

# The Old Warwickian



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# View from my window

As part of a Warwick Schools Foundation Arts Festival in 2024, which has the theme of 'Home', we are creating an online Old Warwickians gallery of 'View from my window' images provided by OWs around the UK and overseas.

OWs are invited to email a single image showing a 'View from my window'. The view could be of anything, from home, work or place of study, at any time of the year. Each 'View from my window' will appear on [www.oldwarwickians.org/window](http://www.oldwarwickians.org/window).

To respect people's privacy, unless you have permission, it's best that no people are included in the image. Views, wildlife, events or anything fun, unusual or just a good photo would be great.

Please add an image to the gallery by emailing it to [a.douglas@warwickschool.org](mailto:a.douglas@warwickschool.org) with your name, years at Warwick School, approximate date the photo was taken and a caption.



Our garden in Luxembourg  
Spence Miles, WS 1971-82



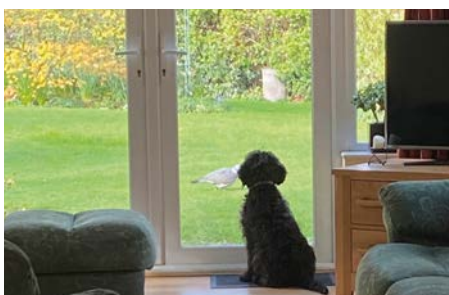
1960s Chapel Quad



The Lions in Winter, North Vancouver  
Adam Walters, WS 1971-78



The beach at our Watamu Coast House, Kenya  
Alec Davis, WS 1964-69



Pigeon watching  
Anne Douglas, WS Staff 2008-



View from the living room, Koh Samui, Thailand, 2021  
Ashley Morris, WS 1963-73



Singapore  
Ashley Morris, WS 1963-73



Early autumn, Warwick  
Clive Mason CBE, WS 1953-59



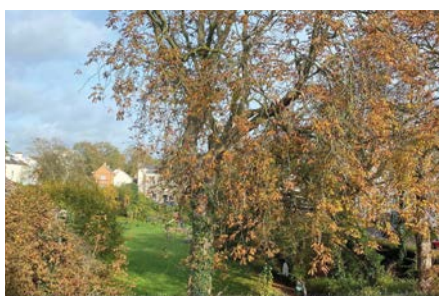
View from the office, San Diego  
David Scott, WS 1968-79



Antipodean Sunset, Auckland, April 2023  
David Weekes, WS 1974-77



The view of the LEGO Campus from our LEGO Design studios on a typically damp, grey, January morning.  
William Thorogood, WS 1998-2000



Autumnal view from my office of The Dell in Leamington Spa  
Nigel Robinson, WS 1955-66



Flying home  
Patrick Tynes, First Officer (BHX), Jet2.com & Jet2Holidays, WS 2002-12





Home, Herefordshire  
**Keith Wellings, WS 1968-79**



Morning walk with the dog, Malta  
**Ross Mason, WS 1993-98**



The Regent's Canal at Little Venice – my outdoor office  
**Michael Wheeler, WS 1971-77**



Great views enjoyed from a daily helicopter commute  
**Denys Shortt OBE, WS 1975-82**



Just like Decembers used to be  
**Graham Powell, WS 1962-69**



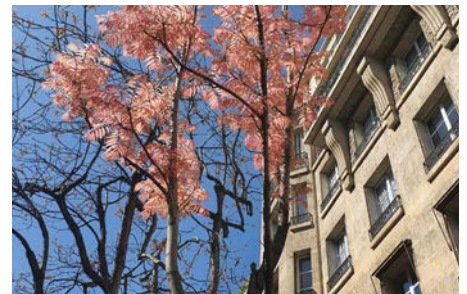
Ready for another day on the mountain, Austria  
**Guy Chamberlain, WS 1957-69**



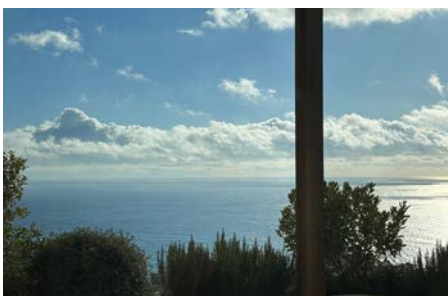
View from my kitchen, Ontario  
**Henry Avers, WS 1972-83**



East over Lyme Bay  
**Jeremy Williams, WS 1963-67**



17th arrondissement, Paris, April  
**John McCulloch, WS 1979-86**



Monaco  
**Jonathan Kemp, WS 1981-85**



Regular visitors to our home in Yorkshire  
**Peter Rawlins, WS 1947-59**



Seaton seagulls  
**Laurence Price, WS 1961-72**



View of Warwick School from the office  
(departure out of Birmingham)  
**Mark Dunster, Qatar Airways, WS 1991-98**



View over the Indian Ocean and Plettenberg Bay,  
South Africa from our stoep!  
**Richard Sykes, WS 1954-64**



Our steeply sloping garden in Matlock Bath  
**Martin Kirby-Sykes, WS 1962-68**



## Forthcoming Events

### OWA President's Dinner

**Saturday 13 April 2024**

**The Indian Army Memorial Room**

**at the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst**

OWA President Brig James Cook OBE (WS 1982-89) invites Old Warwickians and their spouses/partners to join him in the Indian Army Memorial Room at RMA Sandhurst on Saturday 13 April 2024.

The Indian Army Memorial Room (IAMR) was initially dedicated as a museum in 1950 to preserve the history of the British Indian Army. After the Indian Independence Act was passed and the British Indian Army disbanded in 1947, there was a call to preserve its heritage. Since its inception, the IAMR has also been a focal point for cadets at the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst, upon both arrival and commission. The significance of the shared history between Great Britain and South Asia remains of great importance to their training, as well as their understanding of the role of the British Army today. Recently refurbished, the National Army Museum has reinvigorated the historic Indian Army Memorial Room with a new commemorative display with many previously unseen items from its collection.

#### Timings

- 18:00** Meet on the steps of Old College for a President's tour of RMA Sandhurst
- 19:00** Welcome drinks and a chance to explore the Indian Army Memorial Room
- 19:30** Three-course dinner in the Indian Army Memorial Room. After dinner guests may retire to RMAS's Johnson's Bar and order any additional drinks on a cash basis.
- 23:00** Bar closes and carriages.

#### Tickets and booking

Last chance to book for this unique occasion. £80 per person to include pre-dinner drinks, a three-course dinner with coffee and up to three glasses of wine per person.

**Book now on [www.oldwarwickians.org/2024PresDin](http://www.oldwarwickians.org/2024PresDin)**

**Booking deadline:** Monday 25 March.



**Dress:** Black tie.

#### Cancellations

Tickets are for named individuals only and are strictly non-transferable. No tickets are refundable after the booking deadline unless we are able to reallocate them.

#### Security, travel and parking

All attendees will need to bring photo ID to enter RMA Sandhurst. If you are travelling by car, you will need to provide your car registration to Alumni Relations before the event. Access to RMAS is via the main 'Staff College' gate only, this is on the A30 opposite the Premier Inn, nearest postcode GU15 3PL.

Car passes will be issued on arrival. Parking will be in Old College HQ Car Park. If you are travelling by taxi, please note only RMAS security cleared taxi firms are allowed into the grounds. We will provide a list of these companies when confirming your booking.



#### OWA President 2024

### Brig James Cook OBE (WS 1982-89)

James Cook was commissioned into the Royal Regiment of Artillery in 1995. Having spent most of his regimental duty in 29 Commando Regiment he commanded 105th Regiment Royal Artillery. Currently a Brigadier in the Army HQ, he is the head of personnel strategy. Outside of uniform life, he is the Chair of Army Rugby, a rugby referee, and a Board Member of the RFU.

In his spare time, James is Chair of Governors of John Hanson School in Andover and a keen road cyclist. James was appointed OBE for services to Army sports in 2016 and gained his Ph.D. from King's College London in 2020 on military transformation in the First World War.

James feels his successes in life are predominately down to the foundation Warwick School gave him, the excellence of the faculty, and the friends he made playing rugby. As such, he is delighted and proud to be the 2024 President of the OWA.



2024 OWA President Brig James Cook OBE

## OW Anniversary Reunions 1964, 69, 74, 84, 94, 2004 and 2014 Leavers

Saturday 8 June 2024 – Warwick School

200 OWs are already signed up for the Anniversary Reunions on Saturday 8 June. 1964, 69, 74, 84, 94, 2004 and 2014 leavers are warmly invited back to Warwick School for a relaxed and informal afternoon. Meet back at school for drinks, a welcome from the Head Master, tours of the school and complimentary refreshments. There will be a card bar.

**Time:** 14:00-17:30

**Venue:** Warwick Hall (formerly Guy Nelson Hall)

**Dress:** Casual.

These anniversary reunions are for those who left at the end of the U6 in those years, plus classmates who left earlier.

While there is no charge to attend, please register in advance on [www.oldwarwickians.org/2024reunions](http://www.oldwarwickians.org/2024reunions).



## Wessex Old Warwickians

Winchester – Thursday 14 March 2024

Thirty OWs and guests are booked to attend the next WOW gathering with a tour of Winchester Cathedral followed by lunch at The Wykeham Arms.



*The Wykeham Arms*



*Winchester Cathedral*  
© Robin Creative Media

## OW Lunch and CCF Corps of Drums

Saturday 6 July 2024 – Warwick School

On the last day of our Arts Festival 'Home', OWs and their spouses, partners and friends are warmly invited to enjoy an informal buffet lunch in the Pyne Room followed by a performance of the re-established CCF Corps of Drums.

The Corps of Drums was generously funded by a number of Old Warwickians who fondly remember their time in the CCF Band. This will also be the last day and climax of our month-long Music, Drama and Arts Festival at Warwick Schools Foundation, so there will be drama and musical performances to pop in and enjoy, art exhibitions to explore and, weather permitting, a special cricket match.

### Timings

**12:00** Welcome drinks in the Pyne Room

**12:30** Buffet lunch

**14:00** See and hear the new Corps of Drums in action.

**Dress:** Casual.

### Tickets and booking

£25 for a two-course buffet lunch with a glass of wine, beer or non-alcoholic alternative. Spouses, partners and friends most welcome.

Book now on [www.oldwarwickians.org/2024drums](http://www.oldwarwickians.org/2024drums)

**Booking deadline:** 6 June 2024.

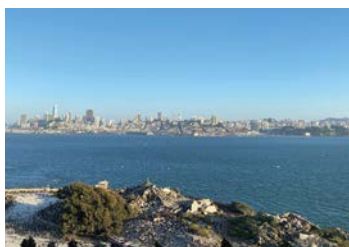


*The new drums and bugles*

## OWs in California

Los Angeles – Saturday 23 March 2024  
San Francisco – Sunday 24 March 2024

Head Master James Barker (WS 1991-97) is looking forward to meeting up with some of over thirty OWs living in California. OW Brunches in Los Angeles and San Francisco are being organised with the kind support of Peter Corcoran (WS 1987-92) and Matt Baker (WS 1988-93).



*San Francisco*

### Still time to book

If you'd like to join either brunch please email Susie Carr on [s.l.carr@warwickschools.co.uk](mailto:s.l.carr@warwickschools.co.uk). The Warwick School team also has some availability on the Friday and Monday if you can't make the group brunch but would still like to hear more about our plans to develop our community of OWs in California.



## Recent Events

### OWA Annual Dinner

2 December 2023 – The Pyne Room, Warwick School

It was great to welcome so many OWs from different decades to the OWA Annual Dinner, which was held in the Pyne Room.

#### New Annual Dinner date for 2024 – Saturday 7 September

In 2024 we are breaking with tradition and moving the OWA Annual Dinner from the first Saturday in December to Saturday 7 September. We hope this will give some of our younger OWs, who are generally away at university early December, the chance to come along. The AGM will still be held the first week in December.



Dinner in the Pyne Room



2003 Leavers: Tom Hamnett, Michael Cheung, Sandip Dhillon, Paul O'Grady, Nick Grey, Hugo Doyle, Loz Foster, Tim Jacques and WS Staff Jon Stone.  
Front: Owen James, Simon Doherty



Will Morris, Bruce Irving, John Rowe, Brian Schwieger, John McCulloch and Matthew Bevan



Chris Davis, Pete Jarvis, Jack Thornton and Nigel Harris. We are very sad to report that Pete passed away at the end of December



WS students Edlin and Monty, Professor Mike Benfield and WS students Thomas and Noah



Gervald Frykman, Eric Hadley, Mike Bartlett and OWA President James Cook OBE



Guy and Roy Dixon



Robert Hudson and Ed Leaf



Chris Hunt, Sam Button, Jim Button and WS student Oliver



Martin Green, WS student James and Head Master James Barker

### OWA AGM

2 December 2023 – Conference Room, Warwick School

The 2023 AGM took place in the Conference Room at Warwick School on 2 December. Reports were received from the Chairman, Head Master and Alumni Relations Officer. Sincere thanks were extended to 2023 President Jim Button and to the many OWs who support the school in so many ways.

#### OWA Committee 2024

President – Brig James Cook OBE (WS 1982-89)  
Chairman – Steve Tubbs (WS 1971-82)  
Treasurer – Arun Sachdev (WS 1991-2002)  
Head Master – James Barker (WS 1991-97)  
Secretary – Anne Douglas.

The committee proposed to retain the option to co-opt members and Adrian Keeling KC (WS 1975-85), Jim Button (WS 1978-85) and Owen James (WS 1993-2003) were co-opted for 2024.

#### President Elect 2024 (to serve as President 2025)

The AGM appointed Jamie Barr (WS 1971-78) as President Elect 2024 (to serve as President 2025).



# OWs in Hong Kong

24 September 2023

Warwick School Head Master James Barker and Foundation Head of Boarding David Bull were delighted to meet up with twenty OWs living and working in Hong Kong. The Indian Recreation Club was a perfect venue for a relaxed evening with good company, food and drinks.

Special thanks to Bob Chapman (WS 1997-2004) for all the arrangements and to Sarah, Rachael and Tayma who joined us from King's High and The Kingsley School – part of our wider Warwick Schools Foundation.



*The Indian Recreation Club*



*Harry Choi, Timmy Wong and Kenneth Haychee Wan*



*L-r: David Bull, Aaron Fung, Jordan Yim, Samuel Cheung, Bryan Ho Chan, Alaric Chan, James Barker, Anthony Lau, Stephen Law, Sarah Didlick, Rachael Desgouttes, Tayma Page Allies, Rich and Lara Wilson, Yasmin and Bob Chapman, Harry Choi, Timmy Wong, Kenneth Haychee Wan, Patrick Fong*



*Samuel Cheung, Bryan Chan and Alaric Chan*



## September 2024

Another gathering of OWs in Hong Kong will take place this September – date and venue tbc soon!



Ralph was a deeply loved member of the Warwick School and Old Warwickian community. He was an exceptional teacher and taught mathematics at Warwick for over 40 years. He was a Form Master and House Master, became Head of Department in 1963 and Second Master from 1980. Ralph dedicated years of service and a massive part of his life to Warwick School and the Old Warwickian Association. He had a positive impact on the lives of generations of boys in the classroom, on the sports field and in almost every aspect of school life.



1961



Retirement © CFT

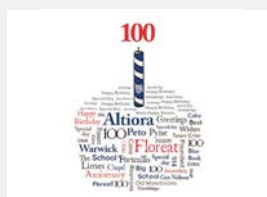
Tuesday 30 April 2024

We hope many OWs will come to the Service on 30 April. There will be a reception after the service, details of which will be confirmed in due course. In order to help with reception arrangements it would be very helpful if you would email Anne Douglas on [a.douglas@warwicksschool.org](mailto:a.douglas@warwicksschool.org) if you are intending to come.

**Michael Billington OBE, WS 1949-57**



*Happy 100th with Nigel Robinson, Kate Bailey, Lynn and Tony Sparks  
and Martin Green*



*The Head Master visited Ralph on his 100th Birthday*



# The Thornton and Heaton Podcasts

## The Thornton Podcast

[www.oldwarwickians.org/thorntonpodcast](http://www.oldwarwickians.org/thorntonpodcast)

The Thornton Podcast is a wonderful new series, exploring the personalities and memorable moments of teachers at Warwick School. In this new podcast series Mathematics teacher and Head of Tudor House Ed Leaf meets with different teachers, past and present, who are widely held in great esteem and who offer some fascinating insights into their careers and experiences at Warwick School.

The Thornton Podcast is named after Ralph Thornton who passed away in January 2024. Ed had planned to interview Ralph as part of the podcast series and, before his death, Ralph gave his blessing to name the podcast after him and he was looking forward to being interviewed. The first episode was recorded before Ralph's death. Ed hopes to produce a special edition of this podcast in the future about Ralph, with some of his former colleagues. Other podcasts in the pipeline include further members of teaching staff and conversations with OWs from different decades.



### Series 1, Episode 1

John Jefferies, WS Staff 1995-

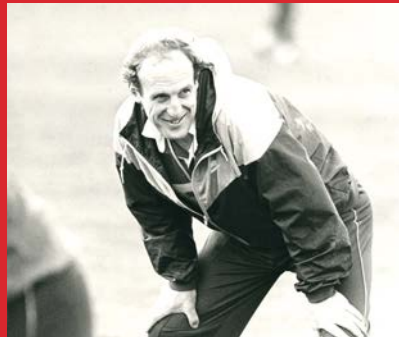
JJ talks about his deep love of history and politics with special insights on some of his 'Encounters' and what makes a great teacher.



### Series 1, Episode 2

Martin Green, WS Staff 1970-2005

Martin reflects on his 35 years as a teacher at Warwick School and the establishment of Economics as a Sixth Form subject, whilst simultaneously following a rugby coaching career.



### Series 1, Episode 3

Robert Hudson, WS 1972-2017

Coming soon!



## The Heaton Podcast

<https://theheatonpodcast.buzzsprout.com>

### Heaton Podcast



The Heaton Podcast has been going for over two years. Listen to discussions of History and Politics from Warwick School teachers John Jefferies and Oliver O'Brien.

Choose from over 65 episodes, many with a number of special guests, on subjects ranging from Gettysburg, Richard III and Margaret Thatcher to 'The Impossible Office? With Sir Anthony Seldon', 'Simon Weston and the Falklands War' and 'War in America: Boston, New York and the Declaration of Independence'.

The Heaton Podcast is named after Robert Heaton, WS Staff 1953-80. Historian and a "good man".



War in America.  
Boston, New York  
and the Declaration  
of Independence  
5 February 2024



Road to Revolution –  
The Boston Tea Party  
19 January 2024



Winston Churchill  
with Professor David  
Reynolds  
15 January 2024



JJ on Henry Kissinger  
1 January 2024



## OW Coffee Morning and Warwick School Archives

Saturday 13 January 2024

Many Warwick School archives not normally on display were brought out for the first Coffee Morning of the New Year. The Warwick School Museum was also opened. OWs enjoyed discovering some of the many documents, photos and artefacts held by the school. The coffee and bacon butties were also much appreciated.



*Catching up on old times*



*The School Museum in The Porculus Room*



*David Stevens*



*Simon French and Jeremy Snood were delighted to see Tony Sparks*



*Richard Hassan, Nigel Harris and Chris Davis*



*John Varnish, Ian Thorpe and Mike Smith*

## Wessex Old Warwickians – Marlborough

Friday 6 October 2023

The gatherings of Wessex Old Warwickians are becoming well established. Since the first gathering in 2019 (a BBQ kindly hosted by Mike Huntley CB, WS 1962-69), Wessex OWs have enjoyed some great lunches at The Forester Pub in Donhead St Andrew, the Plume of Feathers in Sherborne (with a visit to the Abbey) and Sarum College in Salisbury (with a visit to the Cathedral).

Nick Fogg (WS 1952-59), third-time Mayor of Marlborough, kindly hosted a reception at Marlborough Town Hall for the fifth gathering of Wessex Old Warwickians. WOWs enjoyed a fascinating insight into the town before heading to Stein's for a fabulous lunch.

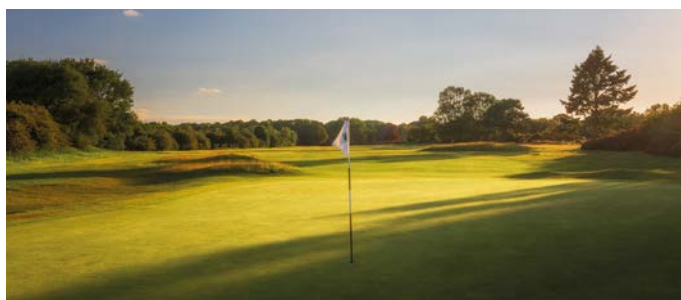
The next gathering of Wessex OWs is on Thurs 14 March in Winchester.





# OW Sport

## OW Spring Golf Meeting



Tadmarton Heath GC

The well-established OW Golf Society offers great opportunities for friendship, camaraderie and golf. Opportunities this year:

### Grafton Morrish Qualifier

Olton GC

Saturday 11 May

### OW Spring Golf Day

Tadmarton Heath GC

Tuesday 21 May

### OWs vs School

Leamington & County GC

Friday 28 June, 17:00

If you would like to play please contact Hon Sec Julian Marcus on [arkvets@hotmail.com](mailto:arkvets@hotmail.com).

Regulars and newcomers equally very welcome.

### OW Autumn Golf Day

Stratford on Avon GC

Friday 20 September

### GM Finals

Hunstanton/Brancaster GC

26-29 September

## OW Cross Country

A team of five OWs – Will Cherry (U20M), Martin Garrett (M65), Oli Johnson (U20M), Matt Packer (M35) and Tom Preston (M45) ran in the five-mile Thames Hare and Hounds Cross Country Race over Wimbledon Common.

This annual race is scheduled for **Saturday 14 September 2024**.

Please consider and get in touch if you'd like to run as part of the OW team. We may enter a team of unlimited numbers.

Email Anne Douglas on [a.douglas@warwickschool.org](mailto:a.douglas@warwickschool.org).



And they're off!



Will Cherry, Martin Garrett, Oli Johnson, Matt Packer and Tom Preston

## OW Rugby 7s

The Old Warwickian 7s, set up in 2022, had a second successful season in 2023, with OWs loving playing and competing in the Warwick blue and white. Now well established, the players enjoy connecting, competing and creating new memories. Huge thanks to Tom MacDonald (WS 2013-18) for his enthusiasm and commitment in setting up the squad. Looking ahead to the 2024 season, sponsorship is a big priority, especially for kit, tournament fees and a gazebo. Please contact Tom on [tom.m@puresport.co](mailto:tom.m@puresport.co) if you might be able to support.



## Warwick School Supporters Waterproof Coat

A new Warwick School fully waterproof Drybones coat is now available to order. Keep warm and dry on the sidelines! This is an initiative from the Parents Association of Warwick School (PAWS) and a percentage of sales supports fundraising for the school. OWs can order online via a secure link and the coat will be sent directly to any address, including overseas.

<https://wearedrybones.co.uk/drybones-corporate/>  
Password: PAWS24



## OW Cricket

There are plans for an OW cricket match on Saturday 6 July on the final day of the Foundation Festival. If you would like to play OW cricket please contact, in the first instance, [a.douglas@warwickschool.org](mailto:a.douglas@warwickschool.org).



## OW News

## Sir Stephen Lovegrove KCB awarded GCMG

Sir Stephen Lovegrove KCB (WS 1978-95) has been appointed as a Knight Grand Cross in the Order of Saint Michael and Saint George (GCMG) for services to National Security.

Stephen was the UK Government's National Security Adviser until September 2022, previously serving as the Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Defence. He has held several senior roles across Whitehall, including Permanent Secretary for the Department for Energy and Climate Change, CEO of the Shareholder Executive (now UKGI), and was the UK Government's representative on the Board of the London Organising Committee of the Olympic Games and Paralympic Games.

One of Stephen's new roles is becoming Chair of Rolls-Royce SMR on 1 January. He is also a Carnegie Distinguished Visiting Fellow at Columbia University.



Stephen pictured when he returned to Warwick School in 2021

## Shillcock shines in win for Tigers



Jamie Shillcock (WS 2004-15)

Six penalties and a conversion from fly-half Jamie Shillcock (WS 2004-15) secured a fantastic win for Leicester Tigers in their match against his old club Bath. The match went down to the wire until, with the clock on red, Jamie held his nerve with a decisive penalty kick and secured a 25-24 win for Tigers.

Jamie made his senior debut for Worcester Warriors as a 17-year-old while studying for his A levels and made almost 100 appearances for the club before a short stint with Bath Rugby in 2022 and then a move to Mitsubishi DynaBoars in Japan.

## England cap for Fin Smith



England days



School days

It was wonderful to see Fin Smith (WS 2013-20) earn his first England cap in the Six Nations. Fin made his Premiership debut for Worcester in 2021 as an 18-year-old before becoming a regular starter in the team during the 2021-22 season. He joined Northampton Saints in October 2022 on a multi-year deal after Warriors went out of business.

Fin also features on a new documentary about Premiership Rugby for Amazon Prime.

Fin follows in the footsteps of other OWs who have gained international rugby caps. Tim Dalton (WS 1952-59) gained a full England cap in 1969 when he was on the winning side against Scotland at Twickenham. Marko Stanojevic (WS 1991-98) represented Italy in the 2007 RWC and 2009 Rugby Sevens Cup. Charlie Hayter (WS 2000-07) made his Commonwealth Games debut in Glasgow in 2014 before going on to represent England in 30 HSBC World Rugby Sevens Series rounds over five years.

Many OWs will also remember WS former staff Roger Hosen who played at full back for both England and the British Lions in the late 1960s.

## Fair Play

*Fair Play*, the latest film from producer and director Leopold Hughes (WS 1999-2006) debuted to rave reviews at the Sundance Film Festival and sold to Netflix for \$20 million. *Fair Play*'s trailer begins on a happy note as a young couple explore their relationship which they're forced to keep secret from co-workers. A drastic change at work has dire consequences, shifting the dynamics and altering their personal lives. Alden Ehrenreich (*Oppenheimer*) and Phoebe Dynevor (*Bridgerton*) play the couple in the complicated, destructive relationship.

Leo is also known for *Knives Out* (2019), *Glass Onion: A Knives Out Mystery* (2022) and *Mission Impossible – Rogue Nation* (2015).



Leo Hughes (right) with fellow producer Ben LeClair at The Toronto International Film Festival



## Oxbridge OWs

Thank you to the 17 Oxbridge OWs and King's High alumnae who returned to pass on their advice to a large group of sixth formers from WS, KHS and Myton who hope to follow in their footsteps. There was a mixture of talks from staff, panels of undergraduates and considerable scope for individual conversations. Subjects represented ranged from English to Engineering and from Materials Science to Modern Languages. A number of OWs at Oxford also enjoyed a meet-up to coincide with the visit of the Warwick School Chapel Choir who sang Evensong at Exeter College.



*Paul Cooley, Peter Walker, Andrew Tinkler, Ben Pollock and Bertie Williams*

## Honorary Doctorate

Professor Paul Dupree (WS 1976-84), Head of plant cell wall synthesis and function in the Dept of Biochemistry at the University of Cambridge, has been awarded an honorary doctorate by the University of Copenhagen. Paul is also on the Selection Committee for The Marcus Wallenberg Prize, encouraging scientific research in the forest industry.

## Channel to the Med



*Celebrating arrival in Nice*

Chris Atkins (WS 1967-74), Toby Beaufoy (WS 1963-74) and Alan Mordue (WS 1967-74) completed the 883 mile *Channel to the Med* cycling tour over 14 days in September 2023. Enduring extreme heat (as high as 35 degrees some days), the trio enjoyed spectacular scenery, fine wines and great company.

## Ben unlocks more magic

Warwick School Maths and English departments were impressed to see Ben Hanlin (WS 1999-2004) weave his amazing magic as special guest on five episodes of Countdown in October. If you are planning any events/conferences that need some great and/or magical entertainment or a host, please contact Ben via [www.benhanlin.com](http://www.benhanlin.com).



*Ben Hanlin on Countdown*

## TattOWs



*Harry Hunt (WS 2010-17)*

Harry Hunt (WS 2010-17) has always enjoyed and had a talent for art. His main passion for the subject came when he studied to A level with James Ramsay and David Snatt, as he was able to find his own style and experiment with what he enjoyed.

Since 2019 Harry has trained and worked as a tattoo artist, in Studley, Warwickshire, creating amazing and varied original works of art from fine-line black and grey realism to full back pieces. A tattoo can take anything from one to nine hours and Harry particularly loves creating meaningful and unique pieces of art inspired by specific client stories and ideas. He has been especially pleased to create original tattoos for friends and fellow OWs as well as James Ramsay himself.

Harry has recently moved to a new premises in the heart of Stratford-upon-Avon, which he co-owns with two of his colleagues from Studley. See a selection of Harry's artwork on his Instagram [@harryhunttattoo](https://www.instagram.com/harryhunttattoo) or [www.electricgardenstratford.co.uk](http://www.electricgardenstratford.co.uk) or contact Harry directly on Instagram or email: [harryhuntart@gmail.com](mailto:harryhuntart@gmail.com) if you're interested in having a tattoo.



## 1981 leavers' meet-up

1981 leavers Tom Lewthwaite, Chris Leech, Martin Hill, Adrian Hartley and Mike Shorthose (not pictured) enjoyed another meet-up at the Roebuck before watching WS 1st XV taking on Northampton in November.



Tom Lewthwaite, Chris Leech, Martin Hill and Adrian Hartley

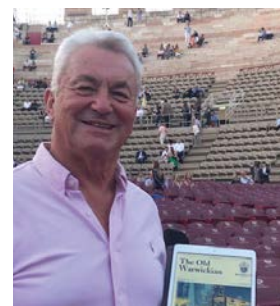
## Recalcitrant Verse: Nothing is quite what it seems

Throughout his life Tony Josolyne (WS 1947-53) has written poetry. While his career often included writing (usually at a technical level), his poetry has never been previously published. Tony is pleased to share his first book of poems, *Recalcitrant Verse: Nothing is quite what it seems*, published in January 2024 and available from Amazon.



## Our man in Verona

Early as usual, Ed Halse (WS Head Master 2002-13) enjoyed reading the previous edition of The Old Warwickian while waiting for the centenary celebrations of live opera at the Arena in Verona. Ed reports that Tosca, with Anna Pirozzi and Freddie De Tommaso, was excellent in every way!



Ed Halse

## An Encounter with Artificial Intelligence



Peter Varnish delivers his Encounter with AI

Prof Peter Varnish OBE (WS 1954-65 and OWA President 2020 and 2022) returned to school in February to deliver an amazing Encounter on Artificial Intelligence and its economic, social and security implications.

## OWRFC Reunion Lunch

OW rugby legends from the 1960s and 70s gathered at Coventry RFC on 18 November for their annual reunion lunch and match.



Clockwise from bottom left: Paul Scott-Lee, Pat Wing, Robin Aird, Gez Rance, Clive Mason OW, Rob Kay OW, Phil Lowe, Bill Worrall, Chris Lowe and Paul Hirst OW



Clockwise from bottom left: Mike Smith OW, Peter Bonehill, Charlie Horsfall, Tony Reszka, Paul Williams OW, Richard Grindal, John Elson OW (standing), John Hill OW, David Stevens OW and Roy Dixon OW

## Blue plaque for Fred Mulley

Former Labour Party politician, barrister-at-law and economist Fred Mulley (WS 1929-36 and OWA President 1969) has been honoured with a Blue Plaque on the site of his childhood home in Clemens Street, Leamington.



WS students proudly wearing their Mulley ties

Fred (The Rt Hon the Lord Mulley) had a long career in politics including serving as Secretary of State for Education and Science in 1975 and Secretary of State for Defence in 1976.

The Mulley Award is now well-established at Warwick School. Those pupils whose academic work far exceeds the requirements of A Level are awarded the Mulley tie. For exceptional intellectual endeavour and achievement, a Mulley bow tie may be awarded. A Mini Mulley has also recently been introduced in the Upper School, recognising commitment beyond the scope of GCSE.

James Barker, Head Master, commented: "We were delighted to welcome Fred's daughter, Corrine, at the official unveiling of the plaque and we are honoured that she has since given a donation to found the Mulley Scholarship in memory of her father. We know many lives were touched by Fred's exceptional generosity and encouragement and it is fitting that stars of the future, who might not have the means to access a Warwick education themselves, will be supported in his name for generations to come." Anyone who would like to find out more about adding their support to the Scholarship, please contact Susie Carr at [sl.carr@warrickschools.co.uk](mailto:sl.carr@warrickschools.co.uk).



## Still running for England

Former WS Cross Country Captain Peter Knight (WS 1968-79) continues to enjoy his running and competing and is still turning out to represent England. Most recently, Peter competed in the British and Irish Masters Cross Country International Race in Glasgow, where he helped England take the team gold medal with fourth place in the Masters Mens 60 category.



Peter Knight (WS 1968-79)

Since 1983 Peter has been farming on the coast of the Alentejo region of Portugal, growing turf grass for all the major football stadia of Europe and exporting vegetables to Northern European supermarkets. Four children, tennis, sailing, surfing, mountain biking, running and the local choir keeps him busy. Peter's latest project is to try and corner the European market for baby carrots!

## Race equality and allyship

Neil Sanyal (WS 1971-78) dedicated his 33-year social work career to fighting racial discrimination and injustice. The Head Master was pleased to welcome Neil back to Warwick School in the autumn and to hear about his experiences. Neil spoke with staff and current students about discrimination and his work on race equality and allyship and he returns again next term to support our Inset training.



Neil Sanyal

## And what's he then, that says I play the villain?



Ken Nwosu and Ralph Davis in Othello ©Johan Persson

Ralph Davis (WS 2003-14) "makes for a strong Iago, compelling in his ordinariness" (The Guardian) in Othello at the Sam Wanamaker Playhouse. [www.Londontheatre.co.uk](http://www.Londontheatre.co.uk) says "As that 'demi-devil' Iago, an impressive Ralph Davis – a recent Benedick outdoors at the Globe – offers a fast-talking, laptop-wielding malcontent ensnared in a boozy, blokeish culture that sweeps up everyone, regardless of class". Othello plays to 13 April.

## Portcullis Coffee Mornings



The Portcullis Coffee Mornings

The Portcullis Coffee Mornings, in the Old Fourpenny Shop Hotel in Warwick, offer many OWs who used to enjoy the Portcullis Club, opportunities to gather again over a pint or cuppa. All welcome. For dates and times sign up to the excellent 1960s emails from Nigel Robinson – [nigel@rcomms.co.uk](mailto:nigel@rcomms.co.uk).

The next Portcullis Coffee Morning is on Saturday 30 March at 11.00 in the Old Fourpenny Shop Hotel, Warwick

## OW Book Groups



The two OW Book Groups continue to meet online.

If anyone would like to join a newly-formed Warwick Schools Foundation European Book Group, which focuses on non-English literature (read in translation) please email Anne Douglas on [a.douglas@warwickschool.org](mailto:a.douglas@warwickschool.org).

## Boarding bursaries

Some OWs choose to leave a legacy to help future generations of Warwick students. Thanks to recent support we are delighted that we have been able to endow a number of means-tested 'boarding bursaries' to give talented youngsters access to a Warwick education from anywhere in the world, irrespective of background or circumstances. If you'd like to find out more about leaving a legacy, please get in touch with Emily Gladman at [e.gladman@warwickschools.co.uk](mailto:e.gladman@warwickschools.co.uk).



## Welcome back

Ben Doyle (WS 1986-97) returned to Warwick School to show his young family where he went to school and also where he studied Economics alongside WS Head Master James Barker.

A few days after meeting up with fellow OWs at the annual gathering in Hong Kong, Kenneth Wan (WS 2008-10) travelled to the UK and revisited school in person. Ken was especially pleased to bump into former Boarding House Parent Mike Perry.

Jacob Lee (WS 2016-21) was hugely disappointed to miss his U6 Graduation in 2021 because of Covid. He finally returned to Warwick School in November 2023 to say his proper goodbyes and to thank many of his teachers and boarding house staff who made Warwick his home for so many years.

Spencer Jones (WS 1982-89), living in Spain, showed his two children round the school while visiting the UK over the New Year.

Ben Doyle (WS 1986-97)



Kenneth Wan (WS 2008-10)



Spencer Jones (WS 1982-89)



Jacob Lee with Dir of Cricket Simon Francis



## Politics Joe

Our final Encounters speaker of 2023, Oli Dugmore (WS 2002-12) aka Politics Joe, joined John Jefferies and Olly O'Brien for an episode of The Heaton Podcast. Oli, Olly and JJ explored (among other things) the role of social media and its impact on the world today. Listen at <https://theheatonpodcast.buzzsprout.com/>

## Greener, more sustainable plastic manufacturing

Kiron Phillips (WS 2006-12), Head of Sales and Marketing at Great Central Plastics, is pleased to share news of BDP® Technology which is setting new standards for sustainable injection moulding, paving the way for a greener, more sustainable future in the realm of plastic manufacturing. Kiron says "In the realm of modern manufacturing, where sustainability intertwines with innovation, Great Central Plastics is a pioneer in the adoption of cutting-edge technologies within injection moulding". Read more at [www.greatcentralplastics.com/posts/bdp-technology-sustainable-manufacturing](http://www.greatcentralplastics.com/posts/bdp-technology-sustainable-manufacturing)

## OWs in Lille

The Cook family met up in Lille in October to watch England scrape past Samoa in the Rugby World Cup. Jon (WS 1971-76), his son Rory (WS 1997-2006) and Jon's brother Al (WS 1972-79) watched England dig deep for an 18-17 victory.



Jon, Rory and Al Cook

## Three Wise Men

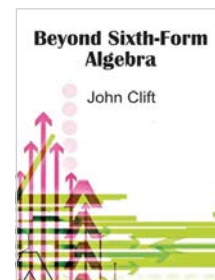
As one might imagine, the sound of laughter was never far from a table in the corner of The Peacock Inn, Oxhill, on the occasion of a reunion of three former members of staff – Brian Emmerson, Martin Green and Tim Hoyle – for a pre-Christmas lunch. Stories official, unofficial, and some occasionally outrageous, were recalled by the trio, all reflecting on some very happy times at Warwick School.



Tim Hoyle, Martin Green and Brian Emmerson

## Beyond Sixth-Form Algebra

John Clift (WS Staff 1978-2011) has recently published *Beyond Sixth-Form Algebra*, detailing nine investigations into Algebra topics normally relegated to university courses, but written in a way that should be comprehensible to a Sixth-Form mathematician motivated to find out more about the subject. Areas featured include cubic equations, modular arithmetic, permutation groups, the Euclidean algorithm, determinants, quaternions and cryptography.



## Did you see?

Special thanks to Eric Hadley (WS staff 1990-2011 and 2013-) who is brilliant at spotting OW news.

After two years working in the Political Team at the Tony Blair Institute for Global Change (heading the research team) 2004 leaver Daniel Sleat is frequently in the media in his role focussing on geopolitics as Senior Policy Advisor for Europe and Global Trends.

Maanuv Thiara (WS 2001-12) returned as DI Amar Batra in the second season of the ITV drama Trigger Point.

Marc Elliott (WS 1991-98) appeared in Juice, BBC1, September 2023.

James Bliss (WS 2007-14), Conservation Manager at the Lowther Estate, was spotted on Countryfile.

Joshua McGuire (WS 1999-06) plays conman Sticky Pete in Guy Ritchie's The Gentlemen on Netflix.



## Three Peaks Challenge

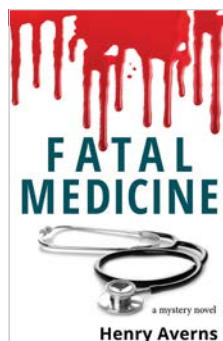


The Finish Line

2020 leavers and close friends Charlie Perkins, Freddie Quelch, Freddie Herd, Alex Harrold and Ben Richards faced all weathers to complete the Three Peaks Challenge in just under 24 hours (23 hours and 53 minutes) to raise £7,000 for the South Warwickshire Foundation Trust.

## Fatal Medicine

Dr Henry Avern (WS 1972-83) has just published his first novel. *Fatal Medicine* is a black comedy medical murder mystery about a man whose wife thinks he is a misanthropist, although he denies it and says he just dislikes most people. Out now on Amazon.



## OWs in the Armed Forces

Five OWs currently serving in the Armed Forces kindly returned to Warwick School to offer students special insights into varied career paths into the military. Big thanks to Maj Elliot Shale (WS 1996-2001), Maj Chris Cathcart (WS 2000-07), Surg Lt Cdr Adam Griffiths (WS 1996-2001) serving with the Royal Navy, Flt Lt Matt Jackson (WS 1997-2008) serving with the RAF and Jack Hazel (WS 2010-17) serving with 40 Commando Royal Marines.



WS CCF CSM Will with OWs in the Armed Forces

## OddBalls Ambassador

Will Callan (WS 2004-21) returned to Warwick School in November to deliver an excellent assembly to the Lower Sixth. Will, in his final year at Nottingham University, volunteers as an Ambassador for The OddBalls Foundation, raising awareness of testicular cancer – one of the most common forms of cancer in young men aged 15-49.



Will Callan (WS 2004-21) – Oddballs Ambassador

## Birmingham Bash

There was another excellent Birmingham Bash for OWs from the 1960s. Drinks at The Old Joint Stock were followed by a good meal at San Carlo.

The next Birmingham Bash is scheduled for Thursday 26 September.

Please email Clive Boast on [cliveboast@gmail.com](mailto:cliveboast@gmail.com) if you're interested and would like details.



Clive Boast, Martin Newman, Ian Thorpe, Richard Gething, John Davidson, Steve Chamberlain, Paul Corser, John Hill, Nigel Robinson (hidden!), Brian Newman, Peter Baird, Malcolm Eykyn and Nick Willson

## Kissing It Better

Students from Warwick School, working with charity Kissing It Better, were pleased to come across Roger Elson (WS 1949-55) on one of their recent hospital visits and discover their Warwick School connection. A great sportsman and swimmer, Roger enjoyed chatting to the boys and sharing some of his recollections – including swimming in the outdoor pool.



WS students with Roger Elson



# The CCF and CCF Corps of Drums

## Yesterday's CCF



1931 General Inspection – The Band



1955



Mid 1960s Church Parade



1980s

## Today's CCF

Today's Combined Cadet Force numbers over 300! The CCF is a voluntary afternoon activity open to pupils in Year 9 and above. The over-riding aim of training in the CCF is to develop leadership, teamwork, initiative and self-reliance which helps the pupils become more confident and independent.

Our CCF comprises Army and RAF sections. Each section carries out its own training and has specific camps, but there are lots of joint activities that are open to both sections. OWs may well remember Adventurous Training in the Lake District, competitions, and exercises at local military bases. We also have our own rifle range that can be used after school!



2023 Remembrance Parade

## CCF Corps of Drums

Generously funded by Old Warwickians and the Reserve Forces and Cadets Association, we were delighted to take delivery of a number of drums, bugles and musical instruments for our re-established CCF Corps of Drums. The new Corps of Drums will be under the charge of our newly appointed CCF Contingent Commander Chris Grant (himself an OW) and practices have begun. Booking requests are already coming in!



Instruments arrive



First band practice

## Tomorrow's CCF

Today's CCF is so popular that we have outgrown our current premises. Exciting plans are afoot to raise the funds needed to refurbish our CCF facilities so we can accommodate everyone. If you would like to find out how you can help, please contact Susie Carr, our Director of Philanthropy, on [sl.carr@warwickschools.co.uk](mailto:sl.carr@warwickschools.co.uk)

## OW Lunch and chance to see the CCF Corps of Drums

On Saturday 6 July, the last day of our Arts Festival 'Home', OWs and their spouses, partners and friends are warmly invited to enjoy an informal buffet lunch in the Pyne Room followed by a performance of the re-established CCF Corps of Drums.

See [www.oldwarwickians.org/2024drums](http://www.oldwarwickians.org/2024drums) for more details and to book your place.



# Warwick School News

Warwick School's holistic vision of an education that does far more than simply prepare young people to pass exams, is reflected in the depth and breadth of opportunities offered to our students. The Michaelmas and Lent terms have been a time of remarkable achievement and memorable moments. We reflect on just a few here.

## Dan Robertson, Director of Music

The start of 2024 has been overshadowed by the passing of Warwick School's amazing Director of Music, Dan Robertson. Dan's death has been deeply felt by many students, colleagues and OWs. His legacy is visible in a huge number of ways at Warwick School – not least his heroic leadership of our Year 7-9 wind band Supertronics. Never before had we seen a band of 80 boys performing in superhero masks, or their conductor wearing a cape and conducting with a light saber.

For Dan's Memorial the school assembled a wind band to rival all others – the Ultratronics. This gigantic wind band performed Jurassic Park and The Incredibles, two pieces that sum up Dan's musical loves and go at least some way to representing his musical contributions to our schools.



## Christmas Cracker

One of the most joyful events of the Michaelmas term was the now legendary Christmas Cracker, an evening of superb musicianship featuring 21 different musical ensembles.



## Pro Corda

We are thrilled to have no fewer than seven groups of students through to the Pro Corda Semi Finals! The Pro Corda Festival is the only national festival to exclusively promote and celebrate chamber music within schools, and gives pupils the opportunities to play for, and meet, like-minded musicians from across the country.



## Carol Service at St Mary's

It was wonderful to see so many OWs at St Mary's for the annual Carol Service. Thank you for joining us!



## Warwick School and King's High School CCF

There are now more than 300 Army and RAF cadets in the CCF, learning and enjoying a range of activities, skills, events and adventures.



Contingent Commander  
Chris Grant (WS 1996-  
2003 and WS Staff 2011-)



## Artsmark Platinum Award

The Arts Council for England has recognised Warwick School's commitment to the arts with the Artsmark Platinum Award.



*The Great Gatsby 2023*

## WJS – Oxford University Computing Challenge

Congratulations to 12 Year 6 boys who took part in the first round of this international challenge, having scored in the top 10% nationally in the preliminary Bebras Computational Thinking Challenge, or having excelled in their computer programming.

## WJS – Year 6 Residential

Year 6 had a fantastic residential to Plas-y-Brenin. The boys were a testament to the school and a great time was had by all as they hiked, climbed, gorge-walked, swam and more!



## National Concert Band Festival

Warwick School's wind orchestras and jazz bands showcased their exceptional repertoire at the National Concert Band Festival. Jazz Lab, Big Band, Little Big Band, the Foundation Wind Orchestra and Supertonics performed brilliantly and scooped some incredible results.

## Physics Olympiad

This year's top physicists in Upper Sixth were amongst 3,137 pupils from 482 schools in the UK to participate in the annual Senior British Physics Olympiad competition, with ten securing a prestigious colour commendation from Bronze to Top Gold. The paper is extremely challenging and tests a range of student knowledge, preparation, ability, and problem-solving skills. Moreover, earning the Top Gold Certificate is very rare – awarded to just 5.9% of participants this year – a feat that two of our boys, Tom and Daniel, achieved.



## Orchestra of the Swan Youth Orchestra

An orchestra is a catalyst for inspiring creative energy within a community. These days, many children have few opportunities to learn an instrument and play music together. In response, Warwick Schools Foundation and its resident Orchestra of the Swan established the Swan Youth Orchestra in partnership with the Coventry, Warwickshire and Solihull Music Hubs. This February we celebrated the successful completion of the Youth Orchestra's inaugural weekend-long course. Sixty pupils aged 11 to 18 from over forty local schools – including ten boys from Warwick School – participated in the musical weekend which culminated in a concert to showcase their musical talent. All members of the Youth Orchestra are working at Grade 6 or above and benefit from the opportunity to learn from the professional Swan Orchestra and tutors from the three music hubs.

## Sporting recognition

We are delighted to have been named the 25th best sporting school in the country by School Sport Magazine. This sees us rise five places from 2022, reflecting an excellent year of sport.





## Food Science Lab

Students were delighted with the opening of our new Food Science Laboratory, made possible with the generous support of parents and officially opened by OW chef Nick Deverell-Smith (WS 1990-93). All pupils up to Sixth Form are timetabled at least one session per week in the new space, with additional co-curricular opportunities at lunchtimes and after school.

Pupils are already excited by the prospect of the new Food Preparation and Nutrition GCSE coming into effect this September.



## Oxbridge offers

Congratulations to nine of our Upper Sixth who are Oxbridge offer holders! We wish them the best of luck with their exams this summer.



## Pastoral Care and Wellbeing

The school's Pastoral Care and Wellbeing Provision was shortlisted at the Talk Education Awards. The school's wellbeing dog, Aggie, celebrated her ninth birthday in February – happy birthday Aggie!



## Warwick 7s

The Warwick 7s, a hugely popular event in our sporting calendar, took place in early March.



## New war memorial

Members of the Warwick School community, including a number of OWs who served with the Armed Forces, attended the dedication of a new war memorial in Warwick School Chapel on Remembrance Sunday. In the decades since the World Wars ended, names have come to light of at least 13 Old Warwickians who lost their lives in the service of their country but whose names, for various reasons, were missing from the original WWI and WWII memorials in Chapel.



WS Chaplain James Soper, the Head Master, Capt Ian Thorpe RN, Lt Col Bill Withers, Maj Gen Mike Huntley CB and Capt Owen James



# From the Archivist

## Old Warwickian Rugby Internationals

There has been much discussion recently about who qualifies as the first OW who played rugby for Great Britain. There is now no doubt that it was Sidney Nelson Crowther, who was born in 1874 and attended Warwick School between 1887 and 1892. If the search is widened to who first played for their country, the winner is Crowther's near contemporary at Warwick School, Robert Challoner, who was born in 1872, who lived in Wellesbourne and who attended the school from 1885 to 1891. Challoner, by all accounts a stronger rugby player than Crowther, had emigrated to Australia, and played for that country in a match against Great Britain in Sydney in 1899. The Australians lost 11-0.

S N Crowther was the second of three brothers from Clapham Common to attend Warwick School as boarders in the 1880s and 1890s. In various accounts in Portcullis magazine he is called, therefore, "Crowther ii". He is first mentioned as a hockey player at the school in a tournament in February 1890, in which, in fact, all three Crowther brothers played. At Christmas 1890, S N Crowther was awarded a 5th Form history prize. In May 1891 we find him playing in the 1st XI cricket team, and it would seem that he acted as wicket-keeper. An analysis in Portcullis magazine shows that he played in 9 innings, and scored a total of 41 runs, in 1891. Challoner, the "excellent" captain of the same team, played 16 times, and scored a total of 168 runs. Crowther was described as someone who "takes the wicket with great pains without a murmur. A very plucky and useful bat". At this point he disappears from Portcullis magazine, although it is claimed that he left the school in 1892. At no point did he play for the 1st XV rugby team – he was too small.

S N Crowther went into business in London on leaving school, but then switched to the medical profession, joining the staff of Westminster Hospital in 1898. He served as a medic in the South African (Boer) War, and took a medical degree in 1903, being appointed as Senior House Physician at Westminster Hospital. He now took up rugby seriously, playing for hospital teams, and for Surrey, and was appointed as a member of the 1904 British touring side which played against Australian and New Zealand sides. He played in three test matches against Australia in July 1904 (the Great Britain side won all three) and the first ever such match against New Zealand, which the British side lost, in August 1904.

S N Crowther returned to England in 1905, and started to work in mental hospitals. At this time he gradually gave up rugby, and

switched to playing golf. At the outbreak of the First World War, he volunteered as a Motor Cycle Despatch Rider on behalf of the Royal Engineers. He left for the front on 12 September 1914, but was tragically killed by a shell on 18 October 1914, at L'EpINETTE, aged 39. He was the first Old Warwickian to be killed in the First World War, and his name is carved on the Memorial in the school chapel, as well as the Memorial at Le Touret in the Pas de Calais, France. He was buried in a garden at L'EpINETTE.

It had previously been thought that Tim Dalton, WS 1952-59, was the school's first rugby international and, indeed, his red velvet England cap is on permanent display in the Portcullis Room at school. He gained his first England cap in a match, coming on as a substitute, against Scotland in March 1969. This article in no way denigrates the memory of Dalton's achievement, which is rightly celebrated by many OWs, but is more in the way of putting the historical record straight.



1891 Warwick School Cricket XI with Challoner seated centre and Crowther front left



1904/05 Great Britain touring team to Australia with SN Crowther second from the right on the back row



1890 WS Prefects with R Challoner seated middle right



S N Crowther is remembered on the WWI Memorial, Warwick School Chapel



## OW Rugby Internationals



*Fin Smith, WS 2013-20, England International*



*Charlie Hayter, WS 2000-07,  
England 7s International*



*Tim Dalton, WS 1952-59,  
England International*



*Rugby World Cup Trophy Tours 2011 and 2015  
Tim Dalton, WS 1952-59, England International and Martin Green,  
WS Staff 1970-2005, England Coach*



*Marko Stanojevic, WS 1991-98,  
Italy International*



*Roger Hosen, WS Staff 1959-63,  
England International*



*1963 touring team featuring Roger Hosen, fourth from left in the back row  
© World Rugby Museum, Twickenham.*



*Tim Dalton's England rugby cap is on display in the Warwick School Museum*

## Playing for Italy

Marko Stanojevic (WS 1991-98), who played rugby at international level for Italy in 2007 is now coaching rugby at Warwick School. Marko is pictured with WS student Charlie (U6), presenting him with his Italy shirt. Charlie is soon to earn his Italy U19 international rugby cap in the upcoming Italy internationals vs Japan on 20 March. Marko says "It was September 2018 when I first saw Charlie sprint up the rugby pitches. He would get the ball in several uncompromising positions and simply glide past numerous would-be tacklers as if they were going in slow motion. Back in 2018, his father mentioned that Charlie had Italian ancestry and that it would be possible for Charlie to play for Italy. I told Charlie that if he gets selected for Italy, then he would also get one of my playing shirts!"



*2024 Marko and Charlie*

# Meet the Alumni and Development Team

Welcome to **Susie Carr** who leads the team as our new Director of Philanthropy. Susie previously worked in the charity and education sectors, having established the fundraising function at Coventry University. She joins the Foundation from the University of Warwick. Susie says: *"It's been such a pleasure getting to know the Warwick School community over the last few months, and a real privilege to spend my 'day job' unlocking philanthropic support from across our alumni network to enable bright, talented individuals to access a Warwick education, no matter what their background. Generous gifts from OWs have transformed the futures of some exceptional young people".*

Susie Carr: [sl.carr@warwickschools.co.uk](mailto:sl.carr@warwickschools.co.uk)  
Tel: 07787 259374.



Polly, Susie, Anne, Emily, Gervald and Julia

**Anne Douglas** (Alumni Relations Manager) and **Julia Donoghue** (Alumni Relations Officer) continue their work to build and strengthen the Old Warwickian Association. After many years working for Warwick, Anne and Julia have both extended their hours to now develop and strengthen The Kingsley School Alumnae Relations. If any OWs have partners or friends/connections who are Kingsley alumnae, please let us know:

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Tel: 01926 776404

**Emily Gladman**, joins the team as our Head of Giving. Emily previously worked with Susie at the University of Warwick.  
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**Gervald Frykman**, long serving teacher of Chemistry at Warwick School, continues his highly valued role of School Archivist.  
Gervald Frykman: [g.frykman@warwickschool.org](mailto:g.frykman@warwickschool.org)

**Polly Beidas** completes the team as Development & Landor Administrator. The Landor Association seeks to enhance the work of the Parents' Associations and the Old Girls' Association of King's High. Polly is also OGA Secretary.  
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## Thank you

**The Old Warwickian Association is an amazing network of over 6,000 OWs across the globe, connecting with each other and with Warwick School and the wider Warwick Schools Foundation.**

Thank you to so many of you who engage and support Warwick School.

- We love to hear and share your news with our students, teachers and fellow OWs.
- Thank you for coming to our OW events and for playing OW sport.
- Thank you for helping our Careers events and talks, for delivering Friday afternoon Encounters, offering work experience and mentoring.
- Thank you for supporting our capital projects and bursary appeals which provide an outstanding Warwick School education to so many who would otherwise be unable to afford it.
- Thank you also, to the growing number of OWs who have considered or made a provision to leave a legacy to Warwick School in your will.

**Your support transforms lives. Thank you.**

## Two minutes to spare?

We would love to hear your thoughts on making a Will – whatever you age and whether or not you have a Will in place. Please click [here](#) or scan the QR code to spend a few moments completing our short survey.

