

The Old Warwickian



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Fifty miles for fifty years
– lifelong friendships at
Warwick School



View from the cockpit
– spotlight on our OW
pilots

U6 Graduations for our
2020 and 2021 leavers

Recent Events

2020 Leavers Graduation

3 September 2021

It was wonderful to welcome our 2020 leavers back to Warwick School for their Graduation Evening (rescheduled due to the Covid-19 pandemic) and to formally welcome them into the Old Warwickian Association.

View further images from the evening on www.oldwarwickians.org/2020Graduation



Ethan Evan Cook, Theo Barnes, Daniel Hooper, Robbie Fitchford, Lawrence Gartshore, Ben McAdam, Jack Rayner and Max Chester



Tom Hales, Sam Barnes, JJ, Cameron Palmer, Harry Penney, Paddy Parfitt.
Front: Will Dudley



Luke Barker, Greg Devlin, Benjamin Pollock, Simon Peall, Zak Punnett, Charlie Burden, Albert Williams, Matthew Holmes, George Key, Leo Brades, Peter Walker



Matt Rigby, Tom Boorman, Daniel May, Harry Hawkins, Harry Penney, Messrs Graham, Deacon and Williams



Ethan Evan Cook, Dan Hooper, Dr Bill Gill, Max Hayward, Kunwoo Ha and Theo Barnes



Back: Rohan Gogna, Robbie Fitchford, Jack Rayner, Matt Quinn, Anant Gill, James Goodbourn. Front: Harry Spencer, Ben McAdam, Charlie Perkins, Harry Allwood, Thomas English and Archie Wells



Ben Richards, Zak Punnett, Guy Dixon and Yaar Safra



Ed MacPherson, Jasper Nash and Tom Pegler



Ben Beresford, Luke Robinson and Harry Allwood



Joe Robbins, Sam Barnes, Mr Chris Bond and Max Eddy



Tom Hales, Harry Spencer, Anant Gill and James Goodbourn



Benjamin Pollock, Simon Peall, Kunwoo Ha, Zak Punnett, Thomas Durant, Albert Williams, George Key, JJ, Jack Priestley, Alec Steeley, Rahul Bains, Kieran Brooker, Charlie Burden and Henry Wallis



Cameron Palmer, Max Eddy, Ben White, Freddie Herd and Will Pugh

2021 Leavers Graduation

2 September 2021

The 2021 Leavers Graduation was also a special opportunity to celebrate time at Warwick School.

The students were praised for their resilience and good humour in recent challenging times and warmly welcomed into the Old Warwickian Association by 2021 President Peter Baird FRCS.

View further images from the evening on www.oldwarwickians.org/2021Graduation



OWA President Peter Baird, Toby Kerr and Sid Sanyal



Will Mobberley, Will Callan and Ben Lawson



Alex Da Cruz and Elliot McFadden



Henry Plyming and Archie Brown



Akash Bening, Josh Simango, Toby Stubbings and Sam Gayler



Back: Charlie Bass, Louis Hadley, William Kendall, Henry Crowther, Joshua Guest, Tom Reynolds. Front: Scott Francis, Archie McCusker and Will Foster



Edson Dibble, Tom Patrick, James Mackenzie, Alex Didlick and Angus Reed



Richard Rose, Alex Ford, Ibrahim Afzal, Akash Bening and Gabriel D'Souza



Kieran Speechly, Harry Chester, Richard Yates and Skip Snelson



The 2021 year-group bubble! Photo reproduced with kind permission of Gillman & Soame

1961, '71, '81, '91, 2001 and 2011 Anniversary Reunions

4 September 2021

This year's anniversary reunions were originally planned for the summer. Due to restrictions on large gatherings they were rescheduled to September.

Although fewer OWs attended than we would normally expect, the anniversary reunions were nonetheless a special and meaningful occasion for the OWs and many teaching staff who attended. The reunions were kept as simple and outdoors as possible with welcome drinks under the Limes, a welcome from Head Master James Barker, small group photos with Peter O'Grady and then tours of the older parts of the school and wider Foundation campus.



The Head Master warmly welcomed OWs and staff back to Warwick School



1961 leavers. Keith Johnson, Lance Fogg, Peter Baird, Richard Poynter, Robin Kenward and Clive Carsley



1971 leavers and staff. Geoff Lane, Martin Brightman, Mark Love, Hugh Eveleigh, Jeremy Long and David Jackson



1981 leavers and staff. Back: Tony Sparks, Gervald Frykman, Eric Hadley, Peter O'Grady and Jeremy Rider. Front: David Parry, David Kite, Sam Powell and Chris Parr



1991 leavers. Back: Mike Stretton-Cox, Guy Suddaby, Jeremy Wilsdon. Front: Ted Walker, Marc Lovatt, Noel Edwards and Kevin Lawson



2001 leavers and staff. Back: Jon Stone, Phillip Rothwell, Eric Hadley, Elliott Grainger, David Cox, Lewis Galloway and Revd Andrew Gough. Front: Mark Mabbett, Bob Fair, David Eastbury, Ben Oliver and GianCarlo Pacitti



2011 leavers and staff. Back: Jon Stone, Eric Hadley, Harry Bell, Louise Haines. Middle: Sebastian Prince, Jonny Gill, Thomas Owen, Chris Brown, David Pegna, Jordan Dunant, Ian Howard and Tim Gower. Front: David Neal, Charles Downes, Head Master Mr James Barker, Freddie Lindsey and Sean Kinsey



2001 leavers. GianCarlo Pacitti, Lewis Galloway, Phillip Rothwell, Jon Stone, David Eastbury, Ben Oliver, Marc Mabbett, David Cox and Elliott Grainger



2011 leavers. Tim Gower, Thomas Owen, Jonny Gill, Sean Kinsey, Jordan Dunant, Charles Downes and David Neal



1991 leavers. Jeremy Wilsdon, Kevin Lawson, Ted Walker, Noel Edwards, Guy Suddaby, Marc Lovatt and Mike Stretton-Cox



Kevin Lawson, Gervald Frykman and Louise Haines



Mark Love, Jeremy Long and Trevor Pritchard



1961 leavers. Lance Fogg, Keith Johnson and Clive Carsley



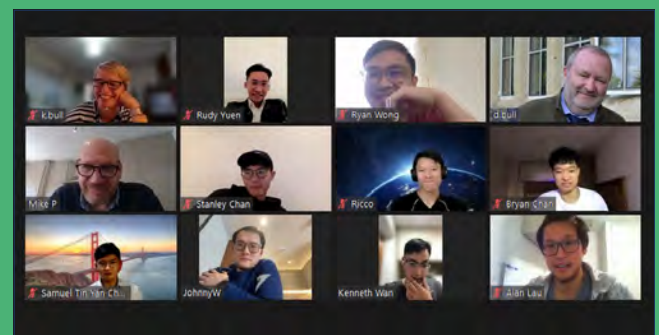
Back: Jon Stone, Eric Hadley, Peter O'Grady. Front: Geoff Lane, Jeremy Rider, Head Master Mr James Barker, Louise Haines and Revd Andrew Gough



1971 leavers. Hugh Eveleigh, Jeremy Long, Mark Love and Martin Brightman

OW Boarders Zoom

3 October 2021



Boarding House Parents David and Katy Bull and former House Parent Mike Perry were delighted to catch up with OW boarders from 2009 to recent years at an OW Boarders Zoom Reunion.

OWs in London, Manchester, Hong Kong and Australia shared fond memories of their time in the boarding house at Warwick School.

Foundation Welcome Back Weekend

24-26 September 2021

Our Foundation Welcome Back Weekend was a wonderful occasion, bringing together the communities of Warwick School, King's High, Warwick Junior School and Warwick Prep after many challenging months.

The weekend began with a Foundation Commemoration Service in St Mary's Church for all our schools. Links with the wider community and town of Warwick were celebrated and we were delighted to welcome to the service the Lord Lieutenant and High Sheriff of Warwickshire and civic dignitaries from Warwick and Leamington Spa.

Further collaborative activities continued on the Friday. Combined afternoon student activities included members of the CCF teaching our Year 2 Prep School pupils to march! An Encounters lecture, Year 9 poster event and an open rehearsal by the Foundation Symphony Orchestra in Warwick Hall were equally enjoyed. The day concluded with an exciting 'Friday Night Lights' Warwick School rugby match under the floodlights of our 3G pitch.

On Saturday, school families, alumni and friends came together for a series of events: our Foundation Aquathon, an Ex Cathedra Singing workshop, the CBSO's wonderful Stringcredibles (who brought superhero string joy to us all!), a workshop with amazing percussionist, Simone Rebello, drama taster sessions with the Bridge House Theatre Young Company and a fun campus treasure trail.

OWs and alumnae of King's High enjoyed coffee mornings and self-guided tours. Warwick School Archivist Gervald Frykman gave a fascinating talk on Warwick School in the 19th century and the authors of 'Of Mulberries, Ilex and Acorns', Polly Beidas and Jennifer Edwards, gave an informative insight into the book and history of King's High and Warwick Prep.

A splendid BBQ was served by our catering teams in the late-summer sunshine under The Limes.

Sunday saw the official opening of King's High and Warwick Prep's new Music School. Members of the sports and holiday activities clubs led an afternoon activity taster session for children from local primary schools.

The weekend concluded with a collaboration between Warwick Independent Schools Foundation and Warwick – A Singing Town; a 'Come and Sing' event, culminating in a performance of choruses from 'Messiah' with singers from the Foundation and local community.

Huge thanks to everyone who made the weekend a success.



Foundation Principal Mr Richard Nicholson at the Commemoration Service



The Commemoration Service in St Mary's Church



Foundation Offertory Exhibits



Perfect weather



John Taylor and OWA Chairman Steve Tubb



Wonderful to welcome back Chris and Christine McNea



Matt Shakesheff



Anyone for lunch?



Ian West



Michael Bennett, Peter Wilson, Chris Allen, John Wetherby, Nigel Harris and Nigel Robinson



Liz Chamberlain, Tony Sparks, Julie Robinson and Steve Chamberlain



John Wetherby and Chris Davis



Meet the Warwick School Archivist



Graham Lockley visited the Warwick School museum in The Portcullis Room



The display of sports team photos was enjoyed by David Rankin



Dave Phillips MBE, Steve Tubb, Mr and Mrs Ron Beech and John Varnish



The Principal's party after the Commemoration Service

Forthcoming Events

1962, 1972, 1982, 1992, 2002 and 2012 Leavers' Anniversary Reunions

Sat 11 June 2022 – Warwick School – Save the date!

1962, '72, '82, '92, 2002 and 2012 leavers, and the staff who taught them, are warmly invited to OW anniversary reunions on Saturday 11 June 2022.

The current plan is to meet back at school from 14:00 to 17:00 for drinks, tours of the school and afternoon refreshments. More details to follow in the New Year. For now, please save the date and let us know if there is anything special you would like to do or see as part of your reunion.

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.



2021 OWA AGM

Sat 4 Dec 2021 – The Conference Room,
Warwick School, 18:00

All welcome.

Agenda

1. Welcome and apologies
2. Minutes of the 2020 AGM
3. Chairman's Report
4. Alumni Relations Report
5. Treasurer's Report and Adoption of Accounts
6. Election of OWA Committee and President Elect 2022 (to be President 2023)
7. AOB.

OWA Committee 2022 nominations

President – Peter Varnish OBE (WS 1954-65)

Chairman – Steve Tubb (WS 1971-82)

Treasurer – Arun Sachdev (WS 1991-2002)

Head Master – James Barker (WS 1991-97)

The committee propose to retain the option to co-opt members.

President Elect 2022 nominations (to serve as President 2023)

According to The Rules of the Association: *"The committee shall be empowered to nominate members of the committee, a president elect and an accounts' examiner for the following year, and its recommendations shall be put before members of the Association twenty-eight days prior to the actual meeting. Other nominations correctly proposed and seconded by members shall be in the hands of the Honorary Secretary not less than fourteen days before the AGM. Any member proposed must have indicated their willingness to serve on the committee. The president elect will, subject to other nominations, be confirmed as president at the subsequent AGM"*.

At its meeting on 20 September 2021 the committee nominated Jim Button (WS 1978-85) as President Elect 2022 (to serve as President 2023). Any other nominations for President-Elect 2022 and committee members 2022 should be sent to Anne Douglas, Hon Sec OWA, c/o Warwick School (a.douglas@warwickschool.org) no later than Friday 19 November 2021.

2021 OWA Annual Dinner

Sat 4 Dec 2021 – The Pyne Room,
Warwick School, 18:30

All Old Warwickians are warmly invited to this year's OWA Annual Dinner in The Pyne Room at Warwick School on Saturday 4 December 2021 at 18:30.

Enjoy an evening with fellow Old Warwickians including Head Master James Barker and much loved teaching staff John Jefferies, Jon Stone, Eric Hadley, Gervald Frykman and Robert Hudson. Bookings can be made individually or for small groups or tables.

Pre-dinner drinks will be served in the Panel Room at 18:30, followed by a four course dinner with coffee. Card bar facilities for beers, wine and spirits are available. For the first time, post-dinner, we are delighted to offer a late bar in the Halse Pavilion. The OWA 2021 AGM will take place before the dinner at 18:00 in the Conference Room (all welcome).

Tickets

£39.50 include pre-dinner drinks, a four course dinner (including cheese and a glass of port) plus coffee.

Tickets are available online at www.oldwarwickians.org

Dress: Black tie.

Book now at: www.oldwarwickians.org/2021AnnualDinner

Booking deadline: Friday 26 November.

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

Warwick School Christmas Day Chapel Service

The Christmas Day service will be virtual.

Details to be posted on www.oldwarwickians.org

OW London Drinks

The annual OW London drinks are planned for the spring. Please contact Anne Douglas (a.douglas@warwickschool.org) if you have any suggestions for a venue, especially if it has outdoor space.

OW News

Fifty miles for fifty years

OW friends who first met fifty years ago when they started at Warwick School enjoyed a fabulous few days walking fifty miles over the Yorkshire Dales. Bob Andrews, Jono Ball, Jez Shacklock, Al Porter, Spence Miles, Phil Calverley and Andy 'Shuff' Shufflebotham started at Grassington in North Yorkshire on 8 September (exactly fifty years since the first day of term in 1971) and walked the Dalesway through Hubberholme and to Cam Houses, where they met the Pennine Way and walked through Hawes and up to Tan Hill Pub, the highest pub in England. With good weather the whole way they managed the walk without loss or injury, raising money for Prostate Cancer Research, a cause which is close to their hearts and groins! www.justgiving.com/OWOldBoys71-82



Bob Andrews, Phil Calverley, Al Porter, Andy Shufflebotham, Spence Miles, Jez Shacklock and Jono Ball



Jono Ball, Bob Andrews, Al Porter, Bruce Barnfather, Phil Calverley, Jez Shacklock



Fifty miles with a few pubs en route

Sir Stephen Lovegrove makes welcome return

UK National Security Adviser Sir Stephen Lovegrove KCB (WS 1978-85) delivered an engaging Encounters presentation in Warwick School's Science Lecture Theatre on 8 October.

Sir Stephen contrasted the liberal hopes of the post-Cold War world with the more realist choices facing western democracies today. He then faced an hour of probing questions from Sixth Formers from Warwick, King's High and Myton School, ranging from the purpose of AUKUS to what he enjoyed most about his job. Following a brief tour of the school, the evening concluded with a convivial meal with teachers and Sixth Formers in the Portcullis Room.

We thank Sir Stephen for making his return to the school a brilliant success and for inspiring pupils with the possibilities of a career in public service.

Encounters is a series of lectures at Warwick School with experts in their field or those who have lived extraordinary lives. Other OWs in the Michaelmas 2021 lecture series include Angus Lapsley CMG, Director General Strategy and International and Martin Richards QPM, former Chief Constable of Wiltshire and then Sussex Police.



Head Master James Barker, Ben Watson and Sir Stephen Lovegrove

Heartbeat Changes, Part 1

Singer-songwriter James TW (WS 2005-15) was delighted to release the first part of his new album Heartbeat Changes on 17 September. The collection of amazing new songs documents some of his emotions and realisations after a break up in 2020. James was also thrilled to be back on stage at the end of the month, for the first time in almost two years. Heartbeat Changes Part 2, full of songs about finding new love, will be released early next year.



Diamond reunion

Tim Harry (WS 1962-73) and Richard Hoyland (WS 1962-71) enjoyed meeting up for the first time in almost sixty years since they started at Warwick Junior School on 20 September 1962.



Richard Hoyland



Tim Harry

Forty-year reunion



Nick, Richard and Jim in 2021

1988 leavers Nick Short, Jim Doherty and Richard Skan enjoyed a reunion dinner in September to mark forty years to the week since starting at Warwick Senior School. Nick, married to Jo (née Ash, Old Girl King's High), lives in Chipping Campden and runs his own photography business. Jim, married to Fiona, lives in Malvern and runs his family engineering business in Hungary. Richard, married to Katie (née Brown, Old Girl King's High), lives near Warwick and runs his family engineering, manufacturing and distribution business. All three have three children!



Nick, Jim and Richard at school sports day

Third time real tennis triumph for Tom

The Owen-George Cup for real tennis, played for at Moreton Morrell Tennis Court Club, was won by Tom Lewis (WS 1997-2008) for the third time. Tom previously lifted the trophy in 2013 and 2015. The cup was presented by Richard Thornton (WS 1963-74), joint senior partner of Blythe Liggins Solicitors, who sponsor the event.



Tom Lewis and Richard Thornton

Happy 100th birthday

Margaret Keighley (WS staff 1947-62) celebrated her 100th birthday on 10 July with friends and family.

Margaret taught in Warwick Junior School as Miss Tingle before marrying Modern Languages and Careers master David Keighley (WS staff 1957-86). With limits on guests for social gatherings, only a small number of former staff and OWs were able to join her for the special occasion. David Millard (WS 1946-55) and Chris Davis (WS 1948-58) were delighted to see their former teacher and colleagues Elisabeth Freeman (WS staff 1974-94) and Geoff Lane (WS staff 1967-93) were also able to attend her special gathering.

Once a keen tennis player, Margaret keeps active with regular exercise classes and hopes to restart playing bridge. She remembers working at Warwick with great affection – despite the mice in the cupboards at the back of her classroom!



Margaret Keighley and David Millard



Margaret with Geoff and Carol Lane



Peter and Elisabeth Freeman

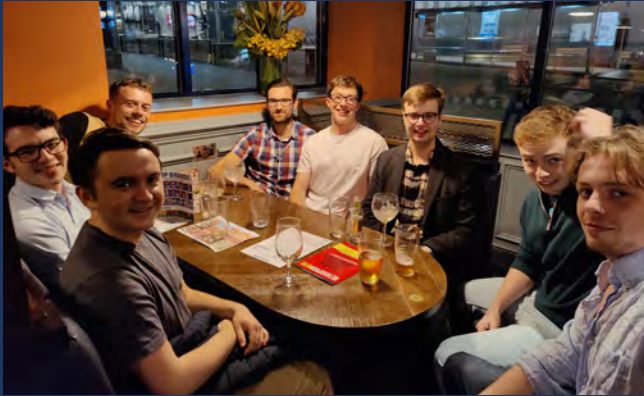
The Stevens Quad



David Stevens (WS 1968-74) retired as Foundation Chair of Governors on 31 August, after 12½ years' service. David was surprised and delighted to unveil a plaque in his honour at the Foundation Governors' Dinner on 3 September. The Stevens Quad is defined by Warwick Hall, the Bridge House Theatre, the Cheshire Science Centre and the new King's High/Warwick Prep Music School.

Oxford OWs

With plans for an OW Oxbridge event sadly shelved last year, OWs at Oxford were especially pleased to meet up for drinks in October.



Andrew Tinkler, Tom Draper, Ross Jay, David Holroyd, George Holding, Peter Walker, Theo McAuliffe, and Tom McAuliffe. Not pictured: Ben Pollock and Albert Williams who arrived later

Farming Fellowship

Richard Price (WS 1981-90) was honoured to be awarded a Fellowship from the Royal Agricultural Society in recognition of his outstanding contribution to the understanding, efficiency and well-being of agriculture. Richard is a Council Member/Trustee of the National Institute of Agricultural Management and a former Farmers Weekly Manager of the Year 2013 and Northern Farmer of the Year 2014.



Receiving Fellowship from Lord Taylor

A maths teacher in the making

A big thank you to Kuba Williams (WS 2007-17) who worked as a teaching assistant at Warwick School last year. An Economics graduate from Durham Uni, Kuba has decided to pursue his love of maths and train to be a maths teacher, taking advantage of the NMAPS programme which offers training, development and support alongside a teaching placement within a school.

Kuba is completing his main placement at Campion School in Leamington while receiving training and support from Warwick Independent Schools Foundation. He spends Fridays back at Warwick School, participating in a programme of subject specific and professional skills training.

For further information about NMAPS please contact Rosemary Chapman: r.chapman@kingshighwarwick.co.uk



Kuba Williams

1960s Birmingham Bash

After a one-year hiatus ten OWs from the 1960s enjoyed what seems to have become an annual OW Birmingham Bash. They assembled in The Old Joint Stock Pub for pre-lunch drinks before moving to San Carlo Italian Restaurant for an excellent lunch. They were particularly honoured to be joined this year by OWA President Peter Baird.



Nigel Robinson, Richard Gething, Peter Baird, John Hill, Nick Willson, Peter Turner, Nick Madeley, John Davidson, Clive Boast and Steve Chamberlain

Welcome Warriors

2013 leavers and fellow Warriors Jack Forsythe and Fin Smith offered coaching and support at the Warwick Prep U11 Rugby Festival. Fin also donated his England U20 rugby shirt to the school. Fin helped England win the delayed Under-20s Six Nations and complete a Grand Slam with a hard-earned win over Italy in the summer.



Jack Forsythe, Head Master James Barker and Fin Smith

Cornet congratulations

Alongside studying French and Spanish at university, Luke Barker (WS 2013-20) has been busy in the Brass Band World, winning the International Geneva Heritage Slow Melody Contest and being signed as a Young Ambassador for Geneva Instruments.



Another century for Rob Yates

It has been wonderful to watch Rob Yates (WS 2011-18) play a prominent part in Warwickshire County Cricket's Championship winning team. In the last championship match he scored 132 not out in Warwickshire's second innings, setting up the team for victory and on the path to becoming County Champions. More recently, he played in the Bob Willis Trophy Final at Lord's – his century helping to put Warwickshire firmly in control in their win.



Rob with teammate Dan Mousley from Bablake, holding the County Championship Trophy.

Meningitis-Now

Congratulations to all OWs who ran this year's London Marathon. Duncan Nealon (WS 1989-96) is especially grateful for the fantastic support and sponsorship he received in his Herculean attempt to break the world record for the fastest marathon in full rugby kit. Despite a great run of 3hr 18, Duncan's time was bested by another runner who finished in 3hr 05. But Duncan's marathon was much more than an attempt at a record. It was about raising awareness and funds for a cause close to his heart – the battle against meningitis. This he has undoubtedly achieved and he pledges to go again at the Stratford-upon-Avon marathon in 2022! <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/meningitis-now>



Duncan Nealon at this year's London Marathon

Welcome back



Dr Paul Mills MA, PhD (WS 1971-78) was pleased to meet his former maths master Peter O'Grady. Paul kindly donated to WS library his treasured physics and maths books.



Ben Hanlin (WS 1999-2004) was delighted to return to Warwick School, filming with his new digital marketing agency, Pull the Pin.

OW scarf turns up for dinner

John Rutherford (WS 1950–55), now living in Adelaide, recently celebrated his 81st birthday with friends for dinner and a game of bridge. Knowing his fondness for Warwick School, his wife Natalie imaginatively unfurled his old OW scarf as the table centrepiece. John questions whether this is the way to treat an heirloom. The bowl in the centre contained golf balls – another of his passions!



John Rutherford

Roy Monsters the Loch

Roy Dixon (WS 1973-81) reunited with two members of his Atlantic Mavericks rowing team and reformed as the McMavericks to take on the challenge of Monster the Loch. Monster the Loch is a mass participation boat race over 21 miles of Loch Ness.

The McMavericks started the race with 88 other teams. They Monstered the Loch in a respectable 4 hours and 7 minutes. Roy is sure a Nessie sighting would have reduced that time significantly!



Roy (centre) with the McMavericks

Norman sorts Triumph trike for Simon Weston CBE

Falklands War veteran Simon Weston CBE was thrilled to receive a crowd-funded Triumph trike with the help of former Triumph engineer and world speed record holder Norman Hyde (WS 1956-63). 2022 is the fortieth anniversary of the sinking of the logistics ship RFA Sir Galahad when it was bombed by the Argentine Air Force during the Falklands conflict.



Norman Hyde and Simon Weston CBE

Norman said "Knowing what Simon had given to our country and knowing what good people there are in the bike world, from manufacturers and importers, through dealers to clubs and riders, I immediately said 'Leave it to me'".

The King's Singers

Ed Button (WS 1997-2008) is enjoying an amazing European and North American tour with The King's Singers. Their wonderful new album – Christmas Carols with The King's Singers – is out too!



1979 Leavers

Some of our 1979 leavers welcomed the opportunity to gather again by meeting for drinks and lunch at the Queen and Castle in Kenilworth.



Richard Fellows and Jamie Magraw



Craig Heath and Marcus Flint

OW Deacon

James Hanson (WS 1985-95 and WS staff 2001-03) was blessed to be Ordained Deacon into the Church of England at Guildford Cathedral. James is now serving his title post at Alfold and Loxwood in the Guildford Diocese.



James with the Bishop of Guildford and Bishop of Dorking

David Phillips MBE

Marathon Man Dave Phillips (WS 1955-61) received his long-awaited MBE at Windsor Castle on 3 November. The MBE was awarded for Dave's phenomenal contribution to charity fundraising.



Dave Phillips MBE and wife Robina



Richard Shelly, Simon French and Jeremy Snood

OWs around the world

Nigel Ede (WS 1969-76) travelled overseas in 1984 to Somalia, working with Ogadeni farmers in refugee camps along the Somalia-Ethiopia border and then in a remote area of Somaliland with nomadic herders. Then followed missions in East, West then Southern Africa with international NGOs before travelling to South Asia with the UN. Following the devastating Asia Tsunami in 2004, Nigel joined the British Red Cross and worked in north Sumatra before joining the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) supporting post disaster recovery in Asia Pacific. In 2014 he and his wife returned to Europe and, after some time in the UK, they have now settled in Germany.

Zeeshan Akhtar (WS 1999-2001) is a surgeon working in Mount Sinai Hospital in New York, specialising in abdominal organ transplantation and hepatobiliary surgery. Zeeshan left Warwick to go to Oxford University medical school. He completed his surgical training in London and Oxford and obtained a PhD working from the University of Oxford.

OW medics Henry Avern (now living in Canada) and Ricky "kneecaps" Laugharne (both WS 1976-83) enjoyed the wedding of Henry's son George in May. Ricky is George's godfather. Henry and Ricky claim to be Trevor Pritchard's favourite students from his whole teaching career. The kneecaps reference comes from Richard's uncanny ability to score goals in football with his knees!

Daniel Sadiq (WS 1987-92) moved to the US in 2001, initially living in New Mexico and then Elkhart Lake from 2006. Daniel worked for a market research firm in Milwaukee until 2010 and then opened up Off The Rail Café in 2011 in Elkhart Lake, which he co-owns and runs with his wife.



Nigel Ede



Zeeshan Akhtar



Henry Avern and Ricky Laugharne



Daniel Sadiq

View from the cockpit (Part 1)

One day in 1974 OW pilot Andy Alsop took off from a grass airstrip on the Orkney island of Westray and landed on a runway on the neighbouring island of Papa Westray 1.7 miles away and exactly 69 seconds later. His time made it into the Guinness Book of Records and, from that day to this, the route has been recognised as the world's shortest scheduled flight.

Many Old Warwickians work in the aviation industry as advisors, engineers and instructors. Remarkably, Andy is one of over twenty OW pilots currently in contact with the school. OWs who have a love of flying in craft ranging from light aircraft to supersonic jets and stealth bombers. Men who have flown the earth's seven continents and the earth's oceans, the latter from aircraft carriers, in float planes or from an iceberg. OW pilots who are serving or retired from the armed forces. Men who have been shot down, broken records and experienced a medley of flying mishaps and adventures.

We share insights into some of their amazing stories and careers here. Further stories and images will be shared in the next Old Warwickian.

Andy Alsop MBE (WS 1952-59)

24 hours after leaving Warwick School Andy was in Devonport as a Royal Naval Air Cadet. After two years training he was flying supersonic jets from aircraft carrier HMS Centaur in the Far East. He transferred to HMS Ark Royal and, in 1963, joined the Royal Navy's first operational Mk 1 Buccaneer squadron and, later in HMS Victorious, in the first Mk 2 Buccaneer squadron. Andy left the RN after eight enjoyable years, only crashing one aircraft – ditching a Scimitar in the Andaman Sea – which gave him membership of The Goldfish Club (the exclusive society of air-sea crash survivors).

He opted to fly small aircraft in civilian life and moved to Orkney to fly Islander aircraft on the internal air service, also spending time in the Falklands to help introduce the Islander aircraft there.

From 1987 Andy was a pilot for the British Antarctic Survey, flying ski equipped Twin Otter aircraft supporting science projects across Antarctica (though he also spent three boreal summers involved in the Greenland Ice Core Project). Years flying on the ice were probably the most enjoyable and rewarding of his career and he was honoured with a Polar Medal for his achievements in the Arctic and Antarctic and an MBE for services to polar aviation.

OW Polar Medals

During Andy's final year at Warwick, Gp Capt John Harding Lewis (WS 1932-37) gave a talk in Big School. John flew two operational sorties during the Battle of Britain. In 1945, with the British 6th Airborne Division, he served with the RAF on the repatriation of FEPOWs from India and on supply and troop transports in Italy, Egypt and Palestine 1945-48. He was also the Chief Pilot on Vivian Fuchs and Edmund Hillary's British Commonwealth Trans Antarctic Expedition during the International Geophysical Year 1957-58. He has several features in Antarctica named after him (Andy has stood on all of them!) and was the first person to fly a single-engine aircraft across the continent of Antarctica. He was awarded the Polar Medal, the Air Force Cross and bar (unusual in peacetime).

Professor David Sugden (WS 1952-59) also received the Polar Medal. David is one of the key glacial geomorphologists of the last fifty years and has spent much of his research life working in Antarctica. His Polar Medal was awarded for ice sheet research.



Seconded to the Falkland Islands Government Air Service – avoiding Gentoo penguins



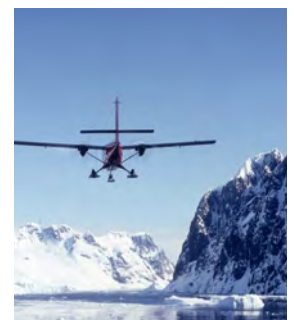
Andy at the South Pole



Having a bath in an empty oil drum out in "the field" with jet fuel available for heating water



David Sugden in the Ellsworth Mountains, 2013, working to establish recent changes in the thickness of the West Antarctic Ice Sheet, using mountains like these as dipsticks



Andy in the Twin Otter aircraft for The British Antarctic Survey

Sqn Ldr Alex Wollaston (WS 1999-2006)

Alex is Specialist Registrar in Anaesthesia and Pre-Hospital Emergency Medicine in the RAF. Although most of his clinical duties take place within NHS hospitals, Alex flies as part of the RAF Critical Care Air Support Team used to repatriate (predominantly) military intensive care patients to the UK. During the height of the Afghanistan and Iraq conflicts, RAF CCASTs were responsible for the safe repatriation of hundreds of critically injured service personnel to Birmingham.

Alex is also a keen pilot, having gained his licence while at university. He flies single-engine light aircraft from RAF Cosford.



Flying for fun as well as for work

Sqn Ldr Hugh Nichols MBE (WS 1990-96)

With a degree in Electronic Engineering Hugh joined the RAF as a pilot. After six months officer training at RAF Cranwell, he began flying on the Grob Tutor aircraft then the Shorts Tucano and subsequently the BAe Hawk TMk1. He served at RAF Valley as an instructor for three years then went to 20(R)Sqn at RAF Wittering to convert onto the Harrier GR7/9 – acquiring some of the most challenging pure flying skills that exist in the Fast-Jet world.

Hugh flew the Harrier for four years on numerous exercises, aircraft carrier deployments and in Afghanistan supporting Operation Herrick. In 2010 he undertook an exchange tour in the USA flying F-16Cs with the USAF. As the F16 tour was coming to an end, the RAF and RN were standing up their first F35B, which he was lucky enough to command as the Senior National Representative for three years. He was the first pilot to land the F35B on UK soil in 2016 and the highlight of his career was displaying the aircraft to the UK public at the Royal International Air Tattoo and Farnborough International Airshow that year.

Hugh retired from the RAF in 2018 and is currently the Assistant Chief Pilot for Demonstration at Gulfstream Aerospace, flying the Gulfstream G280, G500, G600 and G700 in a customer demonstration role.

His worst flying experience – a six-hour Atlantic crossing without a toilet, in the Harrier!

Scariest – some dark nights trying to find an aircraft carrier.



Sqn Ldr Hugh Nichols MBE ©MOD

Mike Bailey (WS 1982-89)

Mike is a pilot with Air Alsie, one of Europe's leading business aviation service providers and the largest in Scandinavia, flying business leaders, musicians, sportspeople and politicians from around the world.

Air Alsie is pleased to serve Jam Jar Gin on its aircraft... produced by Dan Thwaites (WS 1984-89) and wife Faye (née Liddell, OG KHS). Dan was one of Mike's best friends from school.

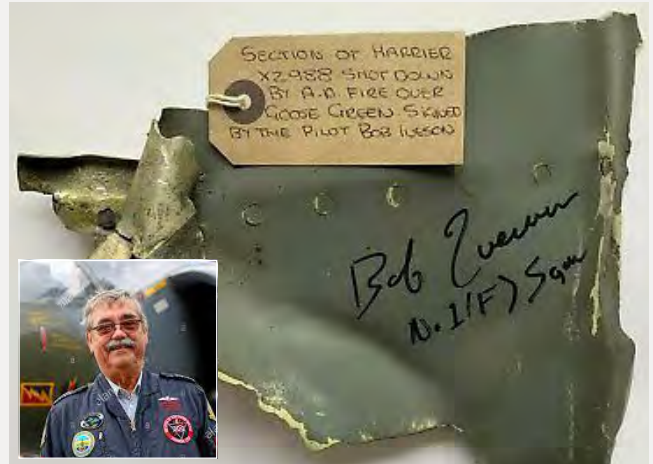


Jam Jar Gin



Air Alsie

Gp Capt Bob Iveson AFC, FRAeS (WS 1956-65)



Bob Iveson signed relic from his Harrier XZ988

Bob was a Harrier GR3 pilot who not only flew his plane all the way to the Falklands non-stop (with in-flight refuelling) in 1982, which took 17 hours, but also survived being shot down in that plane in the Falklands War. He and his parachute landed behind Argentinian lines and evaded capture for three days and nights, before being rescued by a British helicopter. He survived with cuts to his face, bruises and a boot torn open as he was ejected from the stricken plane. Bob went on to command 617 Squadron, operating Tornado GR1s, during the 1991 Gulf War.

Tim Coombs (WS 1967-77)

Tim, Director of Aviation Economics, has spent forty years in aviation, starting at British Aerospace in BAe146 sales, followed by ten years at NatWest Markets in the transport equity research team. He became a specialist advisor to the Chief Executive of Aer Lingus.

For the past 24 years Tim has been at specialist consultancy Aviation Economics, advising clients on airport transactions with a value in excess of £250bn and writing airline business plans for low cost carriers. He also teaches Airlines Business Models at Loughborough and De Montfort Universities and Air Transport Economics at City University.



Tim Coombs

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

- Chris Burrows (WS 1999-2001)
- Peter Johnston (WS 1948-55)
- Maj Michael Pimm MBE (WS 1993-2000)
- James Ryan (WS 2003-11)
- Air Cdre Peter Squires OBE (WS 1975-86)
- Mike Stretton-Cox (WS 1986-89)

School News

It has been a busy and successful start to the academic year at Warwick School. Covid cases continue to put significant pressure on everyone and we are grateful to staff, pupils and parents who are working brilliantly to keep our pupils educated and engaged, both on site and remotely, while making the school environment and experience as close to normal as we can.

In amongst the challenges there have been many things to celebrate. The CCF continues to provide opportunities for teamwork, discipline and leadership. Music and Drama productions are underway again. Sporting fixtures and a wealth of extra-curricular clubs, societies and activities have all resumed. We include a few highlights here, with many more stories captured on the school's website and social media channels.



British Flowers Week



The Year 7 Bonding Trip was a great success



WS vs MCC



The rock climbing club is enjoying some great expeditions



Coral Garden by years 7 and 8



It has been great to see students back in the classrooms for Science practicals

A Level and GCSE results

We congratulated our boys' achievements on the publication of their A Level and GCSE Results. These students have faced enormous and unprecedented upheaval and disappointments. We are proud of the character, strength and resilience that they have shown in meeting these challenges and we celebrate their well-deserved results.

Warwick – A Singing Town



This major new community initiative was launched on 30 September in Warwick Hall. In addition to the many concerts and events being held by partner organisations, Warwick – A Singing Town will be supporting school singing events and concerts, as well as organising some of our own. We hope you will come along to support – and join in when you can.

Medicine and Health Professional Pathway

We are grateful to OWA President Peter Baird and other OWs and Foundation alumni who supported our Warwick Independent Schools Foundation Medicine and Health Professional Pathway in September. Pupils from Years 10-12 learned about the experiences and realities of different medical courses and careers.

Sporting chances

It was wonderful to see a range of cricket and summer sports resume in the summer. The resumption of winter sports and fixtures has been hugely appreciated by our students with rugby and hockey matches, swimming galas and other sports once again filling the school diary. The 1st XV booked their place in the Midlands' semi-final of the National Schools' Cup with a win over Solihull School. They take on Rugby School for a place in the regional final.

Saving the apple trees

There is good evidence that a kitchen garden, with several apple trees, was planted to help feed the boarders when the new Grammar School buildings were opened in 1879. When it became clear that the last seven survivors of these trees, in a row on the east side of the Guy Nelson Hall, would be destroyed with the creation of Warwick Hall in 2012, a rescue attempt was made by WS Archivist Gervald Frykman and Head of Art Robin Flintoff. Young twigs were grafted onto new root stock and it is wonderful to record that in May 2021, three of the surviving Victorian apple trees found new homes, planted just inside the hedge along the Myton Road.

Gervald has also 'been' busy helping King's High with their new apiary!



The rescued apple trees



Gervald beeing busy

Sir Ben Kingsley Lecture Series

The Sir Ben Kingsley Lecture series continued with a visit by Earl Spencer who discussed his new book "The White Ship".



Bursary Appeal

Our Bursary Fund continues to support pupils from all backgrounds. Thank you to all those who have already responded to our Bursary Appeal, which was launched in the summer with a telephone campaign from a team of pupils and alumni from King's High and Warwick. The appeal has raised nearly £110,000. It is our ongoing commitment to increase these funds to enable more pupils to benefit from a Warwick School education. Please get in touch with Phillip Rothwell on p.rothwell@warwickschool.org, tel: 01926 776402, if you are interested in supporting bursaries.



Thank you

The Heaton Podcast

WS teachers John Jefferies and Olly O'Brien have been delivering a superb series of History and Politics discussions. Recent episodes included Mr Robert Hudson (52 years teaching not-out) reporting live from the 1964 General Election, Richard III, Gettysburg and a discussion on the Russian Civil War.

Listen to the podcasts at <https://theheatonpodcast.buzzsprout.com>



John Jefferies, Robert Hudson and Olly O'Brien

Encounters

Encounters is a new series of talks from extraordinary people about extraordinary lives and the times in which we live. Our Michaelmas Encounters began with Ed Husain, one of the UK's foremost scholars of Islam and Prof Richard Barker, who shared his expertise on Climate Change, Big Business and Sustainability.



Encounters with Ed Husain



Professor Richard Barker

Warwick School Chapel

Please join us for any of our upcoming Services. Each service will be followed by refreshments in the Pyne Room.

Remembrance – Sunday 14 November 2021, 17:30

Advent – Monday 29 November 2021, 18:00

Our Christmas Day Service will be digital.

OW Sport

OW sport has been greatly missed and the resumption of fixtures has felt extra special by both players and spectators. A big thank you to all our OW captains.

OW Hockey and Rugby

Sat 11 Sept 2021 – OWs vs Old Sils



Barney Dowson, Alex van Dijk, Freddie Herd, Simon Thompson (capt), James Druce, Blue McWhirter, Dom Gayle and Philip Foster

It was great to see many young OWs at the annual Old Silhillians vs Old Warwickians hockey and rugby matches in early September. After closely-contested matches Old Sils retained the Hockey Strover Shield with a 3-1 win and the Rugby Cotton Cup with a 14-5 win.

Special thanks to OW Hockey captain Simon Thompson and OW Rugby captain Will Tanner.



Back: Matt Rigby, Jack Aston, Elliot Tanner, Max Eddy, Joe Cox, Zack Shirley, Will Scrivens, Drew Hill, Henry Miles, Will Pugh, Alex Green.
Front: Kyriakos Grammatopolous, Max Roberts, Will Buckley, Conor Doyle, Will Tanner (capt), Harry Hayward and Luke Robinson

OW Cross Country

Sat 11 Dec 2021

The annual Thames Hare and Hounds Alumni Race over Wimbledon Common resumes this year and is scheduled for 14:30 on Saturday 11 December. We may enter an OW team of unlimited numbers provided they are former pupils of Warwick School. Please email a.douglas@warwickschool.org if you would like to run.

OW Golf Autumn Day

Fri 10 Sept 2021



Julian Marcus (Hon Sec), Kim Kerton, Oliver Bates, Simon Dawes, Geoff Thorpe, Steve Walter, Geoff Tedstone, Clive Boast, Piers Neville, Chris Davis, David Phillips (capt), Tim Shenton-Taylor, Mike Barnwell, Sam Gill, Peter Gedge, Malcolm Lines, Phil Cooper, David Payne, Steve Tubb and Richard Skan

It was wonderful to see a merry band of OWs at Leamington & County GC for the return of the OW Autumn Golf Day on 10 September. 20 golfers enjoyed some outdoor activity we would like to call golf. For some, it was recognisably golf. For others, it has been described as a four hour walk with friends. Either way, a great day was had by all.

The main event of 18 holes stableford for the OW Salver was followed by a fabulous meal and presentations. Big thanks to Hon Sec Julian Marcus for his generous and enduring commitment to OW Golf.

OW Salver

An individual stableford played off full handicap for the first time.

Winner – Piers Neville on 39 pts

Second – David Payne on 37 pts

Third – Peter Gedge on 35 pts.

OW Spring Golf Day – Tuesday 17 May 2022.

Tadmorton Heath GC, regulars and newcomers welcome.

Discounts for young OWs available from a legacy from the widow of JMA Marshall.

OWs vs School Cricket

Fri 9 July 2021

OW cricketers were warmly welcomed back to school for the annual OWs vs School match which took place on the last day of the summer term. A win for OWs, final score: OWs 162-2 (50 for Williams and Afzal 2 wickets for 16 runs), Warwick School 115-8 (Howard 2 wickets for 5 runs). Special thanks to OW Cricket captain Ben Howard.



Back: Henry Malby, Alex Wood, Paul Rowe, Greg Sutherland, Simon Thompson, Jimbo Williams. Front: George Tedstone, Jack Atkins, Ben Howard (capt), Dan Simmons. Not pictured: Tommy Williams

Warwick School Archives

Warwick School in the 19th century

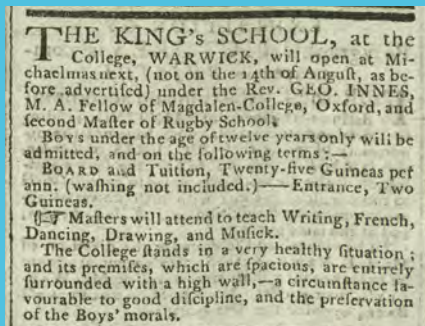
“From a headmaster who stayed fifty years in rickety mediaeval buildings, and who sent his pupils home for their lessons, to a purpose-built grammar school with headmasters who didn’t stay long, or who were sacked – the ups and downs of Warwick School in the 19th century”.

This profusely-illustrated talk was given by Warwick School Archivist Gervald Frykman during the Foundation Welcome Back Weekend.

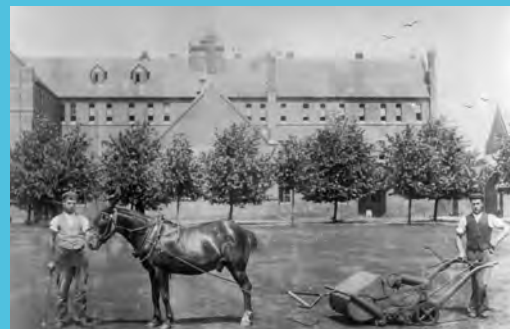
We include here some of the many superb images and snippets from the talk. All images and a summary are available to view on www.oldwarwickians.org/archives/WS19thcentury.



Rev J P Way – Rev Way was unquestionably the school’s best 19th century headmaster. He re-named the school Warwick School (blatantly illegally) and tried to draw up a school crest, but failed. He did, however, come up with “*Altiora Peto*”



1792 Advert – An advert for The King’s School for boys under the age of 12 only! Head Master Innes was making a fresh start after disasters of the 18th century. “Writing, French, Dancing, Drawing and Musick” were all offered – but were they taught? Innes himself taught Classics



Rear of the school 1897 – The school fields were mown by a horse-drawn mower until a tractor was purchased in 1937. The dormitory windows were described as “prison-like” in the 1920s

1.—Either College caps or hats with the School ribbon are to be worn outside the School. Hats with the School ribbon are preferable on week-days, but College caps should be worn on Sunday. Blue caps may be worn inside the School gates except on Sunday.

2.—No boy may either use or possess a Catapult, Pistols, Cannons, and fire-arms of every sort are prohibited.

School Rules 1884

1. What to wear?
2. Was the extraordinary “pistols and cannons” rule a response to an actual incident? The Victorian pupils’ weapon of choice was the catapult



1870 School-room – Pupil numbers were down to 28 at this time and were mostly between the ages of 11 and 14. Aside from the Head Master, there were two members of teaching staff



Junior House 1889 – J P Way was frustrated by the refusal of the governors to expand the school, so he paid for this house himself. When he left the school in 1896, he sold it back to the governors at a very good profit. It is now called Way House



New Grammar School 1879 – The Henry VIII Charity was ordered to supply the land on the Myton Road for a new school, designed by John Cundall. It opened in 1879 with about 50 boys and possibly three or four staff



1835 King's School Drawing – The School was east of St Mary’s Church, in the mediaeval College of the Vicars Choral. It was totally unsuitable for a school. The gateway and steps on the left are all that survive

OW Survey 2021

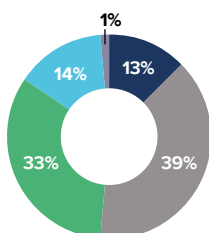
To help shape future relationships between Warwick School, the Old Warwickian Association and OWs we conducted a survey this year.

Thank you to 982 OWs who responded. Your valuable feedback will help us develop our alumni relations, communications, events and reunions so that we have an OW programme which offers things that you find exciting, interesting and relevant.

We share here some of the key survey findings. Thank you for your feedback and, especially, for all the offers of support. Altiora peto.

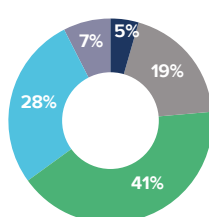
How strongly do you feel connected to Warwick School?

- Very Strong
- Strong
- Average
- Not much
- Not connected



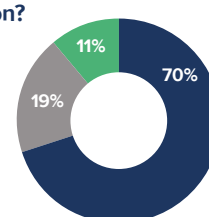
How strongly do you feel connected to the Old Warwickians Association?

- Very Strong
- Strong
- Average
- Not much
- Not connected



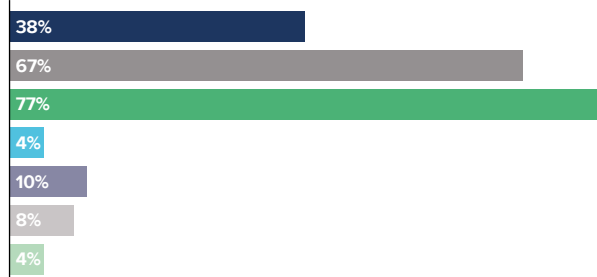
Are you aware of Warwick School's connection to Warwick Independent Schools Foundation?

- Yes
- No
- Maybe



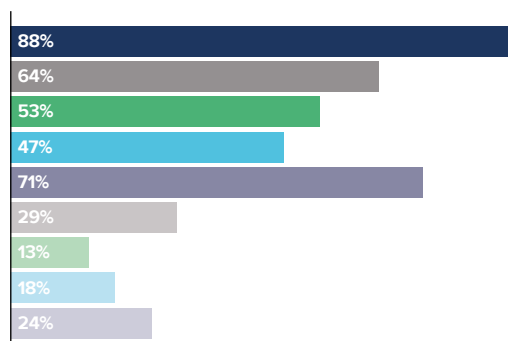
How would you like to hear from us in the future?

- The Old Warwickian by post
- The Old Warwickian by email
- Email
- Twitter
- Facebook
- LinkedIn
- Instagram



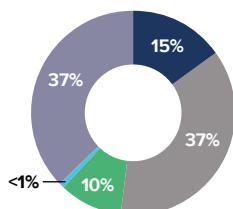
Which of the following would you like us to provide?

- The Old Warwickian Newsletter
- The Portcullis
- Formal OW social events
- Informal OW social events
- OW reunions
- OW professional networking
- Careers support
- Mentoring
- Opportunities for lifelong learning



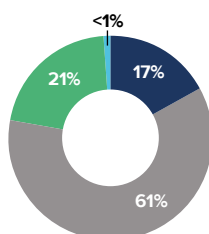
How would you rate our OW events and reunions historically?

- Excellent
- Good
- Average
- Poor
- Don't know



How would you rate the frequency and quality of our OW communications?

- Excellent
- Good
- Average
- Poor



Offers of help

Thank you, especially, to all those who indicated they would help in organising an event, acting as year-group ambassador, serving on the OWA committee, mentoring a fellow alumnus, giving a talk and/or organising or participating in an OW sports team. We will follow up offers of help individually as opportunities arise.

Front cover images

- Fifty miles for fifty years
- Sqn Ldr Hugh Nichols MBE ©MOD
- Josh Simango, Toby Stubbings and Sam Gayler

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