

Anniversaries All Over

Over the recent months the School has seen a few anniversaries. As reported in our last edition 2006 marked the 125th anniversary of the School's move to its present site. The Summer Fayre was a great success with a very tasty barbecue, live music from Tom Betts' (93-04, PI) band and perfect sunny weather. 2007 saw the centenary of the School Chapel and a number of events were put on to commemorate this. These included workshops, concerts, a soiree, a flower festival and an evensong. The following is an extract from the Business Times.

"The celebrations began with Evensong conducted by Bishop John Flack, Director of the Anglican Institute in Rome. The service included the dedication of a plaque representing 'Ancient and Modern' that had been created by 100 people - 30 pupils from the Senior School, 30 pupils each from the Prep and Pre- Prep schools and 10 Old Wellingburians. The next day, all pupils joined in a day of Gospel Singing workshops with Anglia TV reporting from the event - filming the Chapel Choir in full song. Later in the week, The Oriana Singers gave a concert, followed the next evening by a 'Soiree' of music, drama and readings produced and performed by pupils. "The Flower Festival was the idea of Ruth Bowe, wife of the Headmaster," said the School's Claire Mitchell. "Ruth ensured the event was a tremendous success - with truly spectacular decorations throughout, all designed and arranged by parents of the School. "We were also delighted to welcome back many past students, whose memories helped to create a sense of history - especially those of Jerry Higgins who was baptised at the Chapel and is now our current Chair of Governors. The celebrations concluded with a superb concert from the Rushden Mission Brass Band - it was a week full of fine music and some very accomplished musicians and singers."

Ten OWs created a panel each as an OW contribution to the 100 Artists who painted in celebration of the centenary of the School Chapel's founding. Bishop John Flack, Director of the Anglican

Centre in Rome, dedicated the panel during part of a special service on March the 4th and we hope that it will stay in place on the chapel wall for another 100 years. Each Artist painted an individual response on the theme of 'Ancient and Modern', but each was allocated a specific colour in the design, so that the whole, when finally collected together on the 5ft square panel, shows an overall design which co-ordinates the panel's appearance. We hoped that the central motif would represent the cross, but also appear to be the golden centre of a flower whose red and magenta petals are surrounded by the greens of its leaves. This whole design floats in a blue sky. In this way, we have tried to incorporate some symbolism from the many religions and cultures of the pupils who have worshipped within the chapel over the last 100 years.

The OWs were:

Rebecca Coombs (89-96, M)

Chris Pugh (87-97, PI)

Adam Savage

(91-98, C)

Oliver Evans

(95-00, G)

Sam Crack

(90-01, F)

Helena Bennett

(98-03, M)

Sara Slater

(97-02, M)

Emma Price

(95-04, N)

Sophie Warren (99-05, N)

Hannah Hanley (01-06, N)



John Dufield - Head of Art ■

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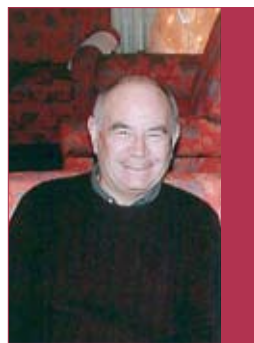
Martin Whatton (72-82, W)

The President-Elect

This year's President-Elect is Alison Caton (nee Willgress), our first lady President-Elect. She was a day pupil in Marsh House in the Eighties, when she was an all-rounder at sports and also involved in stage-crew for school and house productions under the guidance of Rod Farey and Ian 'Mickey' Rouse. In her last year, she attained the Duke of Edinburgh Gold award through the Wednesday afternoon DELTA activity. Having worked in many areas, from Administration to Distribution and Transportation, Alison is now a Traffic Officer (CCO) for the Highways Agency motorway control based at South Mimms.

She was married on Lundy Island (Bristol Channel) - her hobby of church bell ringing having brought her to the island during the restoration of their peal of bells. She also enjoys car-rallying and motorbikes. She is a member of the OW Rifle Club and has been an OW committee member for several years.

Letter from the President



Richard Barwick

It is some 50 years since I left the School, so I was a little surprised to be invited by the Committee to become your President this year. I have however been a regular attendee at the London dinners and supporter of the Golfing Society so was touched when Past President Brian Leadsom invited me and then persuaded me that I could do the job despite my living some distance away in Yorkshire. I was of course a contemporary of Brian and I also well recall his Father being President at my first OW dinner in 1958!

One has to go back to 1983 to find a Past President from Platts House, Michael Dandy, who I recall organised some memorable London Dinners at the Lord's Cricket Ground Pavilion.

Whilst this is my first letter I am at the time of writing well into the sixth month of my term of office and so this is effectively my half term report.

All Presidents report on how the School has changed since their time and I am therefore no exception, but it has been a pleasure to go back down memory lane and attend various functions and other events at School on behalf of the OW Club. These started with the Remembrance Day and Carol services in Chapel, and then in March I was fortunate to attend the Centenary Service of Dedication to mark the 100 years of the Chapel being constructed. I was impressed by the enthusiasm of pupils, staff, parents and governors at all three services, whilst the choir were impressive on each occasion.

In early April I was invited to attend The Castle Theatre for a performance of 'Seussical', a musical performed by the Schools exchange link, Quince Orchard High School from Gaithersburg, Maryland, near Washington DC. It was a most impressive and skilled performance that was greatly enjoyed by those present. I am sure the pupils of Wellingborough will put on just as good a show when they cross the pond to perform 'Anything Goes' in the States later this year.

On the OW front, as reported elsewhere, on 16th March we held another well attended London dinner at Bakers' Hall, the home of my Livery Company, The Worshipful Company of Bakers. I am very grateful for the support of not only those who attended,

and hopefully enjoyed the occasion, but also to Tony Abell for arranging the coach down to London and to Debbie Whittemore for her valuable assistance generally and in the printing of menus etc.,

At the end of March I ventured down to Sandwich, Kent to stay with the golf team for the annual Halford Hewitt golf tournament. I was pleased to play in pleasant weather at Rye on the practice day with the Captain Tim Gordon, John Saxby and Robert Handley, but sorry to say I let the Captain down! We had a very convivial evening and dinner at the team hostelry but unfortunately all the practice and refreshment at the St Crispin's Inn, did little to help the team who went down 4-1 to Mill Hill in the first round next day. It was a bitterly cold day, particularly for spectators, but it was good to see Past President Garnett Scott and his wife braving the elements among the 20 or so Old Wellingburians out on the Royal Cinque Ports golf course. It was good to meet up with and support the team for this very enjoyable event and it is perhaps worth noting that the golf team is made up of OWs from all age groups, well not perhaps my age group now! The younger members of the team, a number of whom are still at University, certainly enjoyed the event, whilst the experience gained should hopefully stand them in good stead to make the team again, and thus help Wellingborough to progress further in future tournaments.

Reference to younger OWs is important since the OW Club is here to support Old Wellingburians of all ages, and so whilst the traditional functions and dinners are generally well attended one is conscious that they do not always attract the younger element in any great numbers. To this end I am grateful to the Headmaster for initiating debate on the subject so it is to be hoped that the Committee will be able to support his ideas for running events that will be particularly attractive to the under 30's and recent leavers. Details regarding a summer event after the cricket on 30th June will be circulated when finalised.

I hope to attend and support many other functions and School events during the second half of my year, including my first visit to Bisley. As a tennis player I never had the opportunity of going to Bisley whilst at School, but then I was also a very poor shot!

I look forward to meeting very many more of you in the coming months.

Have a good summer.

Richard Barwick (53-57, PI) ■

Head's Report



Headmaster: Garry Bowe

As a former pupil of any School one likes to think of the place as it was "in our day" – assuming that we had happy memories - although Headmasters would be naively foolish to believe that all school days evoke unqualified fondness. However, in recent weeks a number of events and observations confirm my eternal optimism. The Chapel Centenary and Flower Festival week celebrating the construction of the School Chapel during the course of 1907 was a triumph for our whole community. Amongst a whole series of events one that is pertinent to this publication was the soiree which included extracts from OWs James Rolton (90-02, Pa-St), Nadia Shah (92-19, Ma), Michael Hickman (97-00, Pl), Eve Spaughton (96-01), Alison Mitchell (91-98, W), Zoë Davey (nee Gardiner-Wood) (88-92, Ma) Rita Chow (02-05, W) and Taro Gibbs (96-01, Ga). A further ten artistic OWs contributed to the stunning Chapel Mural. A week later the School was alive on OW Saturday with a Hockey XI gathered by Maria Higgins (97-04, W) playing a thoroughly entertaining game against the School 1st XI and in the afternoon two "youthful" soccer XIs (many of whom had been enthused and signed up by Tom Fehler (94-04, Cr) and a slightly more "experienced" XI, playing competitive and enjoyable matches in fine spirit. These events epitomised for me the value of the OW organisation: with a few notable exceptions, these were young OWs who have not been attendees at official functions such as the London Dinner or the November Dinner. I am looking forward to addressing the forthcoming May OW Committee meeting having been invited to discuss the Club-School relationship because it is mutually important that we enthuse and court the lifeblood of the School.

This School of ours, as reflected in the exciting new Prospectus is in many senses a totally different place to the school that many OWs experienced. As a day school, as a local, 3-18 mixed day school, it remains a place where friendships are forged which last a lifetime and we hope that the OW Club promotes this in a social setting beyond School. There is no need to forego our long established traditions such as the London Dinners because they provide a social opportunity to show affinity with and pride in our School and its special, rounded ethos. This, as recent past Presidents like Brian Leadsom and Peter Cordrey I know agree, should be applicable to OWs of all generations so that they continue to feel a part.

As ever I continue to urge you to visit us for a wander around, to watch matches or concerts, a chat or a cup of tea. Perhaps if you are in Barbados in July or Washington or New York in October you might even join us on one of our frequent overseas trips. Debbie Whittemore, who is performing an invaluable role in School in co-ordinating OW activities, would be delighted to hear from all OWs who might wish to know any more about School life or indeed to inform us of theirs.

Garry Bowe ■

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dates for your diary

2007

Thursday 21st June:

Senior School Prize giving
– guest speaker, Jo Salter

Saturday 23rd June:

Summer Ball (Marquee)

Saturday 30th June:

Open Day/OW Summer Day

Saturday 10th November:

OW Club AGM
OW Club Annual Dinner

Sunday 11th November:

School Remembrance Service

2008

Friday 14th March:

London Dinner

DEADLINE:

Please ensure that all material for the next edition of *The Old Wellingburian* reaches Edward Minchinton clo the School by 15th August 2007.



Edward Minchinton

Editorial

On attending the AGM in November I was saddened to hear that our long-serving Secretary and Editor: Neil Lyon had had to resign due to mounting work commitments. I would like to thank him for his contribution to the OW Club and the help he has given me in my exploits in the Archive Room and in my new role as Editor.

My name is Edward Minchinton; I was at Wellingborough from 1999-2004 and was a member of Garne's house. Whilst at school I frequently took part in House drama in cameo and directing roles, as well as representing Garne's in the House General Knowledge teams. I am currently in my final year at the University of Wales, Aberystwyth where I have been studying International Politics & Military History. Outside of university I am keenly involved in motorsport as a marshal and next season as part of a team. As a marshal I normally work on the startline and in the pits, although for some races I am out on post waving the flags. I am also apprenticed to the Worshipful Company of Blacksmiths

and later this year I will have finished my apprenticeship and will become a Liveryman. But enough about me!

This is my first OW newsletter and fortunately I have had a great deal of support from Neil and Debbie Whittemore who have answered what must seem like my endless questions; many thanks to them for their time and support. My thanks must also go to Phil Warr and William Hanley who are helping me produce the newsletter by writing articles and chasing up contributors. This brings me to my final thanks, which is to those people who have contributed to the magazine either by writing in with an article or a personal update or by providing me with messages of support and offers of assistance if I ever needed any.

Please feel free to contact me with any comments or ideas for the newsletter. Articles: whether harking back to times at school or covering current School or OW events are always welcome. Also, please keep sending in Personalia, as this is the most popular section with OWs keen to see news of school friends.

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the November dinner at the School and the London dinner next year at the Cabinet War Rooms.

Edward Minchinton (99-04, G) ■

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NEWS OF OLD WELLINGBURIANS

We are constantly being told that this is the section in the *The Old Wellburian* that attracts most interest: so why not write in and give us YOUR news for the next edition?

Mike Pflanz (85-94, Pa) (mike.pflanz@telegraph.co.uk) reports that he is now living in Nairobi, Kenya, where he is based as the Africa correspondent for the Daily Telegraph. He moved from London in May 2004, freelancing for a year before picking up the east Africa stringer position for the Telegraph in June 2005. As of January the paper closed its Johannesburg bureau, and appointed him to cover the continent from Nairobi. This means he has a lot of travelling across many different countries, which he feels "is without doubt the highlight of the job". He would welcome any contact from old friends as well as any OWs with Africa-linked story.

Alan Warwick (41-47, Pa), **William Hanley** (91-05, Pl), **John Saxby** (46-52, JS) and **Callum Heckstall-Smith** (00-06, G) are standing as councillors in the May local elections. Alan is again running for Redwell East, William for Castle and Callum for Swanspool. Following the election, Alan, John and Callum are now councillors, with William missing out by a very small margin. Congratulations to all four of them on their successes.



Congratulations to **Giles Timms** (82-88, Pl) who has been awarded the Military Cross as the commander of B Company, 3rd Battalion of the Parachute Regiment in Afghanistan.

His citation states "Under fire on many occasions, whether defending the Sangin District Centre against intense Taliban attack during his Company's tour of duty there, or when participating in numerous Battle Group operations, he has taken considerable personal risk by exposing himself to enemy fire. Major Timms' actions, in terms of leading from the front and the risks he took in exposing himself throughout the day (29 August 2006), made a vital contribution to ensuring that the Battle Group was able to ensure that a critical supply convoy was able to complete its mission unmolested. In doing so he demonstrated the very highest standards of leadership and

gallantry in the face of a determined enemy and deserves very high public recognition". His soldiering began when he was Officer Cadet of the CCF under Major Ashworth at Wellingborough. Major Timms' MC adds to the array of medals that have been won by OWs, with over fifty MCs having been won previously.

Richard Capon (57-65, F) [r.capon@ntlworld.com] after more than 30 years teaching retired from being Head of ICT in a Suffolk Middle School. He has developed a secondary career in examining at A-Level and for the International Baccalaureate, but is also tutoring A-level science students in the Wellingborough area. After learning to sing in the Wellingborough School choir he has recently returned to choral singing and recalls with affection the choir tours of the South of France mentioned by Richard Priestley in the September Old Wellburian.

Nick Walker (86-90, Pl) tells us that he married his long time fiancée Vicky on 1st April 2006 and their first child, Samuel Jacob Walker, was born on 30th January 2007. They are all doing well and Samuel is a happy, healthy three-month old, who is keeping them both busy and endlessly amused. Congratulations to them both.

Many thanks to **Peter Kelly** (97-04, Pl) for setting up a Wellingborough School group on the Facebook site. There are currently over 300 current and former Wellingborough pupils in the group. For those who are not familiar with Facebook it is a social networking site that is similar to Friends Reunited.



In November 2006, Dr. Ubaidullah Mustafa, Producer and Script Writer for the film studio, Nusantaragems in Malaysia, visited Wellingborough School to do a 'piece' on **Tunku Syed Sirajuddin** (King Sid) who was at the School from 1958 to 1962. The Palace had commissioned Nusantaragems to gather information about the King and his time at the School. Contemporaries of the King, kindly returned to the School to be interviewed:

Roger Shelton (54-65, St), **Peter Wildman** (55-60, Pa), **Peter Phillips** (54-65, Pa), and Teachers **Philip Gordon** (Hon. 51-87) and **James Hasler** (Hon. 57-90) - shown on the attached photograph talking to Dr. Ubaidullah (Film Director). We are hoping to be sent a copy of the video, watch this space...

Congratulations to **Sam Leadsom** (82-87, Ga) and wife Emma on the birth of their second son, Matthew, born on 4th February 07. Matthew joins brother Tom in the Leadsom household.

Congratulations to **Harvey Thorneycroft** (82-87, Pa) and wife Alice on the birth of their first child, Scarlett Daisy, born on 14th February 07 (6lbs and 9oz).

Congratulations to **Nick Cole** (78-87, Pl) and wife Julia on the birth of Georgina on 2nd December 2006, a sister for Olivia.

Congratulations to **Will Kellock** (94 - 01 St) on gaining his commission as a Pilot Officer in the RAF Volunteer Reserve (Training branch). Will has been posted to 378 (Mannock) Squadron ATC in Wellingborough, the squadron founded by legendary school master Murray Witham in 1938. Incidentally 2008 is the 70th anniversary of the schools Air Force section. Any OWs wishing to contribute to an article in next spring newsletter please contact the editor.

Mark Lench (73-78, W) [mark@marklench.com] has moved back to Northamptonshire after 20 years living "down south". He now runs his own London-based marketing consultancy specialising in the global engineering and construction industries. Mark's work has taken him to more than 30 countries around the world, including favourite OW haunts such as Ghana, Malaysia and South Africa.

Hilary Poole (nee Jackson) (70-72,) [hilarypoole5@hotmail.com] has graduated with a first from the University of Northampton in Sociology with Psychology.

Andrew Robinson (79-89, W) [Andrew@channel-matrix.com] is currently working in his family business: Channel in Wellingborough, which manufactures products for the printing and packaging industry and exports to 75 countries. His two children, Annabel and Charles are now in the Pre-Prep.

OBITUARIES

We offer our sincere condolences to the families and friends of all whose deaths are reported below:

Will Ross (88-97, St) [willowross@hotmail.com] extends an invitation to all 1997 Leavers for a 10 Year Reunion Picnic and Cricket Match. At 2pm on the 30th June 2007 at the school there will be a cricket match between a team of 1997 leavers and the school 2nd XI. If you are interested in playing (ability and fitness are far from necessary) please e-mail him. Those of you who are not interested in playing can bring along a picnic, catch up with old friends and arrange to meet up somewhere for a few drinks later that day.

Peter Baker (72-79, St) [peter@pgbaker.freereserve.co.uk] is now living in Berkshire having moved from West Sussex.

Andrew Chaplin (96-03, C) will be graduating with a first class degree in Law from Durham this year. This year he also represented Durham in the UK final of the Jessup International Mooting Competition with an average personal score of 91%. In September he will be starting a City Legal Practice Course at BPP Law School in London before moving on to a two-year training contract with Slaughter & May.

Sally Dolman (85-92, N) [sally.dolman@danone.com] is back in touch. She is currently working for Danone in commercial sales and lives in Clapham, London.

Michael Ellis (81-86, Pl) was named as the Conservative candidate for Northampton South last December. He will contest the seat at the next General Election.

Douglas Hitchman (59-63, Pl) has been in contact. He is currently living in Kent and working full time. He has been married to Rosemary for 27 years and has one son and two stepdaughters. His brother Peter (50-55, Pl) is out in South Africa and has lived there for 45 years.

Colonel P.G.R. Horrell (61-70, Pl) was nominated as a prospective High Sheriff of Cambridgeshire for 2007 and has now taken office.

Nick Huckle (65-74, Pa) has been teaching French in the USA since 1980. He has just received the Neu Family Award for Excellence in Teaching at Boston University. He has been married to Jackie for 27 years, she too a teacher. They have two children: Laura and David. Nick was sad to learn of the recent death of Fred Hind, he has fond memories of Fred's truly heroic efforts to teach French in the Junior School. A-level French lessons with the tenacious Geoff Till and the rather more relaxed John Oughton are also unforgettable.

Richard Moore (59-64, Pl) is now living in Norfolk only a few miles from Holt. He and his wife Helen moved in May of last year for their retirement. They are currently enjoying the many RSPB sites in North Norfolk as well as the local pubs and restaurants. Richard extends his best wishes to all his friends and teachers from his time at Wellingborough.

Sarah Smith (nee Thomas, 83-85, M) [sarahsmith67@btinternet.com] is currently living in Buckinghamshire. She married Chris Smith (75-84, Pa) in 1993 and have three children: Archie, Tom and Lily. They keep in touch with several OWs, many of who are godparents to their children.

Congratulations to **Darren Hitchcock** (83-86, St) who would like to announce the arrival of his first child, Sofia-Marie, who was born on 7th July 2006. Darren currently lives in Hampshire. dhitchcock@bottomline.com

Keith Price – (30-32, Ga) passed away on 5th January 2007. His son, Nick, has passed on the following information about his father: At the end of his school career, Keith went to work in the family business in the steel industry in Sheffield. When the Second World War started, he enrolled with the Royal Artillery and was posted to India and Burma for the duration of the war, leaving with the rank of Major. He then returned to the family business where he remained until his children were grown up. He then followed a second career as a golf club secretary, which enabled him to enjoy his great sporting love; he was an accomplished golfer playing to scratch at his best and representing the OWs on various occasions. He then retired to the Cotswolds.

Gwen Valentin passed away on 10th February 2007 from Malignant Mesothelioma. Gwen was a member of staff in the Junior School from 1980-99. She was a Graduate of Queen Mary College, London. She taught French, as well as some Latin, becoming Head of French in September 1988. In 1994 she introduced the Life Skills programme for all five year-groups. She helped with all girls' games, especially hockey. For ten years she designed and made the costumes

for the annual musical production. Her two sons, Charles and Ben, both attended the Junior School. Donations to the RHS Giving in Memory Fund, c/o: RHS, 80 Vincent Square, London, SW1P 2PE, quoting Gwen's name - in lasting memory of her knowledge and love of plants and the joy and peace she always found in gardens.

Michael Oswald Mawer (1933 - 1937) who died in May 2006 of chronic heart condition, leading to lung cancer and liver failure. Whilst he was at the school he played in the Schools 2nd XI football team. **Michael Mawer** left a legacy in his will to the Wellingborough Shooting Club.

Angus "Jock" Ogilvy, whose obituary was printed in the May 2006 newsletter left the school £100 in his will. This money was gratefully received by the Physics Department, it was felt that as Mr Ogilvy was a Physics Master at the School this was the most appropriate place. We thank him and Mrs. Ogilvy for their generosity.

John Malcolm Semple (37-41, F) died in October of last year. He was 82 and had two sons. At one point he was Deputy Managing Director of Hovis and went to America to run their operations there. Thanks to Major D.J. Davis for notifying us.



Items of OW clothing are available from
Warwicks of Wellingborough (01933 224981)

The 2007 London Dinner



Heads of School with Tony Abell (52-57, F)

For the second consecutive year the OW London Dinner visited one of London's Livery Halls: this year it was the Bakers' Hall. The Worshipful Company of Bakers traces its history back to 1155, which makes it the second oldest of the London livery companies.

After an introduction and brief history of the Hall and the Company from the Beadle of the Company, we were seated in the beautiful wood-panelled dining hall. The hall contains three stained glass windows denoting the three previous Bakers' Halls that had stood on the site, all of which had been destroyed by fire at various points in history; the last of these took place during the Second World War.

The dinner was attended by: Tony Abell (52-57, F), The President Richard Barwick (53-57, Pl), Angela Barwick, Professor Robin Basker (46-55, W), Jacque Basker, Garry Bowe (Headmaster), Ruth Bowe, Ian Bowers (67-76, G), Alison Caton (81-88,

M), Simon Caunt (Head Boy, Pl), David Coles (70-72, JS), Peter Cordrey (61-65, W), Carol Cordrey, Ruth Coverdale (Deputy Head Girl, N), Peter Crisp (73-83, Pl), Martin Croft (75-85, C), Vikrant Dogra (95-00, Pa-St), John Everritt (52-58, F), Julie Everritt, Alan Fells (45-55, W), Avril Fells, Jack Gourlay (Deputy Head Boy, G), Christopher Grierson (60-69, St), Christopher Hales (45-47, F), Barbara Hales, James Hasler (Staff, 57-90), Chloe Haynes (Head Girl, W), Anthony Heeley (52-56, F), Christine Heeley, John Heeley (54-58, F), Rosemary Heeley, Jerry Higgins (Chairman of Governors, 57-66, St), Marcus Horrell (65-75, Pl), Brian Huckle (41-50, Pa), Dr Nick Huckle (70-74, St), Richard Jackson (70-81 St), Julia Jones (Pre-Prep Headmistress), Brian Leadsom (53-58, Fr), Judy Leadsom, Malcolm Ledger (61-64, W), Irina Ledger, Neil Lyon (80-85, W), Edward Minchinton (99-04, G), Richard Mitchell (Prep School Headmaster), Claire Mitchell (Prep School Marketing Manager), Alan Peck (53-58, Pl), Wendy Peck, Maj. Gen. Richard Peck (47-55, G), Liz Peck, David Peck (49-58, G), Peter Phipps (66-70, St), John Saxby (46-52), Robert Sears (59-69, F), John Shrive (49-54, F), John Skinner (69-72, Pa), Lorraine Stott (wife of Beverley Stott (52-56, F), Jonathan Tait (47-56, F), Evelyn Tait, Peter Walton (65-72, Pl), John Ward (48-52, F), Debbie Whittemore (Development Secretary), Ann Whittington (Headmaster's PA), Andrew Wingate (53-58, F).

School News



The following candidates have been awarded Conditional Offers, details below: -

Sarah Beharry (97-07, N) - Robinson College, Cambridge (Mathematics)

Michael Duffy (00-06, G) - Magdalen College, Oxford (Music) - Choral Scholarship

Naomi Gibbs (02-07, M) - Lincoln College, Oxford (Medicine)

Nithya Natarajan (01-07, W)

- St Edmund's Hall, Oxford (English and German)

James Partridge (00-07, Pl) - Girton College, Cambridge (Engineering)

As mentioned by the Headmaster in his report the School has recently unveiled a new range of prospectuses for all of the schools. DSD Education has developed these in conjunction with the School. If you would like a copy please contact Debbie Whittemore. (dw@wellingboroughschool.org) or 01933 233441)

Former members of Cripps' house will be pleased to hear that it has now received a long overdue refurbishment. It is hoped that the opening of the new extension will be on the Summer Open day although this is as yet unconfirmed.

The school's fifth-form public speaking team unfortunately failed to reach the National Finals in a split decision after sweeping the board locally. OWs are invited to watch the finals of the school's public speaking competition in the school chapel on Open Day.

Success was also had in the district finals of Young Enterprise with the fourth form team winning best overall company and therefore the right to represent the district in the county finals in Northampton on the 17th May.

Sporting wise the 1st XI football dropped just one point in their Northern section Mercian League fixtures but unfortunately lost out on the winners' slot on goal difference. The 1st XI cricket team fared better winning both their opening fixtures against Uppingham and Magdalen College School, Oxford.

We are pleased to announce the addition of Martin Whatton (72-82, W) and Paul Hooton to the OW Committee. Also, Simon Marriott joins the Governors as the Old Wellingburian Club representative.

Senior School Prizegiving takes place on Thursday 21st June. This year's guest speaker is Jo Salter, Britain's first female fast jet pilot. She is now an inspirational speaker as well as a consultant.

Recent members of Fryer's and Weymouth will be pleased to hear of the arrival of Katie Mills' and Kurt Secharan's baby Samuel Jack who was born last year in August. In addition, Fiona and Barrie Burgess had a daughter, Annabel last June. ■

The November Dinner 2006

2006 saw the November Dinner return to the School Hall. I had the pleasure of sitting next to Rod Farey: one of the guests of honour. Mr Farey regaled our table with many anecdotes from his time at the School. In addition, Harry Hyslop was presented with the Countess Iveagh shooting trophy that has not been won by a



Harry Hyslop receives the Countess Iveagh Trophy from Peter Abey

Wellingburian since Peter Abey who left the school in 1950.

The dinner was attended by: Peter Abey (42-50, Pa), Doreen Abey, Mike Askham

(staff), Julia Barnhurst (00-06, M), The President Richard Barwick (53-57, Pl), Angela Barwick, Garry Bowe (Headmaster), Ruth Bowe, Adrian Bracken (57-68, G), Bill Bray (63-68, Pl), Vicky Bray, Richard Brown (96-01, C), Alison Caton (81-88, M), Simon Caunt (Head Boy, Pl), Jonathan Claber (90-00, F), Bill Clifton (38-45, Pa), Peter Cook (75-86, G), Peter Cordrey (President 2006, 61-65, W), Carol Cordrey, Ruth Coverdale (Deputy Head Girl, N), Leo Eadon (41-49, Pa), Rod Farey (staff, 81-06), Alan Fells (45-55, W),

Avril Fells, Peter Gadd (33-40, Pa), Beryl Gadd, Nick Geier (66-72, Pl), Julia Geier, Jack Gourlay (Deputy Head Boy, G), Mary Griffiths (staff), David Griffiths, William Hanley (91-05, Pl), James Hasler (Staff, 57-90), Chloe Haynes (Head Girl, W), Callum Heckstall-Smith (00-06, G), Jerry Higgins (Chairman of Governors, 57-66, St), Paul Hooton (72-81 Cr), Brian Huckle (41-50, Pa), Philip Humphrey (68-78 Pa), Elizabeth Humphrey, Harry Hyslop (01-06, Pl), Richard Jackson (70-81 St), Harry Johnson (34-39, Pa), Brian Leadsom (53-58, Fr), Judy Leadsom, John Marriott (60-65, St), Julie Marriott, Simon Marriott (60-71, St), Helen Marriott, Edward Minchinton (99-04, G), Richard Mitchell (Prep School Headmaster), Claire Mitchell, Ann Mitchell, Martin Morgan, Peter Philips (54-65, Pa), Mary Philips, David Pilgrim (60-64, F), Julia Pilgrim, R E Poole (41-47, Pa), Roger Shelton (54-65, St), Vivienne Shelton, Richard Swindall (42-48, Pa), Maureen Swindall, Philip Warr (96-01, Pa-St), Matthew Warr (96-03, Pa-St), Alan Warwick (41-47, Pa), Clive Westley (59-64, F), Margaret Westley, Martin Whatton (72-82, W), Sue Whatton, Robin Webb (63-68 Pl), Sue Webb, Danielle Whitbread (02-07), Debbie Whittemore (Development Secretary), Sue Whyman, Andrew Wingate (53-58, F), Valerie Wingate, Bill Woolliscroft (63-68 Fr), Jean Woolliscroft, Louisa Wong, Julia Jones (Woodford) (Pre-Prep Headmistress), Tom Woodford. ■

OW Match Reports

The official OW Day at School takes place during the Michaelmas term, where pupils of years gone by are invited to come back to their place of education to see what changes have been made since their last visit, to rekindle memories of their own days, and, in many cases primarily, to see old friends and faces. Until the football and rugby terms were switched round in September 2005, OW Day in the morning tied in with football fixtures played in the afternoon. However, the current arrangement does not allow this, and so currently fixtures are played on the last Saturday in the Lent term. With a guarantee of seeing old friends, attendance on this day of the calendar for OWs is now comparable to that on official OWs Day, and for the younger generation it has become even more popular.

Any visit back to School brings back thoughts from the past, but when sport is also on the agenda more evocative memories come back. The majority of players on this day have clocked up 50 plus appearances for the School in just football, at various levels, from the Pre-Prep for some, all the way up to the first XI for the chosen few. For those that were talented at cricket, rugby, tennis, badminton, athletics, or the host of other sports the School provides, some have represented the School upwards of one hundred times, and so coming back to the grounds where so many experiences were made is a special one. Thoughts flicker back to hoping to be selected for Game 1 in the Junior School with Mr Prall; to the introduction to Senior School football in Shell form, for many with Mr Ramsden; to developing rivalries with other schools, especially the local rivalry with Kimbolton; to coming towards the end of playing for the School in 6th form; and the slight sadness of playing for the School in that maroon jersey the last time.

It is evidently not simply the sport itself. It is the growing, maturing, and gaining experiences within a close-knit group of people that you are together with for years. Whether it is continuing to work hard as a team, lungs burning, as time runs out, whether it is a tight victory in torrential rain and icy wind, or whether it is simply a never-ending coach trip to somewhere near Wales that seems to take up your entire Saturday, bonds are made that prove very hard to break.

Even in the very recent past, it was difficult to raise OW XIs. I have played for the School in OWs games

where the OW team consisted of a handful of men who had been pupils at the School and their teammates from their current football teams, or from work. Not so now. The Internet has made it particularly easy to keep in touch with schoolmates, and also to get back in touch with them at short notice to organise numbers for events such as this. Addresses and phone numbers of past pupils still change, but contact over the Internet has never been easier to maintain.

The second OW XI was made up of players who left since 2003 making a relatively young team. Having said that, it is surprising how much fitness can disappear when not doing as much exercise as one might when at university. Naturally, against a School team looking for their tenth win of their very successful season, it took time for the OWs to settle in to a rhythm, but half time came and the score remained goalless. It was only in the second half that the seemingly vital fact that we had no specialist goalkeeper became apparent, as the School scored four quick goals before the OWs pulled a late goal back. Tabloid writers looking for a story here when seeing that no goalkeeper was arranged for the OWs could have argued that the School team's coach and the teacher organising the fixture were one and the same person, and that a tenth win for his side would look very nice in the record books, but that would be pure journalistic speculation!

The 1st's fixture finished 2-1 to the School, and as just mentioned the School won the 2nd's fixture 4-1. In the 3rd's the OWs maintained some respectability with a glorious 2-1 victory. However, for most, the score is ultimately irrelevant. What is most important is that this fixture allows the chance for players to take a trip down memory lane, to the pitches where a love of football and of sport was largely developed, and where friendships that last to this day were helped to be formed. Some of the current Upper 6th are already looking forward to the OWs football day for 2008, in order to show the current Lower 6th, their team mates this year, a thing or two about the game. That is, of course, if they can actually get into the OWs team...

Thanks from all the players on both sides go to Mike Askham, and secretary Debbie Whittemore for helping to arrange such an enjoyable day.

Peter Kelly (99-04 Pl) ■

The Teams were as follows:

OW 1st Team: Tom Fehler, Tom Betts, Tom Bewers, Chris Peters, Fred Braithwaite, D. Reast, Ollie McKeown, Nick Fear, Rob Fear, Tom Edwards, Nick Bellamy, Patrick Davies, Edward Smith.

School: Joe Schulberg, Alex Waller, Andy Bambrough, Hamish Duncan, Ravi Gathani, James Francis, James Miller-Gallus, James Threadgold, Stefan Cooksammy, James Wales, Robin Arch-Jones, Simon Caunt.



OW 2nd Team

OW 2nd Team: Richard Saynor, Laurence Smith, James Knight, Harry Newman, Giles Evans, Peter Kelly, George Chudley, Joe Ramsden, Will Cantrell, Tom Green, Vinay Patel

School: George Crosby, Robert Kelly, Johnny House, Jack Chopping, James Palmer, David Graham, Ollie Hester, Ben Buckler, Edward Hester, Luke Warren, Ollie Mullen, Andrew Line.

OW 3rd Team: Neil Chaplin, Kavir Shah, Richard Campbell, Simon Smart, James Wassiliauskas, Simon Marriott, Will Jones, A. Harper, S. Buller, T. Woods, W. Ross, J. Padbury, D. Hallworth.

School: Joe Skinner, Simon Minchinton, Chiran Akurudda Liyanage, Alex Barnhurst, Nathan King, Seb Smart, Zak Crosby-Browne, Jack Wassiliauskas, Tom Atkinson, Luke Major, Paul Morgan,

OW Hockey: Maria Higgins, Emma Keens, Emma Price, Sophie Warren, Vicky Ireson, Jen Little, Jess Girling, Natalia Raca, Rachael Gee, Holly Saunders, Hilary Askham, Rebecca Bailey.

School: Annie Musson, Danielle Whitbread, Chloe Haynes, Jasmine Titmuss, Alex Carter, Kat Simons, Alice Williams, Jane Sharman, Lauren Blaber, Alex Hughes, George King-Scott, Steff Graham.

London 2008 Dinner

Next year's dinner will be held on Friday 14th March, in the Churchill Museum & Cabinet War Rooms. Come and enjoy an evening in arguably the most historically important rooms in wartime politics. Have time to explore, reminisce and indulge. Book early to avoid disappointment. For more information see September newsletter.

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Old Wellingburian Sports Clubs

Hockey

As always, the first mission that you get faced with being OW Hockey captain is to rattle your brains and come up with a few temptations in order to tempt the girls back to play hockey. The one I have learnt to be a winner is-'I'll get the first round in after the match' (Non-Alcoholic of course!) This always seems to get the most attention- I can't think why though!

On a serious note, I wanted to get the buzz of playing OW hockey back into the girls, so I had a big task on my hands. Getting contact details was a mission as it is always harder than it sounds.

With all the shenanigans out the way, I finally had 15 players ready to play with less than 2 days to go. Then disaster strikes, starting times changed to push back at 0945, therefore meeting time was 0900, like I said before, with 98% of the team being students, I didn't think this would go down too well. Being sure that half the team would drop out due to the time changes, I was thankfully proven wrong and the day finally came and I had a full team of 12 not quite so enthusiastic players. However, once we got over the thought of being up so early the girls were fighting fit and ready to go.

The match turned out to be highly enjoyable and exciting to watch and also play in. All the girls had great spirit throughout the game and had a great time. With inside knowledge we knew the school were a tough team to beat but we wanted to just go out and have a good time. Half time was blown and all the girls came into a huddle, slowly but surely, not much could be said for the team talk. With all the girls collapsed on the ground I felt sugar was necessary and most definitely essential to get the girls through the second half- lets just say thanks for Haribo!

With great support from the sidelines the team were encouraged and very happy with a 3-0 loss.

After the match we headed over to the football pitch to watch the OW Football, after which all the OWs and pupils were spoilt with Bacon Butties- a huge thank you to the catering staff for that. Once everyone had polished these off, a large drink was in order. So as usual we made our way down to the infamous Dog and Duck. Here we all had a great time catching up and discussing the big night out ahead, which ended up being a very large night. This is where I stop typing; for fear that I mention something I shouldn't about our night out.

Finally, well-deserved thanks to all the girls who played, you did a great job and it was great seeing you all. Also, to all the parents and friends who came to support us, it was a great turn out and it meant a lot with you there to support us. Hopefully see you next year

Maria Higgins (97-04, W) ■

Shooting

The 2006 full bore season concluded with the Humphrey Long range competition at Bisley. A good number of OWs turned out on a sunny but blustery day. After 900 yards the scores were close, the wind at 1000 yards was tricky and caused the loss of many a point or two! Martin Whatton (72-82, W) won the cup with 97.10, Henry Sanders second with 92.8 and William Hanley third with 90.07

At the November OW day Harry Hyslop met up with Peter Abey and Peter Cullimore, who were the last two pupils from school to win the Iveagh at Bisley. The photo (see the November Dinner) will give some idea how long ago that was. Congratulations also go to Henry Sanders who won the Corporation of the City of London Trophy during the Imperial Meeting at Bisley. Both photographs were taken outside the Robinson Centre that replaced the old school range.

Indoors over the winter the A team had a frustrating time coming second in division one of both the Northants and the Leeds and District. Congratulations to Keith Mills, Phil Warr Jnr and Phil Warr senior for winning divisions 3,4 and 5 of the Northants individual league.

The Newbery bowl will be shot on the 13th May, the Public school Veterans on the 19th July, the match against the school 2nd September and the Long on the 16th September.

We will be pleased to welcome the OW Club President to the Veterans match and thank Richard Barwick for accepting our invitation.

To conclude we are saddened to announce the death of Oswald Mawer who was at the school from 1934-1938 and whom we must thank for bequeathing the club a substantial sum of money for the assistance of left handed shooting.

Martin Whatton (72-82, W) ■

Golf

The Cyril Gray Foursomes took place at the end of June at Worpolsden Golf Club. Wellingborough were drawn to play King Edward's, Birmingham in the first round and we achieved a win by 2 matches to 1. In the second round we met Canford but we were unable to produce the form of the previous day and lost the match by the same margin.

The Autumn Meeting was held at the Worcestershire Golf Club, Great Malvern last September. In the morning competition for the Old Wellingburian Cup Tim Gordon returned a score of 37 points which proved impossible to beat. There was a tie for second place with two players returning scores of 34 points with the verdict going to Michael Tebbitt who was placed second in front of Ben Ward who was placed third after a countback.

The Wright Cup, for the aggregate total of points at both the Spring and Autumn Meetings, was won by Gerald Timmans who added 30 points to the 40 he scored at Luffenham.

The afternoon foursomes, which was played over 12 holes, was won by John Panter and Richard Peck with 25 points.

The final event of the season, the Long Johns Meeting, was held at Wellingborough Golf Club at the end of October. Tim Gordon was again in form and returned a score of 39 points to win the Hugh Denton Salver. Second with 35 points was John Panter whilst Michael Port was a further point behind with 34 and was placed third.

At the Annual General Meeting which followed the golf Tim Gordon was elected Captain for 2007.

Michael Port (61-72, C) ■