

OWA PRESIDENT: Brig James Cook OBE, WS 1982-89

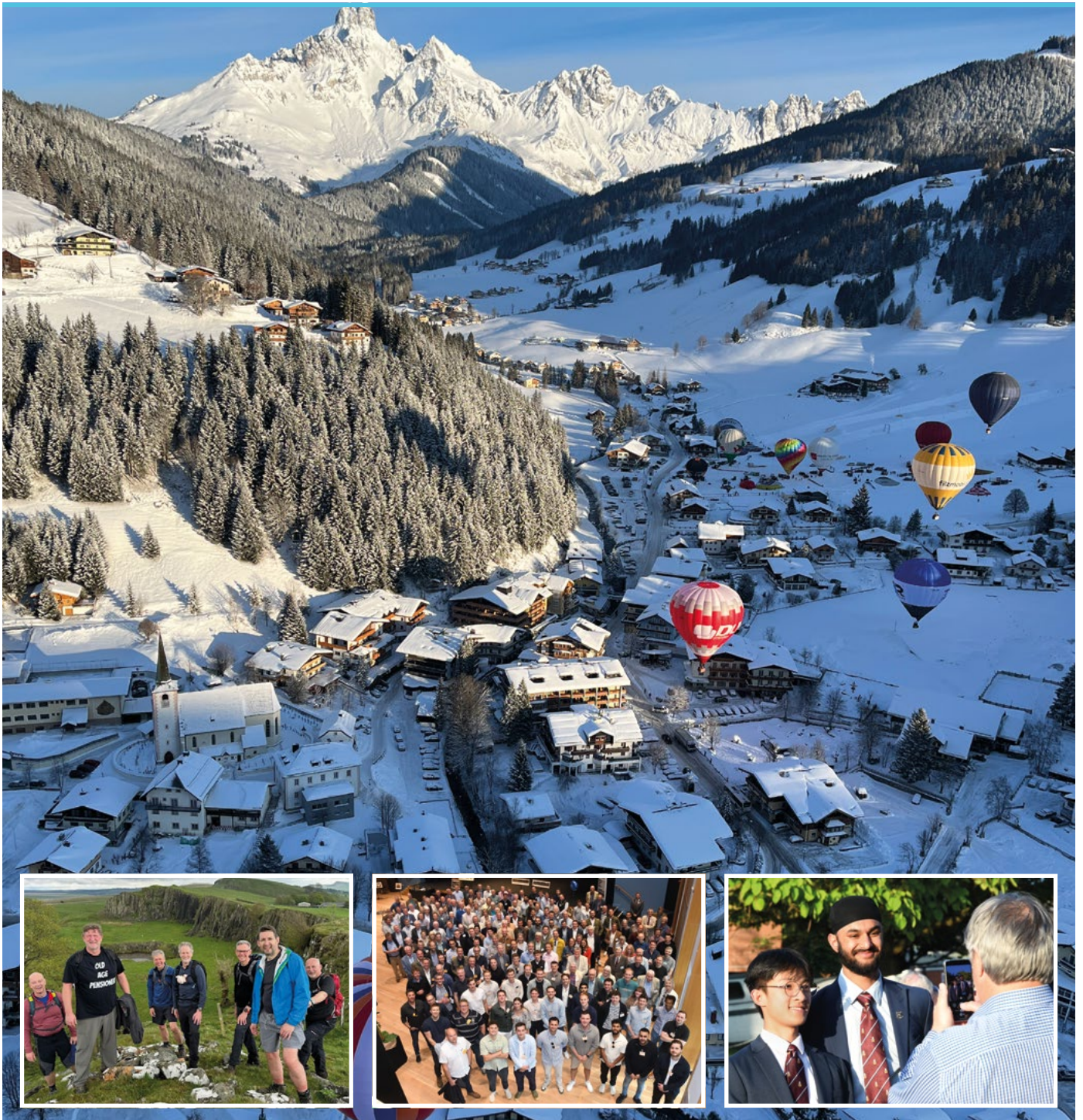
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Welcome to the OWA

2024 Leavers

Our 2024 leavers celebrated their time at Warwick School with a range of events, culminating in a formal graduation ceremony in Warwick Hall on 24 June, where they were presented with their OW tie and welcomed into the Old Warwickian Association by OWA President 2024 Brig James Cook OBE (WS 1982-89).



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Owen Robinson, Charlie Hopcraft



Philip Cai, Vinci Lam



Bernard Wong, Arjan Singh Paneser



Will Murden, Ollie Orton, Noah Saxton



Octavius Walton-Hayfield, Oscar Fines-Allin, Harry Ward



Edlin Leung and Edison Leung OWA



Back: Jojo Dow, Ben Bryan, Elliot Smith, Elis Green, Samir Asharia, James Selley. Front: Harry Goodrem, Tom Sarson-Hirst, Alex Wintle



OWA President 2024 Brig James Cook OBE and Head Master James Barker



Charlie Stowe, James Coplestone-Crow, Daniel Jenks-Berryman



Matthew Mok, Yarden Safra



Jack Murphy, George Barnes, Abisen Kirubaharan, Dominic Burt



Peniyal Pradeepan, Daanish Hussain, Zac Din, Abisen Kirubaharan, Karam Dosanjh, Jai Shergill, Tanjim Islam



Sam Archer, Joel Hewett, Freddy Wallis,
Dougal Robson



Joe Coley, Ben Avery, Barney Coane



David Das-Gupta, Nirojan Jeyasseelan, Kingsley Ngai,
Charlie Stowe



Back: Eddie Cheung, Dmytro Petrykov, Ehigie Ibie, Jason Jin, Daanish Hussain,
George Zhang, Perry Song, Matthew Mok, Tanjin Islam, Philip Cai.
Front: Jamie Cheng, Kingsley Ngai, Vinci Lam, Kolby Tse, Marcus Yau,
Grayson Wong, Bernard Wong, Edlin Leung



Back: Ollie Nicklin, Jack Murphy, Dominic Burt, Freddie Hurley, Tom Masterson,
William Ainsworth, James Knight. Front: William Murray-Bates, Ryan Speechly,
Alex Scaramanga, Osian Mulligan



Back: Callum Byrne, Freddie Hurley, James Knight, Mr Parkinson, William Ainsworth,
Oscar Fines-Allin. Front: Tom Sarson-Hirst, Henry Fifield

In his welcoming speech OWA President Brig. James Cook offered encouragement to U6 leavers:

- Be funny – humour helps diffuse tension and puts people at ease – learn to be funny or, at least, appreciate humour
- Be on time – in fact, be five minutes early. Time is precious, don't waste it
- Start every day with a win – make your bed, clean your shoes, iron your shirt. Take pride in the win
- Be a good listener, speak last, and listen the most
- Find a hobby that allows you to meet new people and expand your circle of friends – specifically with groups that you don't necessarily associate with
- Keep physically fit so that you remain mentally fit to deal with the pressures of life
- Learn to deal with pressure – it's all around your adult life – recognize when you're under pressure, focus on what you can control, and don't worry about what you can't control
- Take calculated risks – see the opportunity in risk – it's not always bad
- Understand that talent is equally distributed, but opportunity is not
- Appreciate the opportunities Warwick School has provided you and be grateful to your teachers and your parents for they have given you an incredible start that will form the foundation for your life



Arjan Singh Paneser, Ali Khalil, Charlie Whorrod, Jai Shergill



Back: Ollie Melville, Ruben Snelson, James Penfold, George Gloster,
James Tomlinson, Luca Chapman, Dougal Robson. Front: Sam Archer,
Freddie Wallis, Joel Hewett, Isaac Morison

Forthcoming Events

Welcome to the Michaelmas Old Warwickian. This edition look backs on a full summer calendar of OW, Warwick School and Foundation events. There are also some exciting upcoming events to which OWs are warmly invited.



Save the date – 2025

1965, '70, '75, '85, '95, 2005 and 2015 Leavers Anniversary Reunions

Sat 7 June 2025 (14:00-17:30) – Warwick School



OWA President's Dinner

Sat 17 May 2025

Exciting venue to be announced at the AGM!

OWs in Hong Kong

Sun 22 Sept 2024 – The Indian Recreation Club – 19:00

OWs in Hong Kong are warmly invited to this year's Warwick Schools Foundation alumni gathering at the Indian Recreation Club in Causeway Bay on Sunday 22 September.

Enjoy meeting up with old friends and new over drinks and dinner. Bob Chapman (WS 1997-2004) has kindly booked us a table at the Indian Recreation Club, where he is a member. The Club is relaxed and serves both Indian and Chinese food. Dress code is casual (the only restrictions are no flip flops, sandals or singlets). The table will probably be outside so, given the humidity, the advice is to dress for warm weather.

Meet in the bar at the Club for drinks at 19:00 (hosted by Warwick School), before dinner. Bob will pre-order a selection of dishes for everyone and we ask you to settle up with him directly on the night – HKD 350 cash – as he will be paying the bill on his member's tab.

Please book at www.oldwarwickians.org/2024HK

2024 OWA Annual Dinner

Sat 7 Sept 2024 – The Pyne Room – 18:30

We look forward to welcoming OWs to this year's OWA Annual Dinner in the Pyne Room.



2003 Leavers regularly return for the OWA Annual Dinner

OW Cross Country

Sat 14 Sept 2024 – Wimbledon Common – 15:00



The start of the 2023 race

OW runners are invited to join an OW team for the 72nd annual inter-schools Alumni Cross-Country Race over Wimbledon Common on Saturday 14 September. The five-mile Thames Hare & Hounds Alumni Race starts at 15:00 sharp. Team size is unlimited and participation is more important than positioning (although we can always make room in the school trophy cabinet). There are various age categories to suit all and a £10 per person entry fee.

If you'd like to run simply register at <https://data.opentrack.run/en-gb/x/2024/GBR/thhar/> and please also advise Anne Douglas on a.douglas@warwickschools.co.uk.

2024 OWA AGM

Thurs 12 Dec 2024, 17:45-18:30 – Warwick Arms Hotel

This year's OWA AGM will take place in the Warwick Arms Hotel, just before the Senior School Carol Service. All welcome.

OWA Committee 2025 nominations

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

The AGM Agenda and committee nominations will be posted on www.oldwarwickians.org/2024AGM by Monday 11 November. Any other nominations for President-Elect 2025 (to serve as President 2026) and committee members 2025 should be sent to Anne Douglas, Hon Sec OWA, c/o Warwick School (a.douglas@warwickschools.co.uk) no later than Monday 25 November.

1960s Birmingham Bash

Thurs 26 Sept 2024 – San Carlo, Birmingham

Clive Boast (WS 1956-63) invites OWs from the 1960s to join their contemporaries at the annual Birmingham Bash – drinks in the Old Joint Stock Exchange at 12:00 followed by lunch at San Carlo at 13:00.

If you would like to attend, please email Clive on cliveboast@gmail.com. Booking deadline 22 September.

Recent Leavers Drinks

Wed 11 Dec 2024, 17:00-19:00 – Warwick Hall



2022, 2023 and 2024 leavers from Warwick School, King's High and The Kingsley School are invited to Christmas Drinks on Wednesday 11 December from 17:00-19:00. Catch up with fellow recent leavers and enjoy complimentary festive drinks followed by a card-payment bar.

Please book now on www.oldwarwickians.org/recentleavers

Encounters – Michaelmas 2024

We look forward to a series of diverse, exciting and thought-provoking talks from a range of inspiring speakers. Talks are generally from 16:15-17:30 in the Science Lecture Theatre at School, are unticketed and open to all our Foundation community.

View the 2024 programme on www.warwickschool.org/encounters

The Heaton Podcast

Enjoy listening to a discussion of History and Politics from teachers at Warwick School. Olly O'Brien and John Jefferies generally produce a podcast once a fortnight during term time. Seventy five previous podcasts to which you can still listen include:

- The morning after the Election
- Napoleon
- The D-Day Landings and Stories from a veteran
- To the ends of the earth – reflections of a BBC foreign correspondent.

<https://theheatonpodcast.buzzsprout.com/>

Remembrance and Senior School Carol Service

Sun 10 Nov, 17:00 – Remembrance, Warwick School Chapel

Thurs 12 Dec, 19:00 – Warwick Senior School Carol Service, St Mary's Church

Music and Drama

OWs are especially welcome back to Warwick School to enjoy some great music and drama. For details explore the Warwick School calendar on www.warwickschool.org (click on Calendar). Michaelmas 2024 highlights include:

Orchestra of the Swan

Thurs 10 Oct, 19:30-21:30, Warwick Hall
<https://orchestraoftheswan/concert/stories-and-dreams/>

Jazz and Scones

Wed 6 Nov, 16:20-17:45, The Pyne Room
Details announced on www.warwickschool.org

Sweeney Todd

Wed 13-Sat 16 November
The WS and KHS Senior production
www.bridgehousetheatre.co.uk

Band Stand Showcase

Tues 19 Nov, 19:00-20:30, Warwick Hall

Foundation Gala Concert

Thurs 28 Nov, Butterworth Hall, Warwick Arts Centre

Christmas Cracker

Fri 6 Dec, 19:00-21:00, Warwick Hall
Details announced on www.warwickschool.org



BRIDGE HOUSE THEATRE

There are a number of forthcoming professional theatre productions to which you are warmly welcome

DAD'S ARMY Radio Show

DAD'S ARMY RADIO SHOW
SAT 21ST SEPTEMBER 7.30PM
£23 GENERAL ADMISSION

AUSTEN'S WOMEN: LADY SUSAN

MON 7TH OCTOBER 7.30PM
£16 ADULT / £14 CONCESSION

WOYZECK

WOYZECK
THUR 10TH OCTOBER 7.30PM
£9 GENERAL ADMISSION

DRACULA

DRACULA
TUE 15TH & WED 16TH OCTOBER 7PM
£26 ADULT / £21 CHILD / £15 SCHOOLS

BOOK AT WWW.BRIDGEHOUSETHEATRE.CO.UK
boxoffice@bridgehousetheatre.co.uk 01926 776 438
Myton Road, Warwick, CV34 6PP

Warwick Schools Foundation

OW Anniversary Reunions

1964, '69, '74, '84, '94, 2004 and 2014 Leavers

8 June 2024

It was fabulous to welcome back over 200 OWs, and many of the staff who taught them, for this year's Anniversary Reunions. OW leavers from 1964, '69, '74, '84, '94, 2004 and 2014 enjoyed gathering afresh with those who were a significant part of their life in surroundings which were welcoming, much changed, but also familiar. Special thanks to the prefects for their tours of the school and wider campus of Warwick Schools Foundation.

See a full selection of images at <https://www.oldwarwickians.org/2024reunionimages>



Prefects ready for the tours



Great to see a number of current and former staff!



Back: Bob Fair, Gervald Frykman, Brian Emmerson, Carlo Giudici, Geoff Tedstone, Tony Sparks, Alan Reilly, Ed Leaf, Jon Stone, Andrew Gough.
Front: Trevor Pritchard, Anna Albrighton, Sylvia Fair, Head Master James Barker, Louise Haines, Kimberley Wyatt, Geoff Lane.



Geoff Tedstone and Head Master James Barker



Martin Green and Jon Stone



Bob and Sylvia Fair



Gervald Frykman and Tony Sparks

"Name badges were essential!"



Alan Reilly, Martin Sleath OW and Bob Fair



Andrew Gough and Brian Davies



Jon Stone, Brian Emmerson and Martin Green



Liz Finlyson and Brian Emmerson



Robert Hudson, Trevor Pritchard and Martin Green



Melvin Cooley and Andrew Gough

1964 and 1969 Leavers

8 June 2024

Sixty and fifty-five years since leaving Warwick School

"Made me feel proud of the school and how far it has come since my school days."



1964 Leavers – John McGrouther, Paul Meggitt, the Head Master, Martin Kennard, Mike Dewar



Book Group members Rob Morris and Peter Coggins meet in person for the first time



Don Funnell, Mike Dewar and John McGrouther



Peter Coggins, Jon and Beryl Vizor, Donald Agnew, John Winter



Alec Davis, Richard Jameson, Graham Carter, Chris Meyrick and Mike Huntley



1969 Leavers – Back: Alec Davis, Peter Coggins, Chris Meyrick, Graham Carter, Tim Shenton-Taylor, Richard Jameson, Alastair Findlay, Donald Agnew, John Winter, Mike Huntley. Front: Martin Kirby-Sykes, Jon Vizor, Chris Goodman, the Head Master, Tony Backhouse, Nigel Evans, Frank Walton

1974 Leavers

8 June 2024

“Amazing changes over the past fifty years.”

Fifty years since leaving Warwick School



1974 Leavers – Standing, l-r: Olly Hurst, Martin Green, Eddie Cook, Graham Hawkesford, Alan Mordue, Martin Sleath, Mark Wilson, Chris Atkins, Charlie Haddon, Mark Garrison, Andrew Isham, Toby Beaufoy, Richard Gordon, Chris Smith, John Wormald, Richard Thornton, Nick Goodman, Peter Kirkbride, Jack Butler, David Stevens, Peter Lea, Rob Morris, David Tolson, Andrew Jenner. Seated: Paul Fox, Tony Rugg, Andrew Lucas, Mick Moriarty, Jem Menage, the Head Master, Tudor Thomas, Andy Garsed, Peter Rosier, Andrew Symons, Steve Gough



Andrew Isham, Tudor Thomas, Chris Atkins



Andrew Lucas, Charlie Haddon, Peter Kirkbride, Alan Mordue



Andy Garsed, Peter Rosier, Paul Fox



John Wormald, Eddie Cook



Martin Green, Andrew Symons, Graham Hawkesford, Richard Thornton



Michael Moriarty, Richard Gordon, Peter Lea

Bacchus Band



For the evening of 8 June, our 1974 Leavers wanted to organise something special. Over fifty years ago, Bacchus Band was formed at Warwick School. Led by Rob McNeil-Wilson and still comprising Toby Beaufoy, “Dancing” Jack Butler and Steve Carter, Bacchus kindly agreed to perform back at Warwick for a gathering of 100 OWs, King’s High Old Girls and friends, some of whom had not seen one another since they left school. Many guests made an enormous effort to be there, having travelled from places like the North of Scotland, the Channel Islands and even Germany.

The evening was such a success that the 1974 Leavers have asked for another reunion in 2029 – five years hence. Bacchus have said they would be willing to entertain again so, watch this space!

1984 Leavers

8 June 2024

"A wonderful catalyst to help reignite old friendships."

Forty years since leaving Warwick School



1984 Leavers – Back: Simon Hain, Andrew Gregory, Neil Potter, Richard Reger, Andrew Boocock, Rupert Saville, Nick Allday, Bob Stephens.
Front: Paul Marshall, Jonny Sharp, the Head Master, Dominic Vickers, Nick Miles



Dominic Vickers and Neil Potter



Rupert Saville and Simon Hain



Stu Bevan and Tony Sparks



Andrew Boocock, Andrew Gregory, Dominic Vickers, Rupert Saville



Paul Marshall, Sally Capehorn, Mark Wardle, Stu Bevan, Andrew Boocock

1994 Leavers

8 June 2024

Thirty years since leaving Warwick School

“Will you give my thanks to the young men of the school who took time off to show us around. They even managed to keep us in some sort of order!”



1994 Leavers – Back: Mark Johnson, Tom Whale, Simon Overall, Richard Franklin, Chris Dubois, Oliver Cole, Dan Morgan, Alex Reynolds, Matthew Davies, Andrew Lewis, Tim Daly, Nik Stanojevic, Chris Edsall, David Graham, Guy Edsall, Jonathan Burnill, Tom Tyler. Front: James Adcock, Paul Evans, Hamish Munton, Robert Young, Daniel Jones, Lewis Robinson, the Head Master, Richard Knowles, Edward Allchin, Rob Sheldon, Matthew Albrighton, Giles Brown, Dean Pipitone



Back: Tom Tyler, Oliver Cole, Giles Brown, Alex Reynolds, Chris Dubois, Tom Whale. Front: Dean Pipitone, James Adcock



Daniel Jones, Guy Edsall



Oliver Cole, Dean Pipitone



Hamish Munton, Mark Johnson, Martin Green



Head Master James Barker, Hamish Munton, David Graham



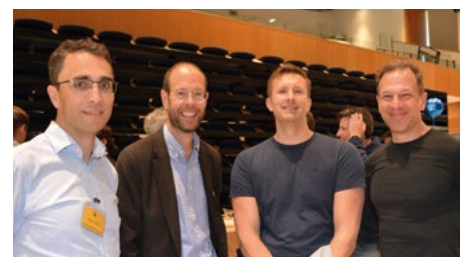
Lewis Robinson, James Adcock, Andrew Lewis, Alex Reynolds



Matthew Albrighton, Nik Stanojevic, Simon Overall



Richard Knowles, Chris Dubois, Daniel Morgan, Robert Young



Simon Overall, Tim Daly, Matthew Davies, Nik Stanojevic

2004 Leavers

8 June 2024

Twenty years since leaving Warwick School

"I'm not sure we saw everything, but that was our fault because we were chatting so much."



2004 Leavers – Back: Alex Hill, WS Staff Eric Hadley, Ravteq Singh Dhese, WS Staff Gervald Frykman, Manveer Dosanjh, Tom Bell. Middle: Malcolm McDermott, Anthony Wilkinson, Tom Newton, Glyn Rayment, William Woodward, Ashley Belcher, Jonathan Hooker, Ross Marshall, Sam Thornton, Anil Sachdev, Martin Sykes, Richard Zito, Tom Stack, Ben O'Sullivan, Anant Patel, Ali Welch. Front: Angus Grieve, Charlie Leonard, James Roberts, Eduardo Di Cuffa, Jaspreet Bal, HM James Barker, Sam Goss, Ben Hanlin, Alex Buxton, Alex Smout, Stevan Ivanoski



Jonathan Hooker, Anant Patel



Ashley Belcher, Martin Green, Anthony Wilkinson



Richard Zito, Glyn Rayment, Alex Smout



Tom Stack, Ben Hanlin, Tom Bell



Alan Reilly, Ali Welch, William Woodward, Sam Thornton, Alex Smout, Anant Patel



Tom Bell, Charlie Leonard, James Roberts, Angus Grieve



Ben O'Sullivan, Tom Stack, Eduardo Di Cuffa



Ravteq Singh Dhese, Stevan Ivanoski, Alex Hill, Alex Smout



Manveer Dosanjh, Jaspreet Bal, Anil Sachdev, Anthony Wilkinson, James Roberts



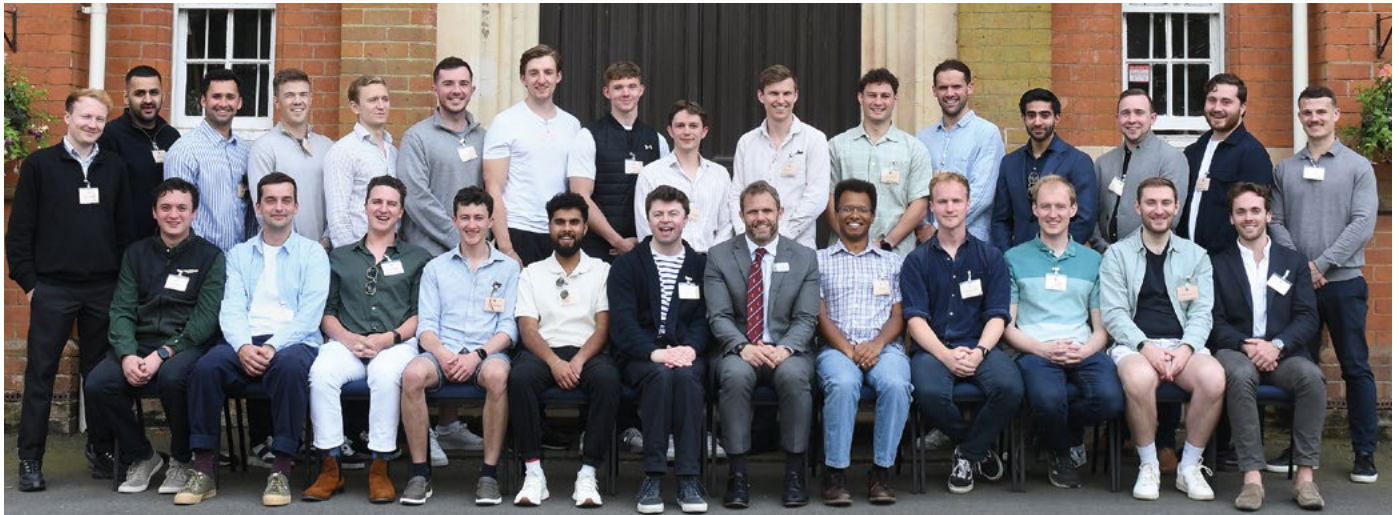
Alex Hill, Malcolm McDermott, Glyn Rayment

2014 Leavers

8 June 2024

"A pleasure to meet all my old school chums."

Ten years since leaving Warwick School



2014 Leavers – Back: James Williams, Hardev Uppal, Josh Emery, Joe Jones, Edward Walkden, Jack Jobling, James Ainsworth, Max Ley, Tom Johnston-Smith, Jeremy Wardle, Bryn Grantham, Ralph Davis, Guntash Gill, Alastair Harryman, Samuel Hain, Carrick Waldron. Front: James Parsons, Oscar Allitt, Michael Ballard, Murray Wankling, Aditya Polasa, Alex Russell, HM James Barker, James Bird, Ben Lavelle, Thomas Skuse, James Downes, George Vetch



Brian Davies, Aditya Polasa



Murray Wankling, Ralph Davis, Oscar Allitt



Alastair Harryman, Michael Ballard



Jeremy Wardle in front of his photograph in the Wardle Room



James Downes, George Vetch, James Williams, Alastair Harryman, Eric Hadley, Michael Ballard



Murray Wankling, Louise Haines, James Bird, Alastair Harryman



James Bird, Charlotte Slade, Thomas Skuse, Alexander Russell



Max Ley, Joe Jones, Samuel Hain, Hardev Uppal, Ben Lavelle, James Ainsworth



James Downes, Jack Jobling, James Williams, George Vetch, Jeremy Wardle, Aditya Polasa



Anna Albrighton, Jon Stone, Max Ley, Hardev Uppal, Joe Jones

OWA President's Dinner

RMA Sandhurst – 13 April 2024

Brig James Cook OBE (WS 1982-89) was honoured to host the 2024 President's Dinner at the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst and to welcome 80 OWs and guests who enjoyed a guided tour of the Academy before drinks and a fine dinner in the Indian Army Memorial Room.

In his after-dinner speech, the Head Master spoke about how proud Warwick School was of its alumni community, valuing what individual members have gone on to achieve, the contribution they have made to society, and the support they continue to offer back to current students. He stressed that Warwick is a school for educating normal people from normal families, many of whom are making significant sacrifices to give their sons opportunities and to prepare them for successful careers and fulfilled, happy lives. The Head acknowledged challenging times ahead and stressed that with the support of its wider community Warwick can continue to offer an outstanding education with outstanding value for money for generations of future students.

The President's response focused on the bonds of friendship and camaraderie forged at school. He described Warwick as a place where young minds come together, friendships form and memories are made that last a lifetime. Built on a foundation of trust, loyalty and shared experience, these friendships are testament to the enduring spirit of camaraderie that defines the Warwick School community.

James reflected on the values of courage, respect and integrity, shared between Warwick and the British Armed Forces, and was especially pleased to welcome three senior cadets from Warwick School and King's High to the evening. The speech closed with a wish to continue to honour the legacy of those who have gone before and a hope that they inspire future generations to follow in their footsteps.



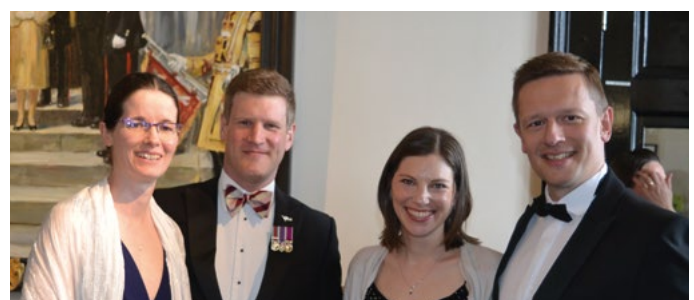
Chris Grant, Matt Dennes, Will Murden and Lexi Wehby



On the steps of Old College



Peter Hulyer, Lisa and Steve Walter, 2024 President James Cook OBE, Vina Hulyer, Kim Kerton, Nuria Bonet Carrillo



Claire and Elliot Shale, Rosie and Andrew Hughes



Sir David and Lady Angela Foskett



Emma Pollard and Head Master James Barker



Peter and Vina Hulyer



A President's welcome to Old College



Jim and Nicky Button



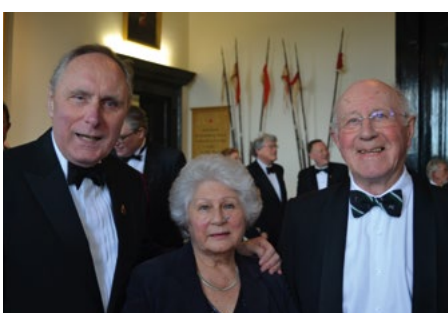
Arun and Sonia Sachdev



Lisa and Steve Walter



Sue Lockett and Peter Turner



Maj Gen Mike and Anne Huntley, Roy Shiner



The Indian Army Memorial Room

CCF Drums and Home Festival

OW Lunch and launch of CCF Corps of Drums

Saturday 6 July 2024

On the last day of our month-long Warwick Schools Creative Festival 'Home', OWs and their spouses, partners, friends and families were warmly invited back to Warwick School to join the celebrations.

OWs enjoyed lunch in the Pyne Room followed by the first performance of the newly established CCF Corps of Drums. There was also the opportunity to visit the Warwick School Museum and, in the Portcullis Room, to view some of our precious WS archives not normally on display. Visitors also enjoyed a variety of music and drama performances from pupils around the campus at various times throughout the day.



A chance to visit the CCF tent



The first performance of the new Corps of Drums



Peter Rawlins arrived a few days early to try out the drums



Jimmy Flynn and Tim Cullen



Enjoying lunch!



Ian Thorpe, Val and Malcolm Eykyn and David Summers



Mike and Christina Spanton



OWs enjoyed a quick play on the new drums



Geoff Weir, John Davies, Richard Gething and John Hill



Roger Clarke and Jennifer Manners



Roy and Maureen Shiner



OW Ken Dorsett's daughter (pictured with Contingent Commander Chris Grant) kindly donated Ken's CCF badges to school



Steve Chamberlain, Julie Robinson, Paul Wilmot and Liz Chamberlain



Sarah Hale and Mark Hughes

Warwick Schools Foundation

6 July 2024

A wonderful programme of art, drama and music filled the Foundation campus over the summer and culminated in a Family Day on 6 July.



Bouncy fun



Celebrating art



Lucky Pigeons



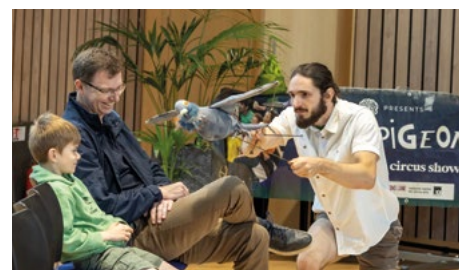
Amazing exhibits from our Art departments



Mike Perry 'in conversation with Arthur Darvill'



"The Hive" Home exhibition at Kingsley



Phillip Rothwell and son enjoying Lucky Pigeons

OW London Drinks

26 June 2024

OW London Drinks are back! Revolution London, Leadenhall provided a great opportunity for OWs to connect and reconnect in a relaxing and friendly environment.



OW London Drinks are back!



Alec Shoesmith, Matt Harry



Fred Lowe, Will Scrivens



Martin Garrett, David Tomlinson, Mark Powell, Robert Hudson, Robin Lal-Sarin, Kenneth Eaton



David Porter, Brian Schwieger, Julian Green



Jon Stone, Rob Howard



Angus Smith, Will Buckley, Oliver Yates, Alex Lawton-Smith



The Buttons with Haydn Ashworth and Mark Bailey



Henry Birks, Sam Button, Sam Bluteau-Tait



Will Buckley, Fred Lowe



Sandip Dhillon, Kieran Millar, Paul O'Grady, Owen James



William Chaundy, Jason Leung, Tom Heath, Ben Watson



Steve Cadogan, Jon Stone

International and Regional Events

Wessex Old Warwickians (WOW)

14 March 2024

The most recent gathering of Wessex Old Warwickians took place in Winchester. Over 30 OWs, spouses and partners gathered for a guided tour of Winchester Cathedral before enjoying a superb lunch at The Wykeham Arms.



Gervald Frykman, Martin Kennard, David Tolley, Bill and Babs Withers, Mike Huntley, Andrew Gough, John Vaughan, Sam Samwell, Christine and Chris Beddoes, Jimmy and Alison Flynn, Linda Wilkin (KHS), Richard Nutt, Ann Glynn, Roy Shiner, Estelle Kemp, Maureen Shiner, Marie Therese and Michael Rickard, Gareth Jones, Paul Kemp, Dermot Glynn.



Bill Withers, Jimmy Flynn



Roy and Maureen Shiner, Martin Kennard



John Vaughan, Gervald Frykman, Lyn Bennett Nutt, Richard Nutt, David Tolley

OWs in California

23 and 24 March 2024

Head Master James Barker (OW), Director of Philanthropy Susie Carr and Warwick Schools Foundation Principal Richard Nicholson enjoyed meeting a number of OWs for Brunch in LA on 23 March and San Francisco on 24 March. Special thanks to OWs Matt Baker and Peter Corcoran for kindly organising the brunches.

If you are interested in finding out about future OW gatherings in LA and/or California please email a.douglas@warwickschools.co.uk



Brunch in SF. Matt Baker, Christian Laws, John Flynn, Richard Nicholson, Juliette Holliday, Julian Darby, Paul Middleton, James Barker, Paul Deacon



Brunch in LA. From left: Richard Nicholson, Peter Corcoran, Will Feasey and James Barker



Great to also meet up with Kingsley alumna Juliette Holliday



Alastair Leonard and the Head Master in SF

OW News

Royal Garden Parties

Brig Jaish Mahan (WS 1985-92), in his capacity as Honorary Aide de Camp to the King, had the privilege of meeting His Majesty at a summer Royal Garden Party at Buckingham Palace.



Brig Jaish Mahan

The weather was less kind for High Court Judge Sir John Cavanagh KC (WS 1968-78) when he attended another of His Majesty's Garden Parties.



Sir John Cavanagh and daughter

Happy 100th Birthday

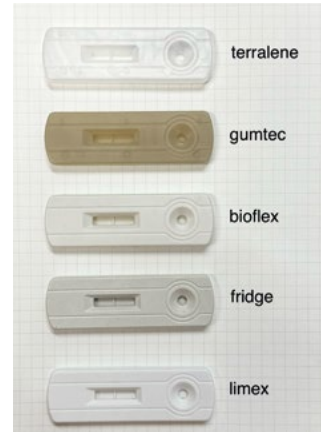
Many congratulations and best wishes to Hugh C B Smith (WS 1935-40) who celebrated his 100th birthday in July.



LFTs from used chewing gum

Kiron Phillips (WS 2006-12), Head of Sales and Marketing at moulding company Great Central Plastics, shares news of an exciting project aimed at cutting medical waste. Great Central Plastics have teamed up with Heriot-Watt University to help create lateral flow tests from used chewing gum scraped from the streets and old fridge components.

Great Central Plastics specialises in utilising recycled plastics. Kiron says *"We take pride in our sustainable manufacturing processes, and we adopt this ethos across all levels of our business. This collaboration highlights our commitment to cutting-edge research and development. By championing sustainable alternatives such as Gum-tec and Limex, we not only mitigate environmental impact but also pioneer a shift in the industry, setting a benchmark for responsible production practices."*



Great Central Plastics LFA Cassettes (ECO Collection)

Happy 100th Birthday to our OW in Ontario

Born in Vancouver, Don Chutter only attended Warwick School for one year, in 1940, but the memories he has have lasted a lifetime. He still has the letter Mr Bishop sent his mother suggesting that he help the war effort by doing agricultural work during the holidays, however he was repatriated to Canada in August 1940. He now lives in Brockville, Ontario.

Don celebrated his 100th birthday in August and enjoys reading The Old Warwickian. He was pleased to share two views from his window for our OW 'View from my window' gallery – taken in different seasons from his apartment. He is actually one of about 30 OWs with whom we are in contact in Canada.



Summer view



AAJAO (Welcome)

Actor Maanuv Thiara (WS 2001-12) has directed a short film, AAJAO (Welcome), the story of Taj, a second-generation immigrant caught between two worlds. A story of grief, guilt, and the meaning of home with a culturally significant voice – AAJAO speaks to everyone. Shooting took place entirely in the West Midlands and Warwickshire.

Reporter on the Rocks

After a career as a Shetland-based journalist, editor and broadcaster, Jonathan Wills (WS 1958-62) went into wildlife guiding, environmental consultancy and writing books. Over the years he has welcomed a number of OWs to his home on Shetland, but has sadly lost touch with many of his classmates. Jonathan would love to hear news of any members of his class, with the offer of a cup of tea (or something stronger) if they ever venture north to Shetland. E: jonathanwills47@gmail.com



Jonathan Wills's croft at Bressay

New Chair of the Institute of Agricultural Management

Richard Price (WS 1981-90) is the newly appointed Chair of the Institute of Agricultural Management. Richard is from a farming family and began his career in farm management as Farm Manager at the Warwickshire College farms, before moving to the Lowther Estate in Cumbria where he spent nine years, first as Farm Manager, then Director of Farming. In 2022 he and his wife Clare set up Ewe Matter Ltd, an independent consultancy business, working with Estates, family farms and landowners.



Richard is a Fellow of the Royal Agricultural Society, a Chartered Environmentalist, and a Mentor for the Henry Plumb Foundation. He believes the Institute can play an increasingly important role as the agriculture industry faces a period of considerable challenges.

Under the cherry tree

Finding the cherry tree, where he used to sit as a Warwick School boy imagining where his life would take him, was a special moment for Mac Macartney (WS 1959-68) who revisited during the summer holidays. Mac is the founder of Embercombe, a beautiful rewilding project and educational venue on the edge of Dartmoor.



Vortex

Ronnie Scott's was packed for Resolution 88's 'Vortex' album launch. With this fourth album, bandleader and composer Tom O'Grady (WS 1990-2001) has gone all-out to recreate the sound world from his favourite Mizell Brothers productions and Herbie Hancock records. The album artwork was inspired by the title track 'Vortex' and is a homage to the works of Japanese artists who painted the cover of Herbie Hancock's live album 'Flood'.



Barging on the Avon

Recalling many barge trips in their younger days, 1979 leavers Peter Knight, Guy Beaufoy, Craig Heath and Dave Jones enjoyed another gentle day on the river.



1979 leavers

Red Sky at Sunrise

Charlie Hamblett (WS 2004-11), whose acting career is on a steep ascent following his role in *Killing Eve* and *Around the World in 80 days*, is starring in *Red Sky at Sunrise*, a brilliant show featuring the life of Laurie Lee in words and music. The words are accompanied by a ravishing underscore of English and Spanish classics performed by Orchestra of the Swan. Charlie is also filming a new Netflix show during the week.



Charlie Hamblett © Lucy Barriball

Kissing it Better

Two WS and two KHS students were invited to attend a special Kissing it Better Medical Work Experience Day. As well as visiting wards and talking to patients, staff and relatives, the students were pleased to meet and hear a talk from Dr Omar Khalil (WS 2010-16).



KiB work experience with Dr Omar Khalil

Allyship, Whiteness and Race Equality

A big thank you to Neil Sanyal (WS 1971-78) who returned again to Warwick School, most recently to run a teacher training session on Inset day where he delivered a powerful presentation on Allyship, Whiteness and Race Equality.



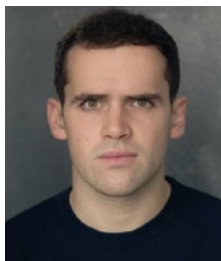
Ralph Davis – Film Club

Actor Ralph Davis (WS 2003-14) has teamed up with Aimee Lou Wood on a joint screenwriting debut – a six-part romantic comedy – *Film Club*.

Lou stars as Evie, who hosts a film club for her friend Tom (Ralph) every Thursday at 9.00pm. Each week, she transforms her garage into the perfect setting to watch the film of choice – for *Wizard of Oz*, a yellow brick road, for *Alien*, a spacecraft. They're there for the love of the movies. Or at least that's what they tell themselves.

Ralph says: "I couldn't be more excited about this. Aimee and I have been speaking about making something together since we met at drama school. To be doing this together is a dream."

Film Club will air on BBC Three and iPlayer, with no release date currently set.



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Reaching new heights

Mark Holbeche (WS 1981-92), CEO of Regal Property Group Living, has welcomed Birmingham City Council's approval of exciting plans for 90-97 Broad Street, which will become the street's tallest building at 47 stories and 145m high.

Mark says "The £175m project, which will provide 525 residential apartments, will be the safest, most technologically advanced and sustainable residential project in its class. We are continuing with our vision of developing landmark projects across the city, having already delivered 1,000 residential units at landmark schemes such as at The Bank on Broad Street and South Central in Chinatown".



Masters in Space Engineering

Just one year ago, William Feasey (WS 2012-19) commenced his PhD in Space Engineering at Caltech (the California Institute of Technology). One Masters degree, two Jet Propulsion Laboratory visits and three SpaceX launches later, Will confirms that he has loved every minute.

Will was also awarded the Dr Kalam prize for exemplary academic performance. His research is now gathering speed as he joins the Hypersonic research group.

William enjoyed meeting up with the Head Master and fellow LA-based OWs at the OW brunch in the spring (see page 19).



Ikoyi Chapmans

Mike and Garry Robinson encourage fellow OWs to look out for and try Ikoyi Chapmans – their refreshing carbonated citrus-based soft drink, with a hint of natural bitters. Originating from Nigeria, where it was always hand mixed, Mike, Garry and their colleagues have set about to produce this unique drink commercially for everyone to enjoy. Distribution is extending within the UK and further afield into the USA and Canada. Negotiations are also underway back in Nigeria and the Middle-East.



Hewitt i, ii and iii

Martin Hewitt (WS 1953-63) is still farming with his wife in Herefordshire. David (WS 1969-74) is an architect, running his own church on the outskirts of Edinburgh. Middle brother Steven is a retired Solicitor and Church of England Vicar, living in Berwick on Tweed. The second photo shows Martin marching in the CCF (second row on the outside) in front of Field Marshal Montgomery.



David and Martin Hewitt



Martin marches past Monty

Fin Smith wins RPA Player of the Year

Northampton and England fly-half Fin Smith (WS 2013-20) capped a sensational season by winning the prestigious Rugby Players' Association (RPA) Player's Player of the Year award.



Vicar of Burpham

Rev James Hanson (WS 1985-95 and WS staff 2001-03) has moved to the community of Burpham as their new vicar.



Various stages of Curacy

Welcome back

Always a pleasure to welcome OWs back!

Michael Mann (WS 1951-56)



Simon Jackson (WS 1966-75)



Max Chang, Sherman Wong, Edison Wong and Nicholas Ko (all WS 2019-21)



24 Rugby World Cup matches

Spence (Anthony) Miles and Bob Andrews arranged an extended trip to France for RWC 23. The duo, often joined by friends and family, saw 24 games across the six weeks of the tournament from Marseille to Lille and Lyon to Toulouse and Nantes... and multiple games in Paris.



One of many matches with friends and family

1972-73 1st XV reunion

Four OWs from the highly successful 1st XV of 1972-73 met up at Coventry Golf Club for an enjoyable 18 holes with a combined Greville/Tudor House defeating School House by one hole. They are pictured on the 18th green with Simon Maisey who played for Rugby School against Warwick that particular season. History records a 9-3 victory for Warwick.



Jon Gregory, Martin Clifford, Simon Maisey, Myles Collet and Paul Kemp

Forever Friends

1982 leavers celebrated their enduring friendship and their 60th birthdays by completing an 84-mile walk along Hadrian's Wall from Bowness-on-Solway to Wallsend. Phil Calverley (skipper), Jez Shacklock (navigator), Al Porter, Jono Ball, Spence (Anthony) Miles, John Mozely, Steve Dyde and Bob Andrews enjoyed six days' walking, raising money for Prostate Cancer and Dementia UK. Andy Shufflebotham joined the group in spirit by means of a stuffed toy.



Shuff joined the walk in spirit

Driving the Wellington Cable Car

Ian Raistrick (1967-74) was very sorry to miss the 1974 leavers' reunion. Now retired and living in New Zealand, Ian drives the Wellington Cable Car. Having been office-bound for much of his working life, Ian is loving his new role.



1982 leavers along Hadrian's Wall

Obituaries

We record with regret the passing of Old Warwickians and former staff mentioned below and pass on our sympathies to their loved ones, families and friends.

Depending on the wishes of family, obituaries for some appear in The Portcullis and on www.oldwarwickians.org/obituaries. This is a password protected page. The email is obituaries@oldwarwickians.org and the password is 2024Portcullis.

Brian E J Badger, WS 1946-53
 Michael R Baker, WS 1945-52
 Janine Bonser, WS Staff 1989-99
 Gerald Bousfield, WS Staff 1957-70
 Pearson Brown, WS 1962-69
 Victor K B Clopet, WS 1945-51
 Ken J Dorsett, WS 1938-44
 David V Edwards, WS 1955-63
 Robin Flintoff, WS Staff 1978-2015
 Matthew Gilbert, WS 2016-23
 Harry Greenway, WS 1946-53
 Brian J Groser, WS 1940-44
 Brian T Head OBE, WS 1943-52
 Robert Holl-Allen, WS 1946-53
 Robert Horsley, WS 1945-49
 P W P (Bill) Hurley, WS 1958-69
 Peter Jarvis, WS 1952-58
 R Allan Macdonald, WS 1960-64
 H (Max) Mannall, WS 1944-52
 C G (Geoff) Raine, WS 1953-59
 Ralph D Riley, WS 1935-40
 Michael Tanner, WS 1948-53
 Neil Thomas, WS 1972-75
 Ralph H Thornton, WS Staff 1948-89
 David G Wassell MBE, WS 1952-56
 John Wetherby, né Wanklin, WS 1949-55
 Simon Wheeler, WS Staff 1980-2003



The Armillary Sundial at Warwick School in memory of OW Jon Kerr, who died in 1992

Knees up, up and away

Consultant Orthopaedic Surgeon Marcus Green (WS 1974-81) enjoys spectacular views flying hot air balloons around the world. Marcus competes at hot air ballooning at national and international level, representing Great Britain in both European and World-class events. He has flown in extreme conditions including high altitude endurance races in the Alps with good success. He has also held a pilot's licence for over 30 years and acts as the medical representative for lighter than air aviation with the CAA.

Marcus works as a Consultant Orthopaedic Surgeon specialising in conditions of the knee and shoulder, based at the Priory Circle Hospital in Birmingham.



Creative Industries

John Rowe (WS 1977-84) kindly returned to school to run a Careers Business Lunch on Creative Industries. John has spent 37 years working in motion pictures and the television industry, as well as education, advertising, music and immersive and virtual story telling.

John delivered an excellent presentation on the wide range of Creative Industry opportunities, from film and tv production, to fine arts and animation and from architecture and design, to cutting edge innovation that will help shape the future, all from an operational, creative and educational perspective.



In conversation with...

Denys Shortt OBE (WS 1975-82)

Denys Shortt OBE makes and serves a good cup of tea. Perhaps unsurprising, given that he is the son of a tea-planter and spent his early years on a tea estate in Assam, India. Far more notable are the achievements of a thirty-year career as a businessman and entrepreneur, the staggering sales figures and the Robinson R44 helicopter in which he does his daily commute.



Denys Shortt OBE, WS 1975-82

Within minutes of meeting Denys you realise this is a man with enormous energy, drive and determination, a man who knows his business, its people and his customers. Denys founded DCS Group UK in 1994 at his home in a stable block in Buckland, Broadway. Thirty years on, the company is the UK's leading distributor of household, health and beauty brands, reaching £350m in sales in 2024. Not bad for a schoolboy who was once carelessly and unwisely told he wouldn't amount to much.

might well have been sown in his position as centre-forward (the goal scorer), where he learnt very quickly that if you don't score goals you get dropped from the team.

Post school

Denys did not follow the conventional university route, turning down a place at Loughborough after studying Maths, French, Geography and General Studies at A level. Instead, he worked for his father, learning business from every angle and thriving in sales roles, until founding DCS Group in his late twenties.

Denys the entrepreneur

Selling his school cap and various items of uniform to overseas tourists during his school days might well have been early indications of his future success as an entrepreneur. The meteoric sales figures of DCS Group speak volumes. By 2012 DCS employed 250 people with sales of £148 million and, by 2020 DCS Group UK Ltd employed 400 people with sales of £268 million. In 2024 sales hit £350m and the company is aiming for £500m in the next three years. The company also owns a toiletries factory in Redditch (with own brand, Enliven).

Warwick School days

Having been home-schooled in India by his mother, an Art teacher, and after spending time at a military boarding school, Denys started at Warwick School in L4C in 1975. He was a train boy, travelling daily from Lapworth (the family moved from India to Uganda, Kenya and, in 1975, the UK). He was happiest on the sports fields and loved rugby, cricket and tennis. Hockey was where he excelled and he played for the School 1st XI while trying to balance call-ups for club and country. He remembers the encouragement and support from teachers like Brian Emmerson and Phil Heelis and was proud to be part of the Warwick School team that won the national championships in 1982.

Denys the hockey player

Denys was selected to play hockey for England at U16, U18 and U21 levels and his hockey shirt is proudly displayed with the other OW international sports shirts at school. The seeds of drive and determination which characterize so much of his successful career



The daily commute



Playing for the 1st XI and, on the right, Denys with trophies from the successful 1982 1st XI



The Shortt Coat of Arms (note the lion with hockey sticks!)



DCS Group UK



An OBE for services to the Economy
in the West Midlands



Chairman of Coventry & Warwickshire LEP 2010-12

Denys does not have a stop button. He is continually looking for the next improvement, the next opportunity, the next goal. In 2000 he started Enable Software with co-founder Andrew Butt. The company is now headquartered in San Francisco and employs over 650 people. In 2023 Enable.com raised a Series D of \$120m to become a Unicorn – valued at over \$1bn.

Awards and recognition

Somehow, Denys has found time to serve as Chairman of the Coventry & Warwickshire LEP, be the Director of Stratford Town FC, raise £1.5m for Stratford-upon-Avon Cancer and Eye Hospital and run a farm for 35 years. Yet, of these and all the business and community roles which he has fulfilled, the display cabinets brimming with awards and the OBE which was presented in 2013 for services to the Economy in the West Midlands, what matters most to Denys are family and home.



A tour of DCS for then Prime Minister Rishi Sunak, 2024



On the farm with his organic herd of pedigree Belted Galloway cattle



Enliven

Denys's Five Favourites

Favourite film – Paddington (with the grandchildren... who are partial to breakfast in the DCS staff restaurant)

Who would you like to sit next to at a dinner party? – My wife

Favourite song – *Magic* by Coldplay

Favourite book – I have little time for books but always read *The Times*

Favourite place – The farm, with our 55 pedigree Belted Galloway cattle and 2 million honey bees. We run a regenerative farm and have planted over 10,000 trees.

Warwick Senior and Junior School News

This small selection of the summer term's many activities, alongside our rigorous academic programme, illustrates the breadth and depth of opportunities available to our Warwick School students. They are testament to what a holistic education should be: one that nurtures not just the intellect but also the character and spirit of each student. This is the essence of the Warwick Way – fostering confident yet humble young men who are prepared to make a positive impact in the world.

Stringfest and the Big Brass Concert

Music continues to be a cornerstone of life at Warwick School. In the summer term, Stringfest and the Big Brass Concert celebrated the hard work, passion and talent of our young musicians.



Extended Project Qualification (EPQ)

Seventy-six pupils completed an extended project this year with an astounding breadth and diversity of topics chosen: Cardiac Imaging, Solutions for Dealing with Riverine Plastic, the Tokyo War Crime Trials and Neom's Linear City, to name but a few.



Aquathlon 2024

Junior School pupils competed and supported each other as they pushed themselves around a rigorous course and cheered every competitor over the finish line.



Mozambique Project Pronta

Our Pupil Voice charities group has been raising money to renovate two buildings to equip and house a nursery and then a primary school in Ponta Do Ouro, Mozambique. By the end of the summer term Project Pronta had raised almost £5,000. From next summer onwards some of our Sixth Formers will also be given the opportunity to support the project on site.



Bake Off 2024

This year's Junior School Bake Off produced some fantastic and delicious bakes.



Combined Cadet Force

Our CCF continues to develop leadership, teamwork, initiative and self-reliance. Today's CCF has over 340 members with strong Army and RAF sections. Opportunities for formal qualifications have recently been introduced, including BTEC certificates in Teamwork, Personal Skills and Citizenship and Institute of Leadership and Management qualifications.

A big thank you to Maj Gen Jules Buczacki CBE (WS 1981-92) and Brig James Cook OBE (WS 1982-89) who were Guest of Honour at this year's CCF Annual Review and Year 11 Passing Out Parade respectively.



Maj Gen Jules Buczacki CBE at the Annual Review

Encounters

Our diverse Encounters programme continues to provide our students with enriching experiences and broadens their horizons. The summer term included *An Encounter with the Brain* (Dr Guy Sutton), *An Encounter with Genocide* (Anais Mutumba) and *An Encounter with the Almost Prime Ministers* (Nigel Fletcher).



An Encounter with the Almost Prime Ministers (Nigel Fletcher)

Sporting Success

Sporting achievements have been abundant, with collective and individual successes in rugby, cricket, hockey and even chess. Huge congratulations to our U13 hockey players who were crowned national champions.



M M Clark pilgrimage

M M Clark's grand-daughter Ada Cole and great grand-daughter Rebecca Turner made a nostalgic pilgrimage to Warwick School to see where he had served for most of his working life. M M Clark was at King's Middle School 1899-1906 and Warwick School 1906-49, retiring as Second Master and Bursar. His relatives were especially pleased to see his portrait hanging in the Pyne Room, the memorial brass plaque in Chapel on the back of the Deputy Headmaster's stall and his beautiful desk which was passed on to his successor Ralph Thornton and which has recently been bequeathed to the school.



Ada Cole and Rebecca Turner

The Thornton Podcast

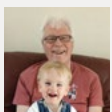
Listen to new episodes of The Thornton Podcast at www.olderwickians.org/thorntonpodcast

Series 1, Episode 3, Robert Hudson (WS Staff 1972-2017)



Long serving member of staff Robert shares insights on his early teaching career, his WS appointment as School Master/Librarian and some of his more memorable trips, escapades and colleagues.

Series 1, Episode 4, Eric Hadley (WS Staff 1990-)



In his fiftieth year of teaching, Eric reflects on a career which has included the teaching of seven subjects, editing *The Portcullis*, co-authoring *The History of Warwick School* and being a form tutor for many years.

Series 1, Episode 5, Trevor Pritchard (WS Staff 1969-89)



Coming soon!

Foundation News

Summer highlights from across our Foundation schools

The Kingsley School

Family Fun Day

Members of the Kingsley community enjoyed an afternoon of family fun on 6 July as part of the Foundation's Home Festival. Students organised games and charity stalls and entertained guests with music, dance and drama performances. Alumni of all ages enjoyed tours of the Senior School and congregated in the library to share memories of their school days over a glass of Prosecco and strawberries.



Fresh air, fieldwork and friendship

Year 9 and 10 students headed to Somerset for three days of field studies.



Y9 students focused on practical work for their Biology iGCSE while Y10 geographers undertook GCSE fieldwork investigating social inequality and examining the impact of coastal processes.

Kingsley welcomes visitors to its annual Art Exhibition

Kingsley's annual art exhibition is always a feast for the eyes, and this year's was no exception! Featuring work from students of all ages, the exhibition was a true celebration of the creativity and talent at Kingsley.



Prep pupils perform Aladdin

Kingsley Prep pupils delved into 'a whole new world' with their vibrant, energetic and exhilarating production of *Aladdin*.



Spring Concert

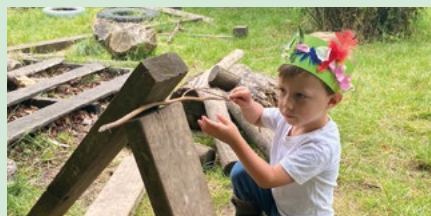
Students, staff and the Kingsley community gathered in Holy Trinity Church for the Spring Concert. Students of all ages, from Prep to Sixth Form, shared their musical talents through a delightful programme showcasing each of the school's musical ensembles, from voice and string ensembles to wind, swing and rock bands.



Warwick Prep

Nutkins and Squirrels

Pre-Prep children have spent much of the summer outside.



Cricket Link Days

Years 3 and 6 took advantage of some summer sunshine.



Peter Pan Jr.

The Bridge House Theatre provided our Y6 children with a wonderful opportunity to perform Peter Pan Jr. on stage.



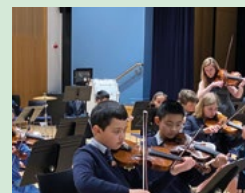
My Money Maths Week

Fun events for all year groups helped children get excited about maths and money matters.



Junior Foundation Symphony Orchestra Day

Over 90 pupils from Warwick Prep, Warwick Junior School and The Kingsley School came together for our very first Junior Foundation Symphony Orchestra Day.



Explosive Science

An electrifying lesson on 'Physical and Chemical Changes' ignited more than curiosity!



King's High School

Independent Schools of the Year Awards

King's High has been shortlisted for Independent Girls' School of the Year Award in the coveted Independent Schools of the Year Awards 2024.



Creative Writing Anthology

Time was the theme for the Summer term's Creative Writing Anthology from our talented Junior and Senior Creative Writing Clubs. Take a moment to enjoy reading our latest collection of literary works – available on www.kingshighwarwick.co.uk/latestnews.



King's High Beekeeping

Our dedicated team of student beekeepers maintain their beehives in our leafy Forest School. The most recent harvest is a set honey, from golden rapeseed.



Wellbeing

Wellbeing is prioritised through every element of school life and culture, and the King's High Festival of Wellbeing added an extra touch of celebration and pizzazz to the usual school day. This year, the Festival of Wellbeing centred around some of our key principles at King's High: play, rest, creativity, fun and gratitude.



Eggstronauts Blast Off

King's High new Rocket Club launched this year. Our team of Lower Sixth Physics students, 'The Eggstronauts', have been diligently researching, designing, and building the next generation of rockets in preparation for the UK Youth Rocketry Challenge (UKROC) 2024.



Team-building

Year 7 students returned from an unforgettable adventure at Oaker Wood, engaging in a variety of activities to build their teamwork and bonding.



Championing Change

It was a delight to welcome back Christie Cozad Neuger (KHS 1964-65) to talk with students and visit the King's High Cozad Neuger Library, named in honour of the very generous gift from Christie and her husband Win. Christie's time at King's High had a profound impact on her life and career, having served as a pastor, chaplain, pastoral counsellor and professor, as well as being an accomplished author. Christie and Win were delighted to see their transformational support first hand.



Future Fwd

Congratulations to all involved in Future Fwd 2024 – an inspirational conference with insightful talks, thought-provoking discussions and a unifying passion of delegates working to better education.



OW Sport

OW Cricket – OWs vs School XI

15 June 2024



Back: Will Veys, Josh Emery, Mark Banham, Steve Dellow, Will Hayes, Harry Bailey, Oli Murden. Front: Jimbo Williams, Jacob Mills, Charlie Curtis, Alex Beesley

This year's annual OW vs School cricket match was another close encounter.

The rain held off for a 30 overs match. OWs batted first and finished on 159 for 9 (Jimbo Williams – 82). In reply, School, needing 9 off the last over to win, scampered the winning run off the final ball, ultimately winning by 1 wicket. The School secured the Peter Treadaway Salver for the first time since 2016.

Special thanks to Ben Howard for gathering the OW team and to Jimbo Williams for captaining on the day.

Huge thanks to OWs, including a number of recent leavers, who played in the match against a Head Master's side as part of this year's Festival Family Day on 6 July.



Good game, despite the weather, Sat 6 July

OW Cross Country

OW runners are invited to join an OW team for the annual inter-schools Alumni Cross-country Race over Wimbledon Common on Saturday 14 September 2024.



The start of the 2023 race

The five-mile Thames Hare & Hounds Alumni Race starts at 15:00 sharp and we would love as many OWs as possible to enter. Team size is unlimited.

There is a £10 per person entry fee which includes a donation to the Wimbledon and Putney Commons Conservators.

Entrants must be bona fide alumni of their school, and each team can include one current member of staff. There are separate scored competitions within the one race for teams of V40, 50, 60, and 65; Age Related, Open, Ladies; First finisher, first lady finisher. Guests are also welcome, entering their team as 'GUEST'.

For details and to register, please visit: <https://data.opentrack.run/en-gb/x/2024/GBR/thhar/>



Our 2023 OW team

OW Golf Spring Day

20 May 2024 – Tadmarton Heath GC



L-r: Dan Marcus, Myles Collett, Tim Shenton-Taylor, Tim Harry, Paul Kemp, Malcolm Lines, Mike Barnwell, Richard Simmons (Capt), Gareth Jones, Sam Gill, John Elson, Julian Marcus, Peter Baird, Olly Bates, Peter Gedge, Jon Gregory, Andrew Dunnell, Steve Tubb (OWA Chairman), Iain Simmons

The eagerly awaited return to Tadmarton Heath GC for the OWGS Annual Spring Golf Day saw 19 golfers pit their wits against the challenging course. The rain held off and, although it was overcast all day, it did not deter our members in their attempts to mimic Xander Schauffele and his recent success – there were few likenesses in this regard!

Peter Gedge continued his ongoing OWGS support at Tadmarton (50+ years) and it was marvellous to see him return a solid score in the afternoon – well done Peter. There were other mentions from non-playing members including Chris Kaye, Richard Gash, Duncan Rotherham, Rob Kay and others who wished to be remembered to us all.

A total of 10 players for the morning round of foursomes and the Gracey Tankards, were joined by a further 8 golfers in the afternoon playing for the Langley Trophy. New Captain, Richard Simmons proposed 4 balls in the afternoon and this appeared to work very well.

The usual soup and sandwiches for lunch, and a lovely dinner followed the golf in the evening, where we were proud to welcome three 'debutants' to the OWGS fold. They received their OW ball markers donated and presented by Malcolm Lines – so well done Dan Marcus, Gareth Jones and Mark Hughes. The Tadmarton Decanter helped us celebrate!

Gracey Tankard

Edinburgh foursomes – take the best of 2 drives and play alternate shots on either odd or even holes. A new rule of a minimum of 6 drives each per team.

- Winners: Jon Gregory and Tim Harry on 36 pts
- Runners up: Julian and Daniel Marcus on 34 (back 9)
- Third place: Steve Tubb (OWA Chairman) and Iain Simmons on 34 pts.

Langley Trophy

The individual main event – an individual stableford off full handicap.

- Winner: Iain Simmons on 38 pts
- Runner up: Mike Barnwell on 35 pts (back 9)
- Third: Peter Gedge on 35 pts
- Fourth: Malcolm Lines on 34 pts (back 9).

The Peter Gedge Pot

Peter was one of the founding members of the OWGS, making the first OWGS golf day at Tadmarton Heath GC back in 1967. He was the club's first Hon Sec and then OWGS Captain and has been a constant attendee at our golf days. Peter has generously bought a solid silver 101 year-old pot which he presented to the OWGS as a prize for the best gross score. Congratulations to Sam Gill – gross 76 (par 69).

Nearest the pin

7th: Jon Gregory, 16th: Peter Baird.

Save the date

Autumn Golf Day – Fri 20 September 2024, Stratford on Avon GC

Spring Meeting – Tuesday 20 May 2025, Tadmarton Heath GC

Everyone is always very welcome and it would be lovely to see some new faces, some 'old' but younger faces and, of course, the old stalwarts.

OWs vs School

28 June 2024



The victorious school team of Barney, Oscar, Tom, Josh, Charlie and Sam



Geoff Tedstone presenting the Jack Marshall Trophy to school captain Sam



Owen James, Chris Kroeger, Geoff Tedstone and Tim Harry. Not pictured: Jacob Fenwick and Jack Bennett.

The annual OWGS vs School golf match for the coveted Jack Marshall Trophy was held on Friday 28 June at Leamington & County GC.

The course was in great condition and the weather perfect for an evening's golf however OWs came up short against a young but talented school team.

Owen James (14) and Tim Harry (17) lost 2/1 to Tom (15) and Barney (18). Jacob Fenwick (10) and Jack Bennett (12) Lost 4 and 3 to Josh (12) and Oscar (13). Geoff Tedstone (6) and Chris Kroeger (12) lost 2/1 to Sam (8) and Charlie (13).

Final score: School 3, OWs 0.

The Jack Marshall Trophy was first presented in 2007 and the score now stands at OWs 8 wins and School 8 wins.

Celebrating our OWs in Sport

Warwick School prides itself on providing an enjoyable, purposeful and varied programme of sporting activities aiming to develop a love of physical activity. We want Warwick pupils to “aim higher”, to grow and improve in all that they do, to conduct themselves positively and to be an inspiration to those around them, both within the school and the wider community.

These days, the school’s Rugby, Hockey, Cricket and Tennis programmes all provide regular training and fixtures for most pupils at the school. Additionally, there are opportunities in a variety of other sports that are included in our Core PE curriculum, Games provision or as part of our Co-Curricular sports club programme. Pupils can enjoy Athletics, Badminton, Basketball, Canoeing, Clay Pigeon Shooting, Cross-country, Dodgeball, Football, Handball, Indoor Climbing, Gaelic Football, Racket Ball, Sailing, Squash, Swimming, Table Tennis, Ultimate Frisbee, Uni-hoc, Water Polo, and more!

Over the years many OWs have enjoyed competing in their sport at national and international level. We are grateful to the many who have kindly donated their national or international sports shirts, which are on display in the Halse Pavilion:

- **Bhupinder S Bahia** – England Schools Rugby U16, 1991
- **Jai Singh Bahia** – U15 British Powerlifting, European Championships, 2021
- **R C (Tim) Barnwell** – England Schools Rugby U19, 1971
- **Harry Bassett** – England Schools Rugby U16, 2013
- **Jake Byrne** – Ireland U18 Clubs, 2014
- **Mark Calverley** – England Schools Rugby U18
- **Martin Clifford** – England Schools Rugby, 1971
- **Jamie Collins** – England Universities Rugby, 2011
- **Tim Dalton** – England Rugby, 1968
- **Nicholas David** – England U16, U17 and U18 Rugby, 2015-17
- **Tom Dodd** – England Counties U18 and 2017, Scotland Rugby U20, 2016
- **Thomas Fawcett** – England U17 and England U18 7s Youth Commonwealth Games, 2017
- **Andrew Grimes** – Hockey, Wales Commonwealth Games and 1989, Wales Hockey U21, 1998
- **Joshua Grimes** – England Counties U18, 2016

- **Charlie Hayter** – England 7s, Commonwealth Games, IRB 7s World Series, 2014
- **Roger Hosen** – England Rugby, 1962
- **Ben Howard** – ERFU U20 World Cup Winners. 2013
- **Rod Hughes** – England Schools Rugby U19, 1975
- **Huw Jones** – England Schools Cricket U14, U15, U17, 1995-98
- **James Knight** – U19 GB European Sailing Championships, 2022
- **Richard Knowles** – Team GB Athletics (400m), 1997 - 2000
- **Chris Kroeger** – England Cricket U16, 2005
- **Arran Lawson** – GB Judo U20, 2007-08
- **Gordon Lord** – England Cricket U19, 1979-80
- **Angus MacDonald** – Scotland U16, U17, 2017-18
- **Cameron Mackenzie-Lawrie** – Scotland U18 Rugby, 2018
- **Sam Miller** – England Universities Rugby, 2011
- **Charlie Mulraine** – England Schools Cricket U15, 1989 and England Schools Rugby, 1990
- **John Reardon** – England Schools Rugby U19, 1970
- **Nicholas Rigby** – England U17 and U18 Rugby, 2016-17
- **Garry Robinson** – England U19 Squash Champion, 1985
- **Neil Robson** – GB Olympic Games Moscow Canoeing, 1980
- **Ben Scoular** – Scotland U16, 2014
- **Jamie Shillcock** – England Counties U18 and England U19, 2015
- **Denys Shortt OBE** – England Hockey U16, 1980
- **Fin Smith** – England U20 Rugby, 2021
- **Neil Smith** – England Cricket, 1996
- **Marko Stanojevic** – Italy Rugby, World Cup, 2007
- **Geoff Tedstone** – England Cricket U19, 1980
- **Neil Thomas** – Wales Hockey U22, 1975
- **Steven Thompson** – England Schools Rugby U16 and U18, 1988 and 1990
- **Roger Thurman** – England Schools Hockey XI, 1975
- **Simon Twigger** – GB Wild Water Racing, 1990-92
- **Cian Tyler** – Wales Association Football U17, 2018
- **Tim Walton** – England Schools Water Polo, 2010
- **Tim Wurr** – England Schools Athletics
- **Robert Yates** – England U16 Cricket, 2016
- **David Young** – English Schools Cricket, 1995



Sports shirt display in the Halse Pavilion



Richard Knowles... still running



Roger Hosen



Marko Stanojevic



Tim Walton



Rob Yates © John Mallet



Neil Smith



Geoff Tedstone



James Knight



Fin Smith



Charlie Hayter



Tim Dalton



Garry Robinson



Simon Twigger



Cian Tyler



Tim Wurr

Early training at Warwick School?



1930s A G K Brown long jump



1948 Swimming



1953 Junior Cross Country



1960s Rifle range



1986 CCF Adventurous Training



1990s Gym

View from my window

Thank you to all those who have sent in a 'View from my window'. We share here a selection of recent additions since the previous Old Warwickian was published.

View the full gallery at:

<https://www.oldwarwickians.org/window>



View from my office window, Abu Dhabi Global Markets
Jack Atkins, WS 2004-11



Snowy view of Scapa Flow from the garden, Orkney
Andy Alsop MBE, WS 1952-59



Good views from the 'office' at RAF Shawbury
Andy Holley, WS 1970-80



View from the 'office' – on tour in Shanghai
Edward Button, WS 1997-2008



Spring in Worcestershire
David Watson, WS 1944-52



Rainbow over Rhyl from my house in Llanddulas, Conwy
David Wilkinson, WS 1958-66



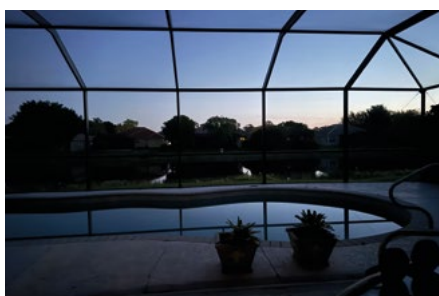
Overlooking the St Lawrence River at Brockville, Ontario
Don Chutter, WS 1940



The slow route to London, 130 miles and 136 locks
Ian West, WS 1965-73



Driving the Wellington Cable Car, New Zealand
Ian Raistrick, WS 1967-74



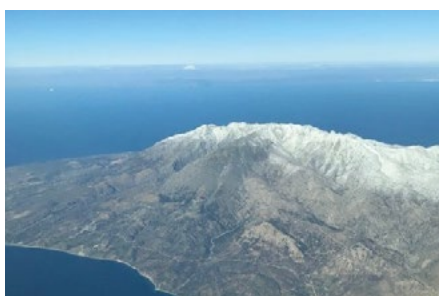
View from my window, Florida
Ian Rowlands, WS 1965-72



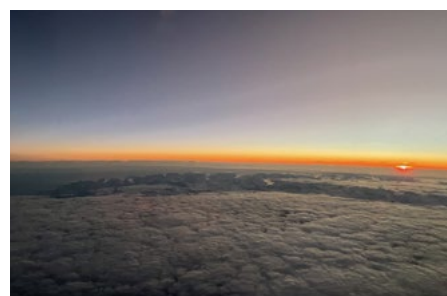
View from home, Sherborne
Joe Dunstan, WS 1946-54



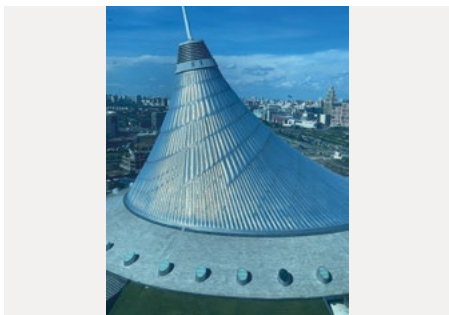
Winter in Melbourne, view from my office
Dr Andrew Bacon, WS 1954-61



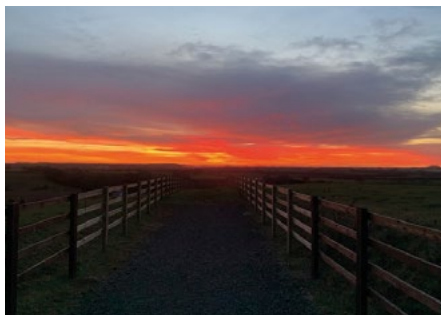
Office window – early morning flight from Athens to Alexandroupolis passing over Kymi in the descent
Jack Butler WS 1967-74



Another OW pilot's privileged office view. Departing Santiago Chile over the Andes at sunset
Chris Hain, WS 1973-80



View of the Khan Shatyr, Kazakhstan
John Coles, WS 1982-92



Bearley, Warwickshire, looking towards the Malvern Hills
John Elson, WS 1959-69



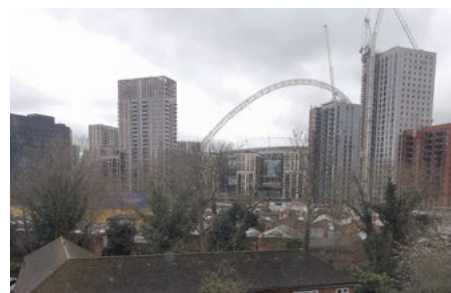
View from my golf club in Adelaide
John Rutherford, WS 1950-56



View of my croft at Gorie, Bressay
Dr Jonathan Wills, WS 1958-62



Flying all sorts of balloons around the world
Marcus Green, WS 1974-81



The Wembley Arch
Martin Garrett, WS 1965-72



View over the Saône river towards the Alps, Lyon
Matthew Holroyd, WS 2004-14



View from my window in Cunningsburgh, Shetland
Max Barnett, WS 1963-68



Remembrance – View from Boarding House,
November 2023



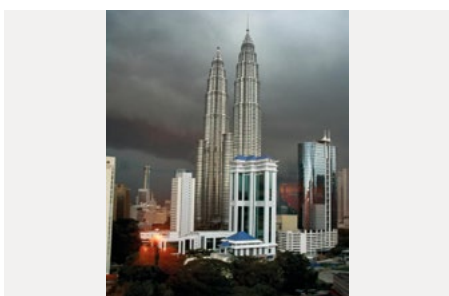
Flowering palm enjoying a sub-tropical climate in Dorset
Michael E Wardle, WS 1945-57



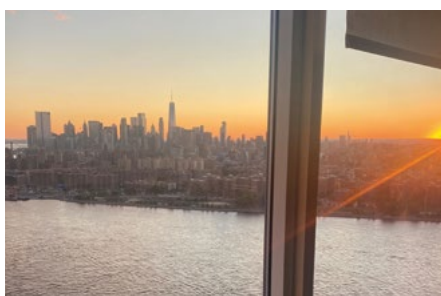
The wreck of M.V. Edro III in Pegeia, Cyprus
Nigel Foster, WS 1963-74



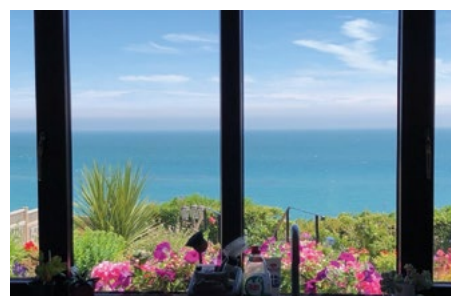
View from the living room, Quimper
Peter Johnston, WS 1948-55



Kuala Lumpur, View from a hotel room during my career
as a travelling software services consultant with IBM
Roy Saxton PhD FBCS, WS 1955-63



Williamsburg, Brooklyn looking over the East River to
downtown Manhattan
Sam Jones, WS 1998-2005



Our kitchen in Folkestone
Terry Cooke-Davies, WS 1948-59

D-Day Anniversary

On a trip to the 80th anniversary of the D-Day landings Peter “Pag” Jones (WS 1964-75) and fellow OW parent Christoph Chesher paid their respects at the grave of Warwick School boy Leonard Cardwell-Hill.

Leonard is believed to be the only WS boy who died in the Normandy campaign. A trooper in the Royal Dragoons armoured corps, he died on 15 August 1944, aged only 19. He was buried at the Banneville-La-Campagne British military cemetery. Peter and Christoph laid a wreath of WS blue and white flowers with the message “Lest we forget”.

Mike Spanton (WS 1961-64) found Leonard’s inscription (amongst the other 22,441) and paid his respects to him at the British Normandy Memorial in Ver-sur-Mer while travelling back from Normandy, following the D-Day Festival.

Regular pilgrim to the D-Day anniversaries, Peter Turner (WS 1956-63) journeyed with his sons and part of The North Staffordshire Military Vehicle Trust to mark the 80th anniversary.

Before he died, OW David Ruse recalled his time as a boarder in 1940 when soldiers returning from the war used Warwick School’s outdoor pool.

“Our chief delight was the swimming pool, which we boarders could use in the evenings and weekends. One hot Saturday, we were, as usual, looking forward to spending the afternoon in the pool, but we were told that the whole area was out of bounds. No reason was given, and we drifted back to the Common Room in a state of mutiny.

In the middle of our furious protests, someone looked out of the window and saw some men arriving. We could not believe our eyes. They were undressing and swimming in our pool. We rushed out to see what was going on.

They were soldiers. They looked tired and dirty, even to our young eyes. After a time, our housemaster arrived, and cleared us off, telling us to let the soldiers have their bath in peace. He explained that a lot of soldiers were coming home from France.

Within a few days, we heard all about Dunkirk. The War had reached us, after all, and before the summer was over, we all wanted to be Spitfire pilots. When we returned to school the following term, it was to nights spent on camp beds in the air-raid shelters, interrupted lessons and photographs of fathers in uniform proudly arranged on bedside lockers”.



Pag Jones and Christoph Chesher at the grave of Leonard Cardwell-Hill

The Heaton Podcast: The Normandy Landings

Listen to one of our recent Heaton Podcasts which is an interview with Philip Sweet, a veteran of D-Day.

<http://theheatonpodcast.buzzsprout.com>



The new Normandy British Memorial



Peter Turner’s jeeps at Omaha Beach

WS Archives

The origins of Music at Warwick School

At Warwick School we strive to put music at the heart of every pupil's social, intellectual and spiritual development; providing a warm, welcoming environment in which pupils can build their musical skills and grow into confident, cultured young men. In modern times the music opportunities offered to students include an enormous range of ensembles and groups, choirs, chamber ensembles, large and small jazz groups, rock and pop bands.

WS Archivist Gervald Frykman is investigating the history of music at the school from its 19th century origins to modern times.

There is no doubt that singing, especially in a religious context in the chapel, or, indeed, at St Mary's Church before the school moved to its present site in 1879, formed the basis of musical activity at Warwick School. The school chapel gained an organ in 1886 (hand-pumped), and a 19-year-old organist and choir-master, Mr Albert Warren, was appointed. Before 1886 the choir was accompanied on a harmonium. Mr Warren did a great deal to foster musical activity in the 11 years that he was on the staff and set up a series of concerts in which singing took centre stage. There were also individual instrumental items at these concerts.

The oldest concert programme that is preserved in the school archives dates from 1887. It was the end of term Christmas concert and the printed programme itself is of immense importance, since it displays the first recorded use of the name "Warwick School" instead of "The King's School, Warwick" – its legal name. The programme doesn't say exactly where in the school the concert was held, merely: "Commence at 8" and "Carriages at 10". Presumably the location was Big School, now called the Pyne Room. There were nine items, mostly vocal (solo and choir), with piano pieces and a couple of "instrumental quartettes". There are several other points of interest in this printed programme: there were 42 boys, all named, in the choir, which was almost half of the total of 105 boys in the school at the time (57 boarders and 48 day-boys). There were four "Stewards" named, of which one was "Norman W. Brown Esq", the founder of the Old Warwickian Association in 1898, and a second was "E. P. Strickland Esq", who had just left the school to join the Army, and who later became Lt Gen Sir Peter Strickland, bearing the highest military rank achieved by any OW.

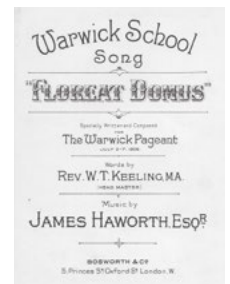
Read more about the origins of music at www.oldwarwickians.org/archives



1903 Chapel Choir



1906 The Warwick Pageant



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Archive images

We include here a selection of images that have come to light in recent times. If you have any Warwick School images, formal or informal, that you are happy to add to the Warwick School Archives please email them to a.douglas@warwickschools.co.uk



Early 1900 drama production



1970s – the pool!



1970s French Cricket



1971 School vs OWS



1970s Jack Marshall Celebration Cricket Match



1970s 'On your marks!'

OW Survey 2024

Offers of help

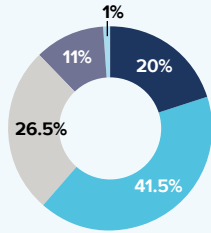
Thank you, especially, to all those who indicated they would help to organise an event, act as a year-group co-ordinator/ambassador, serve on the OWA committee, mentor a fellow OW, give a talk and/or organise or participate in OW sport. We will follow up offers of help individually as opportunities arise.

To help shape future relationships between Warwick School, the Old Warwickian Association and OWs we conducted our second OW survey (the first was conducted in 2021). Thank you to 524 OWs who responded. Your valuable feedback will help us develop our alumni relations, communications, events and reunions so that we have an OW programme which offers things that you find exciting, interesting and relevant.

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

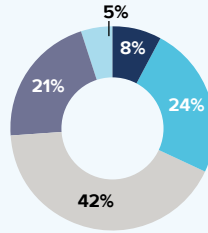
How strongly do you feel connected to Warwick School?

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



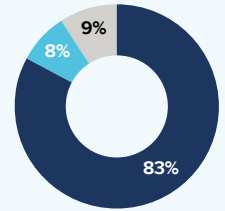
How strongly do you feel connected to the Old Warwickians Association?

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



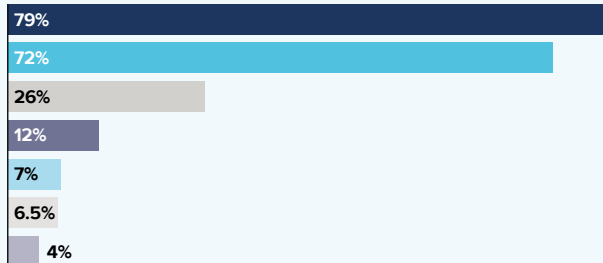
Are you aware of Warwick School's connection to Warwick Independent Schools Foundation?

- Yes
- No
- Maybe



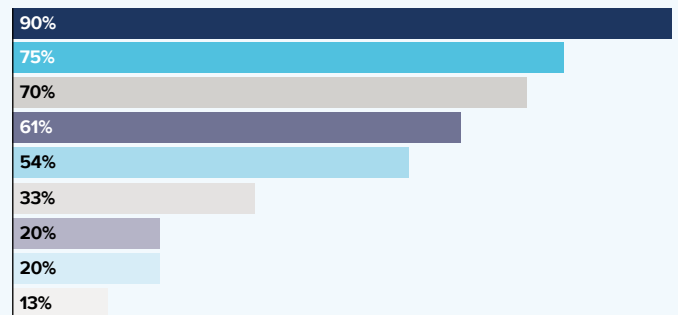
How would you like to hear from us in the future?

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



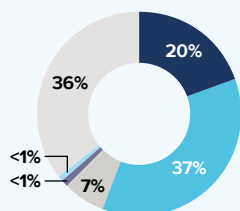
Which of the following would you like us to provide?

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



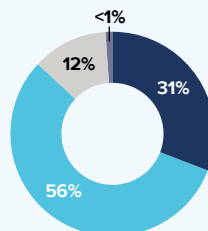
How would you rate our OW events and reunions historically?

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



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

- Excellent
- Good
- Average
- Poor



Are you aware that Warwick Schools Foundation is a registered charity?

- Yes
- No
- Maybe

