PRESIDENT: Michael Harwood

# The Old Warwickian

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Mary Rose Museum chosen for President's Dinner

OW news from **Vertical Landings** to the **England Sevens** 

School House Dinner announced.

# **Forthcoming Events**

## 1940s-60s School House Dinner

## The Pyne Room (Big School) – Friday 4 September 2015

Members of School House who left in or before 1969 are warmly invited back to Warwick School for a reunion dinner on Friday 4 September.

Relax with old friends. Meet boarders you may not have seen for many decades. Share anecdotes and memories from those special days. Former masters Ralph Thornton and Ken Freeborn are among those invited as special guests.

The evening will begin with a short service in Warwick School Chapel, little changed since the 1940s.

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18.00 Chapel 18.30 Pre-dinner drinks in the Panel Room 19.00 Dinner in the Pyne Room (Big School) 22.00 Carriages.



1946 Junior Boarders







## **Tickets**

The event is for OWs only. Tickets, £28, include pre-dinner drinks and a three course dinner with coffee. There will be a cash bar for dinner wine. 120 tickets are available on a first come, first served basis. To book your ticket simply complete and return the form on page 12 or book online at www.oldwarwickians.org.

Booking deadline: Friday 17 July.

Dress: Black tie.

### Cancellations

Tickets are for named individuals only. Should you wish to cancel your ticket, in order to be fair to those on the waiting list, we ask that you 'return' your ticket to the Alumni Office for reallocation. Tickets will be refunded as long as we are able to reallocate them.



1968 Boarders' Washroom.

Chapel Services – Lent 2015

Sun 18 Jan
Sun 1 Feb
Sun 8 Mar
Sun 15 Mar
Sun 22 Mar

Epiphany readings and music Choral Communion (Haydn) Mayor's and OW Sunday Mothering Sunday Passiontide Service.

All Old Warwickians and their families and friends are welcome at these services.

### **Music and Drama**

The Bridge House Theatre will be used by Warwick School only, while the Guy Nelson Hall is closed for redevelopment. For information on forthcoming School music and drama productions see www.warwickschool.org.

### **OW Events**

1968 Games Room.

OW Coffee Morning, Pyne Room, Warwick School, Sat 10 January, 10.00-11.30 (note new time!). No need to book, just turn up for coffee, bacon butties and a chat. Wives, partners and friends welcome.

Floreat Society Lunch The Portcullis Room, Warwick School Weds 25 Feb, 12.00.

OWA President's Dinner Mary Rose Museum Sat 9 May, 18.15.

OW Golf Spring Meeting Tadmarton Golf Club Tues 19 May.

1940s-60s School House Dinner The Pyne Room Fri 4 Sept, 18.00.

**OWA Annual Dinner** The Pyne Room Sat 5 Dec.

For information on any of these events please contact: Anne Douglas, Alumni Relations, Warwick School. Tel: 01926 776404. Email: a.douglas@warwickschool.org.

# **OWA President's Dinner**

## The Mary Rose Museum Saturday 9 May 2015

The Mary Rose Museum at Portsmouth Historic Dockyard is the prestigious venue for this year's President's Dinner. OWA President Mike Harwood (WS 1956-61) invites you to join him at the Mary Rose Museum on Saturday 9 May.

The Mary Rose was built in 1510 and was in service for 34 years before she sank in 1545. She was rediscovered in 1971, raised in 1982 and is now in the final stages of conservation in a stunning and unique museum.

The story of the Mary Rose spans almost 500 years. Before dinner, guests will have the opportunity to explore the museum at leisure, finding out about the ship, her crew and the thousands of artefacts that have been recovered from the wreck site.

### Programme

- 18.15 Arrive at Victory Gate, the main entrance to Portsmouth Historic Dockyard. From here it is a ten minute, level walk, through the Dockyard, to the Mary Rose Museum. Comfortable shoes and a coat/umbrella are recommended.
- 18.30 Welcome drinks in the LV Pavilion followed by the opportunity to tour the museum, at your leisure. Guides will be on hand throughout the exhibition. Drinks may be taken around the museum.
- 19.45 Four course dinner and coffee in the Admiral's Gallery. From the Admiral's Gallery guests also have access to the Bridge Balcony, which offers uninterrupted views of HMS Victory and the Harbour.
- 21.45 Speeches.
- 22.30- Carriages. The bar will be open until 23.00.

### Tickets

23.00

£80 per person to include pre-dinner drinks and a four course dinner with coffee. There will be a cash bar for dinner wine. Wives/partners welcome.

To book your ticket(s) simply complete and return the booking form on the back of this newsletter or book online at www.oldwarwickians.org.

Booking deadline: Friday 10 April 2015. We expect this event to be a sell-out. 120 tickets are available on a first come, first served basis. Dress: Black tie.

## Discover Portsmouth Historic Dockyard

If you are staying in Portsmouth overnight there are a number of other exciting attractions at Portsmouth Historic Dockyard. A combined ticket will give you one year's unlimited entry to HMS Victory, HMS Warrior 1860, HMS Alliance, the National Museum Royal Navy, the Royal Marines Museum and Explosion! The Museum of Naval Firepower. See www.historicdockyard.co.uk for full details.

## Michael Harwood OWA President 2015









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### Accommodation

Details of hotels in the area can be found on www.oldwarwickians.org under 2015 President's Dinner.

### Parking

The nearest 24 hour car park is at Gunwharf Quays, which is a five minute walk from the main entrance to the Dockyard. After 18.00 there is also limited on-street parking along Queen St.

### Coach

Organised minibus travel to and from Warwick School may be available if there is sufficient demand. It would leave Warwick School at 15.00 and expect to return at 01.30. Costs are likely to be in the region of £25-£52 per person, depending on numbers.

Michael Harwood was born in Coventry and has been associated with Warwick since attending the School in 1956.

Upon leaving school Mike entered articles to train to be a chartered accountant with an accountancy firm based in Birmingham. The practice he joined undertook the School's audit and he became involved with the Old Warwickian Association in the early 1960s (and the OW rugby and Portcullis Clubs).

Mike has two sons; one in Australia and the other a partner in his Warwick practice. He is closely involved with family life, the local community and has a great passion for sailing.

# **Recent Events and Reunions**

## Hong Kong

### The Excelsior Hotel – 27 September 2014

The Head Master, Peter O'Grady and Mike Perry (Boarding House Parent) were delighted to meet a number of OWs at the Hong Kong gathering in September.



Mike Perry, Gus Lock, Jeanette and Anthony Lau.



Ryan Siu, Andy Leung and Michael Chao.



Alan Wong and Justin Lam.



Ricky Leung, Lawrence Ma, Alex Lo, Kenneth Wan and Nicholas Ng.

## London Reunion Gray's Inn – 11 November 2014

2014 OWA President The Hon Sir David Foskett (WS 1956-67) warmly welcomed 100 OWs to Gray's Inn in November. The Large Pension Room at Gray's Inn was a perfect setting for the London Reunion. Gus Lock, Head Master, thanked OWs for their tremendous support to the School – from cheering on the rugby touchlines to offering Careers advice and from attending events to responding so positively to the bursary campaign.

The President took the opportunity to thank retiring OW Cricket Captain, Tony Crockert, for his long and dedicated service to the OWA (see page 11 for details and pictures).



Alistair Macdonald, James Uffindell, Gervald Frykman and Thomas Key.



Griffin Smith, Mandeep Dhillon and Richard Norris



Chris Willford, Michael Clarkson, Chris Guyver, Robert Heathcote and Charles Heaton.



Alex Stock, Robert Hudson, Tom Parsons and Richard Hornby.



Charles Dickson, Sam Murphy, Niall Clayton and Tom Pavel



Brian Johnson, Marcus Flint, Tim Peters, Andrew Evans and Marcus Chorley.



Peter Duffy, Michael Duffy and Peter Varnish.



2014 President Sir David Foskett and Head Master Gus Lock.



David Johnston, Jon Stone and Thomas Spackman.

# **OWA AGM and Annual Dinner**

## **OWA Annual Dinner**

The 2014 OWA Annual Dinner was held, for the first time, in the new Halse Pavilion at Warwick School.

A sumptuous five course dinner was prepared by the School's catering team for over 90 OWs who enjoyed good food, wine and great company.



Ashley Belcher, Rav Dhesi, Alex Hill, Matt Hill, Ross Marshall, Anant Patel, Glyn Rayment, Tom Stack and Sam Thornton.



Jonathon Gill, Edward Skudra, Jack Atkins, Ben Howard, Sir David Foskett, Tom Powell, Alec Shoesmith and Richard Lelliott.





Tony Sparks and Roy Dixon.



John Sheffield and Peter Baird.

## OWA AGM

The 2014 OWA AGM took place before the Annual Dinner on 29 November. Reports were received from the Chairman, Treasurer and Alumni Officer. The President, Sir David Foskett, was thanked for his tremendous support for the OWA during its anniversary year. The Committee were praised for their ongoing commitment and Anne Douglas was thanked for her continued work for the OWA.

The Committee are reviewing the OWA Rules, last amended December 2009, to reflect changes brought about by the transfer of responsibilities to Warwick Schools Foundation and the formation of the Old Warwickian Trust. The new Rules will be put to members at an Extraordinary General Meeting on Monday 9 March in the Portcullis Room at School at 19.00. A copy of the draft new Rules will be available from Anne Douglas (a.douglas@warwickschool.org).

## **OWA Committee 2015**

President – Michael Harwood Chairman – Roy Dixon Treasurer – Jonathan Meredith Head Master – Gus Lock The committee retained the option to co-opt. President Elect 2015 (to be President 2016) – Nigel Brown OBE.

## **Old Warwickian Trust**

At the OWA AGM Clive Mason, Old Warwickian Trust Chairman, reported that, with a couple of small exceptions, all OWA assets are now reflected in the accounts of the Trust. There are now two boys on 100% OWT bursaries and the Head Master is very pleased with their progress. The Trust should be in a position to offer another 100% bursary, or its equivalent, in 2015.

Last year Geoff Thorpe stood down from the OWT Committee and was replaced by Simon Hain. At the end of the year Clive also stood down from the Committee. He is to be replaced by Charles Heaton. Richard Thornton takes over as OWT Chairman.

The new trustees were warmly welcomed and sincere thanks were extended to Geoff and Clive. Clive said "It is 50 years since I first sat on the OWA Committee so I am long overdue my retirement. A lot has happened in that time. The two periods that gave me most enjoyment were firstly the 1960s and '70s, when the Rugby Club was at its best and headquartered at the Portcullis Club, and secondly, the last few years with the formation of the OWT. It is wonderful to give talented young boys from less affluent homes the chance to go to this great School, in the same way that many of us were fortunate to do."

### www.oldwarwickians.org

# **School News**

With over 1,200 boys, life at Warwick School continues apace and we look back on many anniversary events and activities which made 2014 an amazing and historic year.

During the Michaelmas term an Anniversary Chapel Service, Remembrance and Christmas Services gave many opportunities to reflect. The School's production of *West Side Story* was a tremendous success and the Anniversary Celebrations were crowned in December by a Winter Wonderland Ball.





Simon Lycett created stunning floral decorations for the School's Anniversary Ball.

### **In memory of Robert Heaton**

Charles Heaton (WS 1969-80) presented the Head Master with a bench in memory of his father Robert Heaton, Master in charge of History until his death in 1980.

The Robert Heaton Memorial Fund, set up in the 1980s to support boys interested in studying History, continues to assist boys to this day.



Charles Heaton and Gus Lock.

## The Guy Nelson Hall

In 2015 the Guy Nelson Hall closes, as work begins on an exciting new Hall, in its place. The new Hall (name to be decided) will be able to host whole school assemblies, concerts, dinners, lectures, exhibitions, exams and many other events which fill the School calendar.



## **Rugby News**

The 1st XV progressed to Round 5 of the NatWest Cup, where they were beaten by Bromsgrove, 23-13. At the time of going to press, the U15 team is through to Round 6, after a convincing 53-3 win over Solihull.

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The boys were thrilled to hear that later this year, the School will be a team base for Japan during the Rugby World Cup.

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## **Careers Support**

Thanks to OWs who returned during the Michaelmas term to talk to boys at a Careers Business Lunch. They included:

Pete Walters (WS 2004-11) – Careers in Construction (Morgan Sindall).



Matthew Bevan (WS 1981-86) – Careers in IT (Hewlett Packard).



Lewis Galloway (WS 1994-01) – A Career in Marketing: You're Worth It (L'Oreal).



Sam Miller (WS 2002-09) – Politics at University: Where it can take you.



Oli Gaymond (WS 1992-03) – Do Cool Things That Matter (Google Careers).

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# **OW News**

## **Bursary Appeal update**



One of the School's development priorities is to increase the number of bursaries for pupils whose families cannot afford school fees. In the past many Warwick School pupils received direct grants or assisted places, but these schemes have been phased out by the Government.

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Almost £1 million has been committed to the School's Bursary Fund since 2011. In 2014 over 200 OWs generously supported the Fund, through our anniversary telephone appeal, raising over £100,000. The School is sincerely grateful to all who support the Bursary Fund through regular donations, major gifts and legacies.

A full annual report will be published later in 2015.

If you would like to discuss any aspect of supporting the School, please contact Development Director, Phillip Rothwell on 01926 776402 or p.rothwell@warwickschool.org.

## **Warwick School Archives**

OWs and their families continue to generously support the Warwick School Museum and Archives by donating school memorabilia. In October, Nicky Tinker and Judy Stuart, daughters of Jack Coles (WS 1932-39) visited the School and kindly donated their father's 1st XI cricket blazer from 1939, a number of photographs and even some of his homework essays. Jack was Captain of School Football 1938-39, 1st XV Captain 1937-39 and 1st XI Captain 1939.



Judy and Nicky in front of no less than four team photographs featuring their father, Jack Coles.

School Archivist Gervald Frykman was also delighted to receive memorabilia belonging to Horace Twigger (WS 1918-21), father of Pat Twigger (WS 1949-58). Items included rare Class Lists plus French and Science Exercise Books from 1919.

### From Art Class to Barrack Room



The fifth annual War Art Exhibition by Sim Fine Art featured 14 illustrations by Warwick School art master HC Deykin (WS 1936-65). Deykin had trained at the College of Arts and Crafts in Birmingham and the Slade School of Fine Art. He joined the South Staffordshire Regiment in World War II but, for much of the war, disappeared into the secretive world of the camouflage unit, where the skills of trained artists were used for the purposes of disguising

military operations. His war drawings that survive date mostly from his time in the Officer Cadet Training Unit and barracks in England between 1940 and '42.

After the war Deykin returned to Warwick School to teach. He continued painting and sculpting and was commissioned by Atco Ltd, the lawnmower company, to complete 23 paintings showing the progress of grass sports in the twentieth century. The paintings were given a countrywide tour and the collection was sold at Sotheby's in 1982.

## **Order of Australia Award**

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Steve Phillips (WS 1957-66) was honoured to receive the Queen's Birthday Order of Australia Award at Australia House in October. Steve is pictured with the Hon Mike Rann, the Australian High Commissioner in the UK, whom Steve had known for many years when he was General Director of the State Opera of South Australia.



Steve Phillips and Mike Rann.

### **MCC Botswana Tour**

Charlie Leonard (WS 1997-2004) and Anthony Wilkinson (WS 1993-2004) recently travelled to Botswana as part of Marylebone Cricket Club's (MCC) future touring programme, which aims to increase participation in the sport. Charlie claimed a match winning four wickets in one fixture, while Anthony's strong all round performances were rewarded with him winning the Player of the Tournament award.



Charlie and Anthony.

## Our Men in... Jeremie

Steve Fisher (WS 1977-83), British Ambassador to the Dominican Republic and Haiti, and Ken Hume (WS 1977-84), Country Representative for the UK Dept of International Development, based in Port au Prince, were reunited on a remote UN airstrip outside Jeremie. They arrived for the launch of a

£6 million UK funded programme to reinforce the resilience of the region against natural disasters.



Steve and Ken had clearly used the same tailor before the event – all that is missing is the OW tie!

# **OW News**

## Vertical Landing

Sqn Ldr Hugh Nichols (WS 1990-96) is one of the first UK airmen to put the F-35B, the fifth generation stealth fighter, through its paces. RAF pilot Hugh was the first UK instructor pilot to undertake a short take-off and vertical landing in an F-35B Lightning II fighter jet. Hugh is part of a US Marine Corps exchange programme with his unit, the Warlords, in South Carolina.

Hugh says "It is a huge honour to be one of the first British pilots to fly the F-35. As one of the initial cadre of pilots flying this fifth generation fighter, I am able to shape the way we will both operate and fight the jet, and to do that as a Brit within an American Squadron is a great privilege."

Hugh adds that the military insight of the CCF at Warwick was invaluable and prepared him well for RAF Cranwell. *"My education at Warwick was integral in getting me into the RAF and has served me well over the years, especially as the academic side of being a pilot can be pretty intense."* 



MoD/Crown 2014.

Sqn Ldr Hugh Nichols.

## **OWs Down Under**

Nathan Reay (WS 1994-99) and Simon Wickson (WS 1992-99) both currently living in Sydney, were delighted to welcome former OW cricketer David (DR) Cook (WS 1948-53) to Sydney Harbour.



## Stratford-upon-Avon: The Biography

Nick Fogg MBE (WS 1952-59) celebrates the launch of his new book, *Stratford-upon-Avon: The Biography*. Nick's extensive research into local records, as well as into the memories of Stratfordians past and present, results in a portrait of a town that is lively and thorough.



# Symphonies and sleigh bells

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Chichester Festival Theatre re-opened after a £22 million redevelopment project with a major production of *Amadeus*, starring Rupert Everett and Josh McGuire (WS 1999-06). *"The young Mozart is superbly played by Josh McGuire"*, Daily Telegraph.

Josh also stars in *Mr Turner*, Mike Leigh's exploration of the great, eccentric, British painter J M W Turner.

More recently, look out for Josh in *Get Santa*, the American-British comedy film.



Photo: Manuel Harlan.

Josh McGuire in Amadeus.

## **Tricked Again**

Magician Ben Hanlin (WS 1999-2004) continues to conjure up mischief on unsuspecting celebrities and members of the public in the second series of *Tricked*. The first episode of the second series, on ITV2, was seen by 860.000 viewers.

## pTrumpet

Hugh Rashleigh (WS 1993-04), inventor of the pBone, the world's first plastic trombone, is delighted to share news about the pTrumpet, the world's first all-plastic trumpet. The producers of the pTrumpet, Warwick Music Group, have also recorded the 120,000<sup>th</sup> sale of the pBone.



The pTrumpet.

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# **OW News**

## **Pastures New**

North Warwickshire MP Dan Byles (WS 1985-92) will stand down at the next election to move on to new challenges. Dan ousted the former Health Minister Mike O'Brien by just 54 votes in 2010. Dan returned to School in September and gave a talk to the Politics Society. He is pictured with members of the Society and teacher Robert Hudson.



Dan Byles MP (third from right).

## **Royal Society Fellowship**

Professor David Charlton FRS (WS 1975-82) was elected a Fellow of the Royal Society in 2014. David is Professor of Particle Physics at the University of Birmingham and is a leader in the experimental elucidation of electroweak symmetry-breaking, culminating in the observation and first characterisation of a Higgs boson, at the Large Hadron Collider.

## **Constable Hunt**

Congratulations to Alex Hunt (WS 2005-09) who has joined the Police as a constable. Alex is pictured with other members of his Class of 2014, at their Attestation Ceremony.

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Alex Hunt (third from left).

## **Banger Racing – Coastal Raceway**

David Gough (WS 1997-08), Tom Bend (WS 2001-08) and Andrew Gough (WS Chaplain 1996-) took on the October five hour endurance race at Coastal Raceway North Wales in a Ford Ka for some enjoyable, bottom rung, motorsport. The final lap was completed with no front tyres – courtesy of an over ambitious jump by David – and the chequered flag was reached with smoke pouring from the engine.



David (left), Andrew (centre) and Tom (right).

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## **England Sevens**

Charlie Hayter, WS 2000-07, was part of the triumphant England Sevens squad that landed the cup at the European Sevens Grand Prix Series in Manchester in September.

Charlie was delighted to then play in the HSBC World Sevens Series. He played in the opening round of the Series in the Gold Coast and scored his first World Series try for England in the second pool match against USA, securing a 14-7 victory for England.



Charlie has also recently been helping with some School rugby training and presented his England shirt to the School.

## F1 Wedding Bells

Congratulations to Christian Horner (WS 1987-92), whose engagement to former Spice Girl Geri Halliwell, was announced in The Times in November.

## Award for Tim

Tim O'Gorman (WS 1992-95) is pictured receiving an award from General Sir Nicholas Houghton, Chief of the Defence Staff, for his work in Afghanistan. Tim is a Warrant Officer in the Intelligence Corps.



# **OW Sport**

## **OW Rugby**

With thanks to OW captain Joe Blake (WS 2003-14).

13 September saw the continuation of the old and, in recent years, increasingly fierce, rivalry between Warwick and Solihull.

An annual tradition, the old boys' game is often a strong contest and the 2014 match lived up to expectations. Despite some Warwick tenacity and two late tries, Old Silhillians won 17-10. It was a highly enjoyable day to bask in the sun and catch up over a curry and beer, while also running off a few summer pounds!

## If you'd like to play for OWs in the 2015 match, please contact Joe on blakeyj@hotmail.co.uk.



Back I-r: Nick Cheshire, James Philips, Josh Young, Connor Atkin, Fergus Smithers, Alex Dansette, Karl Nielsen, Ed Andrews, Bryn Grantham, Harry Abell, Noah Thorne, Josh Emery, Carrick Waldron. Front: Ben Howell, Phil Lucas, Simon Blake, Joe Blake (Captain), Keir Blake, Tom Emery, Tom Johnston-Smith.

## **OW Hockey**

### With thanks to Rob Pomfret (WS 1996-2006).

#### OWs vs. Old Silhillians (The Strover Shield)

Old Warwickians comfortably won the second annual Strover Shield match vs. Old Silhillians, 9-3, on 13 September. The Shield is named after former Warwick School headmaster and GB Olympic hockey player John Strover.



Geoff Tedstone with OWs. Back: Tim Brown, George Toms, James Hay, Will Vaudry, David McNee, John MacDonald. Front: Ian Best, Ian Reynolds, Max Jennings, TJ Jackson, Nick Anscomb and Rob Pomfret. Not pictured: Adam Higgens.

## **OW Golf**

### With thanks to Julian Marcus (WS 1971-79).

### Autumn Golf Meeting

Kenilworth Golf Club provided a great new venue for the Autumn Golf Day.

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11 OWs set off for the morning foursomes. At the last minute and with a great effort and surprise, OW Don Cole, a resident of Perth, Australia, was able to join us... with his own clubs! Holidays and hospitals meant a few regulars were missing. We hope the travellers had a great time and wish those sampling the NHS a speedy recovery.

### **OW Tankards**

A two ball, followed by two four balls, with the usual high standard of Edinburgh foursomes golf over 18 holes. Winnners: Richard Simmons and Iain Simmons, on 41 pts. Runners up: Phil Cooper and Geoff Thorpe, on 37 pts.

### **OW Salver**

An individual stableford played off 7/8 handicap. Players battled with themselves and the golf course for the OW Salver. Winner: Iain Simmons, on 41 pts. Second: Chris Kaye, on 33 pts. Third: Tim Harry, on 33 pts (losing on back 9).

### Golfer of the Year 2014

A combination of individual points made in both individual rounds at Tadmarton and Kenilworth Golf Days. Winner: Tim Harry, on 65 pts. Second: Julian Marcus, on 65 pts (lost on back 9). Third: Peter Baird, on 62 pts. Fourth: Chris Kaye, on 56 pts.

Chris Kaye kindly provided two new prizes for 'nearest the pin' on the 4th and 7th. Richard Simmons and Mike Barnwell were the proud winners of a golf glove each!

Peter Gedge presented a new trophy in the form of a Captain's Pot, presented to Peter Baird with our thanks.

## The next meeting is at Tadmarton Heath Golf Club on Tuesday 19 May 2015.

Back I-r: John Sheffield, Peter Gedge, Geoff Thorpe, Phil Cooper, David Phillips, Chris Kaye and Tim Shenton-Taylor. Front I-r: Tim Harry, Julian Marcus, Peter Baird, Iain Simmons and Richard Simmons. Not pictured: Mike Barnwell and Don Cole.



### **Reeves & Partners Charity Hockey Shield**

Old Warwickians competed in a summer charity hockey tournament to raise money for The Guide Dogs for the Blind Association. The event, sponsored by Reeves & Partners chartered surveyors, brought together four teams from across Warwickshire on 17 August and helped raise £1,000 for the charity.

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



L-r: John Garrett and his dog Eddie from Guide Dogs, Olton captain Adrian Stapley, top scorer Tom Mallet and organiser Rob Pomfret.

# **OW Cricket**



Tony lets one go at the 2012 Cricketer Trophy Final at Charterhouse, which OWs won.

### After 34 years at the helm Tony Crockert is retiring as **OW Cricket Captain.**

Over the years Tony has given immeasurable time, commitment and enthusiasm in managing generations of OW cricketers. Both Warwick School and the OWA is enormously indebted to him and would like to put on record its sincere thanks for his years of service.

Tony was at Warwick School from 1962 to '73. He played in the 1st XI at 16 and was its captain during his last year at School. He first played for OWs at the age of 15 and, over the years, has played some 120 games for OWs and scored over 3,500 runs!

Tony has many memorable matches and remembers with great fondness the Wazir Mohammad XI fixtures organised by David Derbyshire and playing successive years against the Warwickshire Old County Cricketers Association, to celebrate the presidential years of Norman Horner and John Hacking. His favourite grounds (in order) have been Warwick School, Oakham, St George's Weybridge and Sidmouth. The furthest was Sedbergh in Cumbria - probably the most panoramic.

His proudest moment was collecting the Cricket World Trophy in 1991 - the first year OWs had entered the competition. Under his captaincy, OWs went on to play in six further Trophy Finals and were triumphant in 1992, 2010 and 2012.

Tony's passion for cricket has endured and his talent for discovering players' strengths and getting the best out of them is proven. He has enjoyed playing with several generations of young (and occasionally not so young) OWs who also just enjoy and want to play the game.



Tony was captain of the 1973 1st XI. The team lost just one match all season - to the Masters who put out an exceptionally strong side.



2014 OWA President Sir David Foskett presented Tony with an original watercolour of the old cricket pavilion, painted by the School's Head of Art, Robin Flintoff.

When asked about his future aspirations for OW cricket, Tony hopes it will prosper for the next 100 years and win lots of silverware. He is grateful for the support he has had from many OWs and their wives/ partners, plus masters and staff of the School.

OW Cricket has given many men wonderful opportunities to play the game, stay in touch and cement friendships. Tony wishes his OW successors well and adds that, if asked, he might still be interested in playing occasional matches for OWs.

Geoff Tedstone (WS 1972-79) and Director of Sport at Warwick School says "Quite simply, without Tony 'Cricket', OW cricket would not have been so vibrant for the past 30 years. He has not only kept the boat afloat but, as captain, has steered it towards many successful seasons. He is, in a word, exceptional."

## **The Forty Club**

Over the 70 years of its existence, many OWs have played for the Forty (XL) Club, often returning to face the School 1st XI in an annual fixture.

The Club is reputed to be the largest wandering cricket club in the world, with fixtures against schools, colleges and clubs all over the UK.

Julian Morris (WS 1980-85) and Steve Dellow (WS 1970-77) play for the West Midlands team, 2013 champions. In 2014, having seen off Eastern Counties and East Midlands in the 'group' stages, WM beat the North West in the semi-final, to set up a final against Wales.

The final was played at Eastnor Castle Cricket Club in glorious September weather. The WM restricted the opposition to 216 off their 45 overs, which was then passed with 4 overs to spare, and 7 wickets in hand. Julian Morris hit the winning runs to ensure that WM retained their champions title.



Julian Morris.

# **Booking Form**

## **Commemorative Books and Mugs**

Limited copies of commemorative Warwick School books and Emma Bridgewater mugs are still available from the School Shop. Simply complete the form below and send to:

### Gill Allcock,

Warwick School Shop, Warwick School, Warwick CV34 6PP. Tel: 01926 776424. E-mail: g.allcock@warwickschool.org.



### Warwick School: A Portrait

This photographic and anecdotal book captures School life across the academic years both past and present. Price: £29.50.



### Warwick School: A History

This second limited edition of the book, by G Frykman and E Hadley, brings the fascinating history of the School up to date. Price: £15.00.



#### Emma Bridgewater Mug

A limited edition mug, hand-made and hand-decorated. Price: £13.95.

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Warwick School: A Portrait	£29.50		£5.50	£
Warwick School: A History	£15.00		£5.50	£
Emma B Mug	£13.95		£5.00*	£
			Total	£

\* This cost is for up to two mugs and is for UK postage.

The above prices are for UK postage. If you live overseas please contact the School Shop for post and packing prices.

The School Shop is open term time, Monday to Friday 13.00-16.30. Cheques should be made payable to Warwick School.

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If you would prefer to receive The Old Warwickian as an E-newsletter, simply email alumni@warwickschool.org.

#### Front cover:

- The view from the balcony of the Mary Rose Museum.
- Joe, Simon and Keir Blake.
- Cleaning the pool in the 1960s.

## **OW Events**

Please return this form to: Anne Douglas, Alumni Relations, Warwick School, Warwick CV34 6PP. Tel: 01926 776404 E-mail: a.douglas@warwickschool.org.

To (year)

Full name

Years at Warwick School: From (year)

Address

Postcode

Tel

E-Mail

Signed

### Date

Please tick this box if you are happy for Alumni Relations to hold this information on our Alumni Database to enable us to contact you about events and other information we think may be of interest.

### **Events**

I would like to book the following:

### **OWA President's Dinner**

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The Mary Rose Museum. Saturday 9 May 2015.

I would like to book \_\_\_\_\_ ticket(s) at £80 each and enclose a cheque for

£\_\_\_\_\_. Name of guest \_\_\_\_\_.

I am interested in booking \_\_\_\_\_\_ tickets on the minibus/coach (available subject to demand). For the President's Dinner, this booking form must be returned by Friday 10 April.

## 1940s-60s School House Dinner

Warwick School Friday 4 September 2015.

I would like to book\_\_\_\_\_ ticket(s) at £28 each and enclose a cheque for  $\pounds$ \_\_\_\_\_.

Names of OW guests (if booking more than one ticket) \_

\_\_\_\_\_. For the School House Dinner, this booking form must be returned by Friday 17 July.

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

Cheques should be made payable to  $\ensuremath{\textbf{Warwick School Enterprises Ltd}}$  or  $\ensuremath{\textbf{WSEL}}$  .

Tickets are for named individuals only. Should you wish to cancel your ticket for an event, in order to be fair to those on the waiting list, we ask that you 'return' your ticket to the Alumni Office for reallocation. Tickets will be refunded as long as we are able to reallocate them.