His time in the RAF culminated in running the C130J detachment in Kandahar where he was responsible for the largest airdrop mission since the 1950s.

Despite leaving the RAF his association with the military continues with government contracts. His current role at RAF Brize Norton is Training Captain at AirTanker for the new generation of RAF Voyager pilots on converted Airbus A330s. He has remained a RAF Reservist throughout.

Mike has no shortage of flying highlights, including the sense of achievement after a safe and successful mission on operations, low-level flying in Wales and over Lake Windermere and tactical approaches in mountainous strips with zero room for error. Low points include exams, lots of missed sleep and seeing many friends struggle during the pandemic.

Wg Cdr Sam Fletcher MVO (WS 1992-99)



Sam is currently in command of a Royal Air Force Puma Helicopter Squadron. Over an 18-year flying career he has flown some 3,000 hours, many of which were on operations in Iraq and Afghanistan. He has trained in deserts, mountains and jungles around the world.

While the machine he flies today is a battlefield helicopter made to deliver troops to combat, it is versatile. During the last five years Sam's squadron has deployed on disaster relief operations in the Caribbean and in support of the NATO mission in Kabul.

For the last twelve months he has deployed to the USA, training in California, and also in Kenya, where he supported the Kenyan Armed Forces and the British Army's Training. As we go to press he is holding readiness to deploy to Europe to support NATO allies.

Sam was awarded the Royal Victorian Order Medal (MVO) in 2017 on relinquishment of his appointment as Equerry to HM The Queen.

Chris Burrows (WS 1999-2010)



Chris flies for easyJet, based at London Gatwick. Keen on flying from a young age, he joined the RAF section of the CCF and took up gliding, cycling to the nearest airfield at weekends. Flying took a backseat when he studied Aerospace Engineering at the University of Liverpool but, upon graduating, he secured a place on an easyJet sponsored pilot training course. After 18

months of intense study and flying training, as well as a brief time in New Zealand, he flew his first passengers to Montpellier.

Chris has been with easyJet ever since and has seen most of Europe from the cockpit. He has landed in snow storms in Iceland, flown excited children to see Santa in Lapland and had sniffer dogs search his airplane in Turkey.

During the pandemic Chris has flown less. He took a part-time contract as part of a redundancy mitigation agreement and has set up a business making and selling fresh Baklava through the post. See www.theflakywalnut.co.uk.

View from the cockpit (Part 3)

The next Old Warwickian will feature further stories and images from OW pilots including:

- Peter Johnston (WS 1948-55)
- Maj Michael Pimm MBE (WS 1993-2000
- Patrick Tynes (WS 2005-12)

From the WS Archives

Thank you to all those who have sent images to the Warwick School archives. Recent additions include a selection of transparencies from the early 1960s and photos from 1979 leaver Paul Wormald, who brought his trusty Zenit-E camera to school a few times in his final year.



1970s aerial photo



Joseph rehearsals, 1979



Big School, 1920



Early 1960s classroom



Early 1960s breaktime



WS U14 XI, 1900



The outdoor pool, 1960s



Messrs l'Anson, Stooke, Collis and Freeborn in late 1970s staff play



Martin Green and Ian Moffatt, staff vs pupils rugby, 1979. We are reliably informed staff won to nil



Ken Freeborn, staff vs pupils rugby, 1979



Alec Hughes, Peter O'Grady and Andrew Parkes, staff vs pupils rugby, 1979

Front cover images

- Simon Lycett at Le Manoir ©Dawn Leopard
- 2003 Leavers at the OWA Annual Dinner
- Air Cdre Peter Squires OBE reviewing a parade of RAF Officer Cadets as Commandant RAFC Cranwell

If you have any additions to the image library, please email a.douglas@warwickschool.org.







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