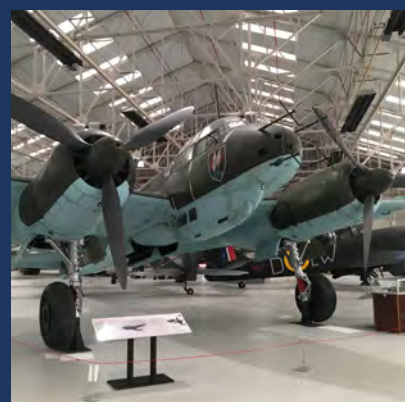


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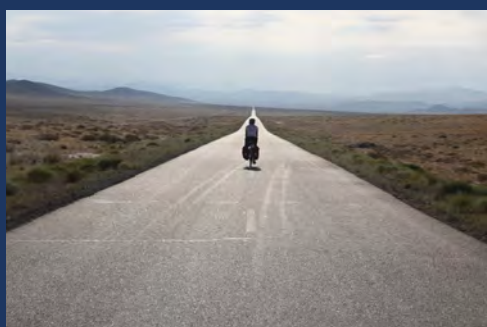
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**2020 OWA
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**Anniversary Reunions
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**OW news from
Dancing on Ice to
Mongolia**



Forthcoming Events

1960, 1970, 1980, 1990, 2000 and 2010 Leavers' Anniversary Reunions

Sat 27 June 2020 – Warwick School

1960, '70, '80, '90, 2000 and 2010 leavers, and the staff who taught them, are warmly invited to the OW anniversary reunions on Saturday 27 June.

Where better to reconnect with people than at the place where you went your separate ways? For many OWs, this is the first chance to revisit Warwick School since leaving. Much will still be very familiar. Lots will be new. These anniversary reunions are friendly and informal occasions. They give you the chance to spend time with old friends you haven't seen in years, to break the old cliques, to reminisce a little and, if you wish, to re-kindle old friendships or start afresh.

Meet back at school from 12:00 to 16:00 for drinks, a light lunch and tour of the school. Dress code is casual. While the format is informal and there is no charge for attending, places must be booked. Please book on www.oldwarwickians.org or return the booking form on page 16.

These anniversary reunions are for those who left at the end of the Upper Sixth in 1960, '70, '80, '90, 2000 and 2010, plus classmates who left earlier, including those who left two years early, after O levels or GCSEs.



Wessex Old Warwickians

Sat 8 Feb 2020 – The Foresters at Donhead St Andrew, 12:00

Following the success of the inaugural gathering of WOW last summer, a second gathering is now planned (thanks to extensive pub research and sampling by Messrs Harry and Huntley!).

All OWs in the Wessex region or within striking distance of Donhead St Andrew are warmly invited to lunch at The Foresters, Donhead St Andrew, near Shaftesbury, SP7 9EE on Saturday 8 February 2020. 12.00 for 12.30 sit-down. Set menu with pre-select choices available shortly. Spouses/partners most welcome.

So that we have an idea of numbers, please advise Anne Douglas on a.douglas@warwickschool.org, tel: 01926 776404 before Saturday 18 January if you would like to come. www.oldwarwickians.org/WOW.



The inaugural gathering of Wessex Old Warwickians.

OW Events

WOW Lunch

The Foresters, Donhead St Andrew
Sat 8 Feb 2020, 12:00.

OW Spring Golf Day

Tadmorton Heath GC
Tues 12 May 2020.

OWA President's Dinner

RAF Museum Cosford
Sat 16 May 2020, 18:45.

Anniversary Reunions

Warwick School
Sat 27 June 2020, 12:00-16:00.

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

Chapel Services

Sun 2 Feb 17:30 Candlemas Choral Service
Wed 26 Feb 20:00 Ash Wednesday
Sun 22 Mar 17:30 Passiontide Service
Sun 28 Jun 10:30 Foundation and Benefactors' Sunday

All OWs and their families and friends are welcome at these services.

As dates and services sometimes change, please check details on www.warwickschoolcalendar.org.

School Music, Drama and Sport

School events, including music, drama, and sporting fixtures, are listed on www.warwickschoolcalendar.org

OW Coffee Morning

The Pyne Room, Warwick School – Sat 11 January 2020, 10:00-11:30. No need to book, just turn up for coffee, bacon butties and a chat. Wives, partners and friends welcome.

OWA President's Dinner

Saturday 16 May 2020 – The Royal Air Force Museum Cosford



OWA President Peter Varnish OBE (WS 1954-65) invites OWs and their wives/partners to join him at the Royal Air Force Museum Cosford on Saturday 16 May for the 2020 President's Dinner.

The Royal Air Force Museum Cosford is home to a world class collection of aircraft and exhibits including many aircraft, missiles and tanks used in intelligence gathering.

During the drinks reception, we will have a chance to explore the Test Flight and War in the Air collections, with their incredible exhibits, many of which are either one-off experimental aircraft or one-of-a-kind. Exhibits include the earliest versions of what became the Harrier V/STOL, two Japanese WWII aircraft, a German WWII jet and rocket warplanes. Be sure to see the TSR-2. Although never developed beyond prototype stage, the TSR-2 was one of the most exciting and controversial British combat aircraft designs of the 1960s. The cancellation of the project is a subject of great debate to this day.



TSR-2.

Timings

18:45 Welcome drinks and a chance to explore the Test Flight and War in the Air collections. See the many test flight exhibits, most of which were produced in secrecy. There will also be a chance to explore the interactive gallery packed with experiments designed to help visitors learn how aircraft fly.

20:00 Four-course dinner in War in the Air, in the shadow of an Avro Lincoln BII bomber.

23.00 Carriages.

Dress

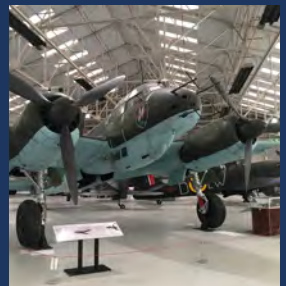
Black tie.

Tickets

£85 per person to include pre-dinner drinks and a four-course dinner with coffee. There will be a cash bar for dinner wine and alternative drinks. 72 tickets are available on a first come, first served basis. See page 16 or book at www.oldwarwickians.org.

Travel and parking

The Royal Air Force Museum Cosford is centrally located just off Junction 3 of the M54. There is ample free parking immediately outside the hangars where the dinner is being held. The site is fully accessible for people with limited mobility. OWs may also fly in to Cosford airfield by prior arrangement with the RAF Air Traffic Control!



Cancellations

Tickets are for named individuals only and are non-transferable. If you wish to cancel your ticket(s) please advise Alumni Relations so that they may be reallocated to those on the waiting list. After 16 April, tickets are only refundable if we can reallocate them.

Booking deadline

Thursday 16 April 2020.

OWA President 2020

Peter Varnish OBE, WS 1954-65

Peter experimented with electronics from an early age and transitioned from valves to semiconductors after graduating. Posted to the MoD, he carried out research on ultra-high-power lasers and gyratrons, before being transferred to the Foreign Office to be shipped to the British Embassy in Washington DC. As a diplomat, he honed his skills as a maverick, eventually visiting all 50 states in the USA. Unfortunately, he was missed in the UK and was brought back to the Admiralty Surface Weapons Establishment at Portsmouth as head of Radar, Electronic Warfare and Weapons.

On 2 April 1982, Peter was assigned to protect the RN Task force from the French Exocet missile. Partially successful and awarded an OBE for his efforts, he was sent to the Royal College of Defence Studies for a year, before becoming the DG of the UK Strategic Defence Initiative.

Since 2001, Peter has been providing independent advice to governments and industry on the threat, particularly cyber. He is a visiting Professor at Coventry University, a Fellow of the Royal Academy of Engineering and a non-executive of a number of companies.



Peter Varnish (WS 1954-65).

Recent Events

OW London Reunion

11 November 2019 – The Oriental Club

100 OWs gathered for the 2019 London Reunion at The Oriental Club.

The Oriental Club is a great London focal point for many who have lived, worked or travelled in the East. The event was kindly hosted by 2019 OWA President Adrian Keeling QC.



Fergus Radburn-Todd, Freddie Williams, Jon Stone and Henry Birks.



Gurdev Singh, Rajan Phakey, Will Button and Harvey Innocent.



Six Buttons.



Charles Dickson, Rob Rigby, Sam Murphy, Shyam Moorjani and Rohan Pai.



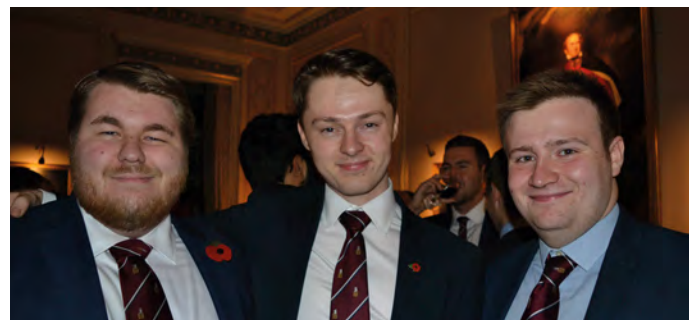
Tim Harry, Mike Miller and Richard Gash.



Mike Huntley, Peter Varnish, Julian Johnston and Irving Samwell.



Alec Shoesmith, Shang-Wei Ye and Matt Harry.



Joshua Mackenzie-Lawrie, Nicholas Johnson and Sam Button.



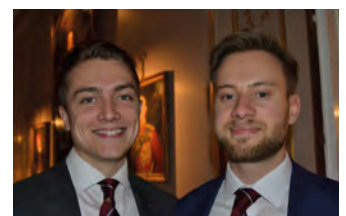
Ben Simkins, Ed Coy and Gus Gillespie.



Tom Lewthwaite and Julian Green.



Chris D'Este-Hoare and Simon Morland.



Tom Hunt and Hugh Buttrick.



Cameron Koolhoven, George Vetch, Joe Blake, Jack Jobling, James Williams, Luke Spill, Noah Thorne and Rob Loveridge.

OW Medics Dinner

7 November 2019 – The Pyne Room, Warwick School

It was wonderful to see so many OW medics, dentists and vets returning to school for the first OW Medics Dinner.

They were joined by OWs still training, plus 30 Warwick School students interested in such careers. After a tour of the school, Nikesh Farmah, Peter Jinman, Jaish Mahan, Tim Robbins, Eushaa Mirza, Alex Tasker and Malcolm Eykyn led the drinks and careers session by giving short, no-frills talks about their area of expertise. Dinner was kindly hosted by Consultant Orthopaedic Surgeon Dr Peter Baird (WS 1953-61). After dinner, comedian and doctor Ahmed Kazmi offered sound advice and entertaining insights into the medical profession.

This was a fantastic evening for all concerned and we are enormously grateful to OW attendees for their enthusiasm and willingness to support current Warwick School students.



The careers session.



Malcolm Eykyn.



Tim Robbins and Eushaa Mirza.



Beverleigh Twohig-Howell, Peter Bailey and Geoff Thorpe.



Alex Tasker and James Horner.



Trystan and Ian Macdonald.



Bilal Ismail.



John Jolleys.



Peter Baird, Ahmed Kazmi, Deneal Smith and Eric Yuen.



Peter Gedge and Ian Macdonald.



Peter Jinman.



Sachin Sudhakaran.

2019 Hong Kong Dinner

Although the Hong Kong Dinner was postponed, Head Master Deneal Smith, Maths Master Peter O'Grady, Director of Admissions Ginny Gretton and Head of Boarding David Bull were delighted to meet a number of OWs when they attended the Top Schools Weekend in Hong Kong. The weekend, organised by education consultants Academic Asia, centred around interviews for prospective Warwick School students.



Anthony Lau (WS 1976-81), Jeanette Chan and Head Master Deneal Smith.



Kavern Chan (WS 2006-08), Peter O'Grady and Ken Wan (WS 2008-10).

OWA Annual Dinner 2019

Sat 7 December 2019

The traditional OWA Annual Dinner was held in the Pyne Room. 60 OWs from every decade since the 1940s, were joined by Head Master Deneal Smith and a number of current and former teachers. Great food, good wine, fun and fellowship were enjoyed once more.



Brian Schwieger, Will Morris and Adrian Keeling QC.



Carlo Giudici, Eric Hadley, Arun Sachdev, Robert Hudson, Peter Baird and Peter Varnish OBE.



Adrian Robinson, Nigel Robinson and Steve Chamberlain.



Bob Charlett, Duncan Hempstock, Pete Jarvis, David Derbyshire, Dave Phillips, Jack Thornton, Geoff Raine, John Taylor, Nigel Harris, Mike Benfield.



Great to see our 2003 leavers on their annual return to school.

OWA Committee 2020

President – Peter Varnish OBE (WS 1954-65)

Chairman – Jim Button (WS 1978-85)

Treasurer – Arun Sachdev (WS 1991-2002)

Head Master – Dr Deneal Smith

The committee retained the option to co-opt members.

President Elect (to serve as President 2021)

– Dr Peter Baird FRCS, (WS 1953-61)

OWA AGM 2019

Sat 7 Dec 2019

The 2019 Old Warwickian Association AGM took place before the Annual Dinner on 7 December. Reports were received from the Chairman, Treasurer and Alumni Officer. The Chairman thanked the committee for their continuing support. The accounts were approved. OWA President Adrian Keeling QC was thanked for his excellent support to the school and the OWA during 2019.

Supporting students – Warwick School bursaries

For many years the Governors and Head Masters of Warwick School have sought to provide full and partially-funded school places to deserving boys from all backgrounds. Many OWs have been recipients of Local Authority grants or Assisted Places and the school has long been committed to continue this bursary funding to new pupils after these government funded schemes ended in 1997.

Thank you

Funding for bursaries now comes from sources such as The King Henry VIII Endowed Trust, Warwick, an annual budget set aside by the school and donations from generous benefactors. This support has allowed Warwick School to fund 36 full bursaries plus a number of partial bursaries this academic year.

We are grateful to hundreds of Old Warwickians who have generously supported our Bursary Fund over the past few years.

Regular gifts

Many OWs make regular monthly or annual gifts to the Bursary Fund, which collectively help to fund bursary places. Fifty OWs giving £20 per month (plus Gift Aid) fund a full bursary place for a year.

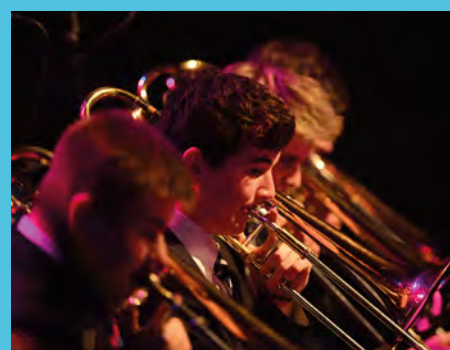
Major gifts

Several individual OWs have generously chosen to fund a full bursary place over seven years for a boy at the school. The Old Warwickian Trust, set up in 2011 by the inaugural chairman Clive Mason (WS 1953-59) and the current chairman Richard Thornton (WS 1963-74), principally to support bursaries at Warwick School, is at present funding five full bursaries and one at 50%. A seventh bursary will be offered, beginning this September.

Legacy gifts

Thank you also to the growing number of OWs who are choosing to leave a gift in their will to the school, to give another child the opportunity of a Warwick School education.

Head Master Deneal Smith is firmly committed to providing even more bursaries to give boys aged 11 to 18 the chance of a Warwick School education over the coming years. For further information please visit www.warwick-bursaries.org or contact Phillip Rothwell, Development Director, or Sam Crane, Development Officer, by email on development@warwickschool.org, or telephone 01926 776402.



School News

The Michaelmas term was as busy as ever.

Project One Campus



Project One Campus

With their new school buildings open, King's High girls were welcomed onto the Foundation campus at the start of the Michaelmas term. The main King's High school building provides a stunning new home for the girls and houses large communal areas, specialist classrooms, pastoral bases and administrative functions, as well as a multi-functional school hall, ten fully-equipped labs, two drama studios and a large dining hall. The Sports Centre and Art and Technology building provide state-of-the-art facilities and work is progressing well on the new Music School for Warwick Prep and King's High, due for completion this Easter.

The Warwick and King's High shared Sixth Form Centre was fully open for the start of term. The building is specifically designed to help Foundation Sixth Formers make the most of their final school years and support their transition beyond school. The Centre provides space for group and private study, a Careers Hub with interview rooms, a self-service kitchen and café plus large social spaces.

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

Academic achievements



Good news for many on A-level results day.

Warwick School students celebrated another excellent year of A-level results, with 48% of all grades achieved at A*-A, and 75% of grades achieved at A*-B. At GCSE, 66% of grades were awarded at A*/A (9-7 in the new system), with 85% at A*-B (9-6).

Town crier

The Town Crier made his annual visit to Warwick School to ask the Head Master, on behalf of the boys, for an extra week of half term holiday.



Oyez!

Remembrance



Remembrance Assembly in Warwick Hall.

The Remembrance Parade in Warwick Town was well supported and the evening service in Chapel honoured the many OWs who gave their lives in the First and Second World Wars and in conflicts since.

Making music

A half term music trip to Uganda, Jazz and Scones for residents of local care homes and a Making Music Day for children from local primary schools highlight the range of events organised by the Music department last term. The second 'House Shout' competition celebrated a huge range of musical talent from across the school. Boys gave some superb performances at our Music Scholars' Concert and once again our bands enjoyed outstanding success at the National Concert Band Regional Finals.



Boys visited and played in a number of schools on the Uganda music tour.

Harvest Sunday



Sisters of Mary trustee Charles Lane (WS 1974-85) is pictured with Head Master Deneal Smith.

This year's Harvest Festival raised over £1,600 towards a threshing machine for the Sisters of Mary Community in Tanzania. The Sisters offer nursery and primary classes for orphaned and vulnerable children and manage a safe haven hostel for secondary school girls, where they are given secure board and lodging while receiving an education.

Schools Cup success

Congratulations to our 1st XV who beat QEGS Wakefield in the quarter-finals of the Schools Cup. They now progress to the Semi-Finals against Northampton School for Boys, to be played at Allianz Park on Wednesday 4 March.

Sadly, the U15s were knocked out by a strong Oakham side in Round 4.



Little Shop of Horrors

Audiences enjoyed a superbly staged production of Little Shop of Horrors in the Bridge House Theatre.



Little Shop of Horrors.

Forthcoming school music and drama

OWs are always welcome at Warwick School music and drama productions. Please check www.bridgehousetheatre.co.uk for full details of school and professional productions in the Bridge House Theatre and Warwick Hall. Lent term's highlights include:

Music

Bridge House of Rock

Bridge House Theatre
Fri 17 January, 19:00

Jazz @ the Bridge

Bridge House Theatre
Fri 31 January and Sat 1 Feb,
19:00

String Concert

Warwick Hall
Tues 11 February, 19:00

Chamber Concert

Warwick Hall
Weds 26 February, 19:00

Percussion Concert

Warwick Hall
Mon 2 Mar, 19:00

Guitar Concert

Warwick Hall
Weds 11 Mar, 19:00

Jazz for Africa

Pyne Room
Fri 20 Mar, 19:00

Easter Concert

Warwick Hall
Tues 24 Mar, 19:00

Band Stand Showcase

Warwick Hall
Weds 1 Apr, 19:00

Drama

Mary Poppins

Middle School show
Bridge House Theatre
4-6 March

Careers support

The fantastic work of Warwick School Careers would be impossible without great support from parents and OWs. Thank you to all those who helped with the Careers Speed Interviewing and who have been in to school to talk to students at a Careers Business Lunch.

We urgently need offers of work experience placements in a variety of sectors for our Y11 and Y12 boys this summer. Please contact Caty Oates c.oates@warwickschool.org if you can help.

www.warwickschoolconnect.org New mobile app



Download the new mobile app – giving you direct access to the free online network of over 1,200 OWs.

Android

- Go to App Store
- Search for Warwick School Connect
- Download app
- Enable auto update *optional*
- Sign in/Register

iOS

- Go to App store to 'Graduway Community'
- Download app
- Enable auto update *optional*
- Search for Warwick School
- Sign in/Register



OW News

Ben gets his skates on



Ben Hanlin enjoys coaching from Torvill and Dean, *Dancing on Ice*.

Follow Ben Hanlin (WS 1999-04) as he tackles toe loops, spins and lifts in the new series of *Dancing on Ice*.

Running on top of the world

Middle-distance runner Chris Vincent (WS 1993-98) has been training at a running camp in Kenya founded by Olympian and World Champion Lornah Kiplagat. Chris stayed at the High Altitude Training Centre in Iten, overlooking the Rift Valley. He even enjoyed core classes with Paul Chelimo (2016 Olympic silver medallist at 5000m).



Chris Vincent (second from left) at the HATC with Paul Chelimo (far right).

Best Doctor award

Congratulations to Matthew Boulter (WS 1978-85), who won Best Doctor at The Sun's *Who Cares Wins* awards. Matthew is a GP at St Clare Medical Centre in Cornwall – a new £6 million health centre in Penzance, which he co-founded last year. The game-changing facility serves over 21,000 people and provides a full range of primary care services, rooms for visiting clinicians plus operating theatres. Before moving to Cornwall as a GP, Matthew trained in surgery. He has 30 years' service as an Army Reservist and has deployed all over the world, including a tour of Afghanistan. He has also been the Penlee lifeboat doctor for eight years and is the GP for the Cornish Pirates.

OWs needed for charity skydive

Dean Lomas (WS 1992-97) is looking for OWs who might be interested in a skydive, to raise money for The Lily Mae Foundation – a charity which supports parents and families who have lost a baby to stillbirth or to neonatal death. Dean is a founding trustee of the charity, having helped Lily's father (Ryan) after her passing. Dean lost his first daughter at six months old. The charity will fund the skydive, all they ask is for individuals to raise £400.00 each for the Foundation. Training is run throughout the day and students will be strapped to the front of a Tandem Instructor, who is there to control the skydive from 13,000 feet.

For further information please contact dean.lomas@lilymaefoundation.org.



Dr Matthew Boulter.

Maiden century for Rob Yates

After registering his first-class debut against Hampshire last May, Rob Yates (WS 2011-18) made his maiden first-class century for Warwickshire against Somerset in the County Championship.



©Tony Marsh.

The class of 1989 in Singapore

Kim Kerton (WS 1978-89) continued the 1989 reunion festivities by meeting up with Peter Hulyer (WS 1978-89) in Singapore.



Peter Hulyer and Kim Kerton.

Happy doctors make good doctors

Dr Tom Parsons (WS 2003-10) left his scrubs and stethoscope and joined 'Dr Mike on a bike' for 50 days as Mike cycled 19,000 miles round the world. The epic cycle journey raised support and awareness for the increasing number of junior doctors suffering with mental health. Inspired by Dr Mike and despite no long-distance cycling experience, Tom joined the team for the North American leg of the cycle. See more at www.drmikeonabike.com.



Charlie Holden, Mike Nally (Dr Mike), Will Southall and OW Tom Parsons. All junior doctors and friends from UCL.

Roy rows the Atlantic



In training.

As we go to press, Roy Dixon (WS 1973-81) is set to start the Talisker Whisky Atlantic Challenge, rowing 3,000 miles across the Atlantic Ocean with his team, the Atlantic Mavericks. Weather permitting, the Atlantic Mavericks expect to take between 45 and 55 days to row from La Gomera to Antigua. The challenge is immense, rowing 70 nautical miles every 24 hours, all day and all night, with a shift pattern of two hours rowing and two hours "off" – with many routine tasks to be completed in the two hours "off".

Roy says... "The first and most important task is to look after our bodies. We have to rinse off any saltwater with freshwater after every shift and address any cuts and grazes. We will take 60 days' rations and will need 6,000 calories daily – through dehydrated meals, Army-style wet rations and high calorie snacks. We will all be affected by sea sickness. There is a desalinator on board, with a hand pump back up, plus an emergency supply of fresh water, so we should be able to keep hydrated. We have made space to treat ourselves with a glass of port on Christmas Day!"

The team has an excellent communication set-up on board, which includes a BGAN from Inmarsat that allows them to communicate through WhatsApp! There is also a Yellow Brick tracker on board so you can follow Roy's progress through the YB Races app, as well as through the Atlantic Mavericks social media.

To follow Roy's progress, or to support or sponsor the team, please visit www.atlanticmavericks.com.

We look forward to seeing Roy in Antigua around the end of January!

England Over 60s call up

Mark Banham MBE (WS 1965-76) was selected by the England Cricket Board to join the England Over 60s' party for their tour to defend the Ashes in Australia this winter. The England Over 60s team played 14 matches throughout November and December, including matches against New Zealand and three one-day international games against Australia for the Grey Ashes.



Mark Banham (right) met up with Nick Waterworth (WS 1969-77) while in Oz.

Assumpta est Maria

WS staff Gervald Frykman and Clare Fellows enjoyed a successful week singing the services in Truro Cathedral with Luceat, the choir created and directed by James Fellows (WS 2010-16). Recordings for the choir's debut CD – *Assumpta est Maria* – took place over the summer and the CD is due to be released around Easter 2020.

Mike Galbraith MA



Roland, Mike and Clive.

Friends and fellow OWs Roland Nevett and Clive Boast attended the graduation ceremony at De Montfort University to see Mike Galbraith (WS 1955-65) awarded an MA in Sports History.

Another OW joins the WS team



Adrian Bevan.

Adrian Bevan (WS 1992-99) has started a new role at Warwick School as Activities Development Manager. Adrian is responsible for the development of future activity programmes and encouraging greater participation in the school's Community Activities.

Did you see?

Ralph Davis (WS 2003-14) impressed as the exasperated estate agent in the comedy drama *Valued Friends* at the Rose Theatre, Kingston.

James Parris (WS 2003-10) co-produced BBC 1's *The Cameron Years*.

Leo Hughes (WS 1999-2007) is developing an exciting career in film production having co-produced the new murder/mystery *Knives Out*.

Archie Newitt's straw boater

Don Simpson, father of James Simpson (WS 1980-87), happened to come across a 1911 Stockton newspaper article concerning his cousin, Archie Newitt, which puzzled him with its references to the King's School, the previous name for Warwick School. Don sent a note to Gervald Frykman, school archivist, asking for clarification, only to discover that Archie's boater is actually on display in the school museum. Archie's school career went across the difficult period of 1906, when Warwick School went bankrupt, closed temporarily and merged with H S Pyne's King's Middle School.



Archie Newitt.



Don Simpson.

Welcome back



Matt Madden
(WS 2001-10).



Brian Cordery
(WS 1946-56) rang
the old school bell!



John Walker (WS 1943-48)
made a nostalgic return to
school after over 70 years.



Tim Atherton
(WS 1964-69) visited
the school for the
first time in 50 years.



Adam Oliver
(WS 2011-17) talked to
boys at a Business
Lunch.



Aden Rawlings (WS 2011-16)
spoke to students about
business management
degree apprenticeships.

The Land of the Rising Sun

Throughout 2019 Rob Nichols (WS 2005-10) and friend Harry Horner cycled East to the Land of the Rising Sun for the Lotus Children's Centre in Mongolia. Lotus is a centre for orphaned and abandoned children. By the expedition's end Rob and Harry pedalled over 22,000 km and through 24 countries. They are raising money for a solar energy and heating project at Lotus. If you would like to support the project and learn more about the epic trip, please see www.farsidestudio.com/RisingSunCycle.



Rob Nichols in the Kazakh mountains.



Harry and Rob with Founder Didi at the Lotus Centre.

One to watch



Luke Hanrahan (right) with his former tutor and history teacher John Jefferies.

Luke Hanrahan (WS 2002-04), an RTS award-winning freelance journalist, returned to school to encourage students and speak with them about different roles available for journalists across news and current affairs – and how technology and changing viewing habits are forcing the news media to evolve and move forward.

Luke has worked on long format documentaries and as a reporter at BBC News, ITV News, EuroNews and CNN International. More recently, he has been working on-screen at BBC News – reporting in London and on the BBC News channel. Each day is different – from crime to Brexit and from the complexities of London's housing crisis to issues surrounding the citizenship of descendants of Holocaust survivors.

Guardian theatre critic giving up the night job



Michael pictured talking to Warwick School students at a Careers Lunch.

After almost 50 years and some 10,000 reviews, Michael Billington OBE, (WS 1949-57), is stepping down as The Guardian's chief theatre critic.

Michael, who was hired in 1971, has been virtually a daily presence in the paper through decades of different broadsheet designs up to today's tabloid and digital formats. His incisive reviews, with their rich historical sweep, keen eye for detail and socio-political context, plus the odd judiciously deployed pun, have made him one of the world's most respected arts critics.

Mystery plaque



Mystery plaque on a wooden base, about 4" in height, dating from the early 1920s, and very generously donated by the Shiner family at the inaugural WOW event on 3 August 2019. What is it? What was it awarded for? There are signs of glue on the back of the wooden mount. What was it fastened to? Helpful suggestions to g.frykman@warwickschool.org.

The Drucquer brothers

A visit by two American ladies early in October 2019 prompted some archive work on the Drucquer (pronounced Drooker) brothers from Cheshire, who came to Warwick School as boarders around 100 years ago. They were: Maurice (WS 1913-16), Merlin (WS 1914-21), Dudley (WS 1916-18 and 1920-22) and Cedric (WS 1916-17).

Cynthia Underwood and Christina Drever are direct descendants of Merlin Drucquer. The ladies were delighted to receive digital scans of Merlin's years in the 1st XV, as well as one of him as a prefect. It could well be that the Drucquers were the earliest Jewish pupils at Warwick School. Relatives suggested the whole family emigrated to the USA in the 1920s due to perceived anti-Semitism.

A fifth brother, Duncan, who didn't come to Warwick School, earned America's oldest military honour, a Purple Heart, as a pilot involved in the shooting down of the Red Baron in 1918.



1921 Warwick School Prefects with Headmaster H S Pyne. M W Drucquer seated left.



M W Drucquer, seated left, in the 1st XV 1920-21.

A portrait of Ronit Kanwar



Ronit's portrait at Keble ©Fran Monks.

To celebrate Keble's 150th anniversary, the Oxford College has installed a special exhibition of portraits. At 22 years old, Ronit Kanwar (WS 2008-16) may be the youngest subject in the portrait exhibition, but his list of achievements is already impressive.

In 2019 Ronit made the Forbes 30 Under 30 Asia List with his social enterprise start-up Empower Energy, which is "connecting rural India to the modern economy". The company is enabling rural families in India to use life-enhancing products through its franchisee network. It is already providing clean, safe and renewable energy solutions and has transformed lives in Odisha, east India. Ronit co-founded the company in his second year and, as CEO, has led the venture to success and won numerous high-profile awards. Empower was selected as one of six Hult Prize global finalists from over 100,000 entries, which culminated in pitching for \$1m at the UN.

Ronit was also one of 22 first-generation students selected worldwide for the Future Leaders Foundation. He is a Global Shaper, part of a community of young leaders spearheaded by the World Economic Forum, and a One Young World Lead2030 winner.

Ronit's entrepreneurial journey started at Warwick School, which he was able to attend thanks to bursaries and scholarships. While at school, he started a healthy snacking company and won Young Entrepreneur of the Year. He strives to alleviate poverty on a global scale and is a proud advocate of social entrepreneurship.

The Honourable Mr Justice Cavanagh

Congratulations to John Cavanagh (WS 1968-78) who has been appointed Justice of the High Court.

John was called to the Bar in 1985 and took Silk in 2001. He was appointed as a Recorder in 2004 and as a Deputy High Court Judge sitting in the Queen's Bench Division in 2017.



Sir David Fosskett (formerly 'Mr Justice Fosskett' between 2007 and 2019) and Mr Justice Cavanagh (formerly 'John Cavanagh QC') just before John was sworn in as a High Court Judge by the Lord Chief Justice on 9 October 2019.

Nuts about nuts

Maker of organic nut butters Mike Duckworth (WS 2003-08) returned to school in September to share with students lessons and skills he has learnt in the first three years of setting up his nut butter business Nutcessity.



Mike Duckworth.

Floral fun and face-offs



Simon Lycett ©RHS Mark Waugh.

Simon Lycett (WS 1974-85) has been asked to host a brand new floristry programme for HBO Max in the US.

With incredible artistic creations and floristry face-offs, *Full Bloom* will allow audiences to escape into a surreal world as contestants design and execute some of the most wondrous, Wonka-esq floral creations ever seen. Each episode features themed challenges centred around a unique stem of the floristry world including fashion, art, events and weddings. Contestant designs and creations will be mentored and judged by legendary floristry artists and Simon will serve as host. Filming takes place in the spring and the show will be aired soon afterwards.

OW Sport

OW Hockey

Sat 7 Sept 2019 – OWs vs Old Sils



Back: George Toms, Phil Foster, Andrew Westrope, Ollie Hobbs, George Holding, John Macdonald. Front: Ollie Tubb, Ralph Newbold, Alex van Dijk, Rob Pomfret, Jacob Fenwick and James Druce.

In their annual encounter, Old Warwickians finally relinquished their hold on the Strover Shield by losing on penalty flicks to Old Silhillians.

With Old Silhillians' players having left school no more than three years ago, and boasting a larger squad, OWs faced an uphill battle from the start. But after going behind, OWs quickly levelled the game through Ollie Hobbs. The resolute defending of Andrew Westrope, Phil Foster, Ralph Newbold and George Toms kept OWs even at the break.

OWs dominated the second half, with George Holding, Jacob Fenwick and Hobbs connecting well up front, only to see the Old Silhillians' keeper make a string of fantastic saves to keep OWs at bay. Although Old Sils scored late on, OWs struck back immediately with another from Hobbs, this time a clever deflection.

No winner could be found, so the game went to penalty flicks, with the Old Sils keeper again pulling off some brilliant saves to clinch victory.

A high quality game and thanks to everyone involved.

After many superb years' service captaining OW Hockey, Rob Pomfret has relinquished the role. Dan Murray will now be taking forward the organisation of the OW hockey team. Please email him on murrayd1616@aol.co.uk if you are interested in playing.



A highly competitive match.

OW Golf

Fri 6 Sept 2019 – Autumn Golf Day



Back: Julian Marcus (Hon Sec), Brian Woodhams, John Elson, Iain Simmons, Clive Boast, Oliver Bates. Front: Chris Kaye, Peter Baird, Peter Gedge, David Phillips (Capt), Mike Barnwell, Rob Kay and Chris Aldridge.

Kenilworth GC was in great condition with lush fairways, rough tough and problematic trees! Twelve golfers got off to a good start with bacon rolls and coffee. Edinburgh foursomes golf in the morning challenged most, if only to remember the rules. A further three players joined for the afternoon round and main event.

OW Tankards

Winners – Oliver Bates and Chris Aldridge on 35 pts
Runners up – Julian Marcus and Chris Kaye on 34 pts
Third – Mike Barnwell and Iain Simmons on 32 pts.

OW Salver

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

Winner – Peter Gedge on 32 pts
Second – Richard Simmons on 31 pts
Third – John Elson on 31 pts.

Golfer of the Year 2019

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

Winner – Peter Gedge on 71 pts
Second – Chris Kaye on 59 pts
Third – Oliver Bates on 57 pts.
Nearest the pin on 7th – Peter Gedge
Nearest the pin on 18th – John Elson.

2019 was another great year of OW golf. Huge thanks to Hon Sec Julian Marcus for his enthusiasm and commitment.

OW Spring Golf Day – Tuesday 12 May 2020.
Tadmarton Heath GC, all OW golfers very welcome.

OW Cross Country

Sat 14 Dec 2019

As we go to press a team of OWs are due to gather on Wimbledon Common for the annual Thames Hare and Hounds Alumni Race. Images to follow in the next Old Warwickian.

OW Rugby

Sat 7 Sept 2019 – OWs vs Old Sils

With much regret, the OWs vs Old Sils rugby was cancelled. We look forward to resuming the challenge for The Coton Cup in September 2020.

Booking Form – Events

Please return this form to:

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

Title	
Full name	
Years at Warwick School: From (year)	To (year)
Address	
Postcode	
Tel	
Email	
Signed	
Date	

OW Anniversary Reunions

Warwick School

Saturday 27 June 2020.

☐ I would like to attend.

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

OWA President's Dinner

RAF Museum Cosford

Saturday 16 May 2020.

☐ I would like to book _____ ticket(s) at £85 each and enclose a cheque for £ _____ made payable to **Warwick Schools Enterprises Ltd.**

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

Name of guest (if applicable)

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

Cancellations

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

Front cover images

- Ben Hanlin with Jayne Torvill and Christopher Dean, *Dancing on Ice*.
- Dr Matthew Boulter.
- RAF Museum Cosford, venue of the 2020 President's Dinner.
- Rob Yates ©Tony Marsh.
- Rob Nichols, cycling to Mongolia.

Warwick School Archives

School Archivist Gervald Frykman has published new essays on www.warwickschool.org/archives, including:

- The Blue Books of Warwick School
- Warwick School Census Records 1841-1911
- The naming of forms at Warwick School
- The house system at Warwick School
- Warwick School characters: H S Pyne, WS 1906-28.

If you have any items of Warwick School memorabilia, uniform dating from pre-1960 or items of historic significance relating to the school, we would be very grateful to receive them for the Warwick School Museum and Archives. To discuss, please contact Gervald Frykman, School Archivist, Warwick School, Warwick CV34 6PP. Email: g.frykman@warwickschool.org.

Warwick School images are also most welcome for the Archives. Please post to Anne Douglas (address above) or email a.douglas@warwickschool.org.



1903 school buildings.



1932 Leicester House Gym Team.



H S Pyne.



1906 Warwick School staff with Head Master H S Pyne.



The first and last Blue Books.

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