

The School Today

In June it was my privilege to succeed Richard Swindall (40-48, Pa) as chairman of the School's governing body.

I feel it would be useful to share with OWs some of the key data from the School's annual financial statements, and to set out our strategy for the future.

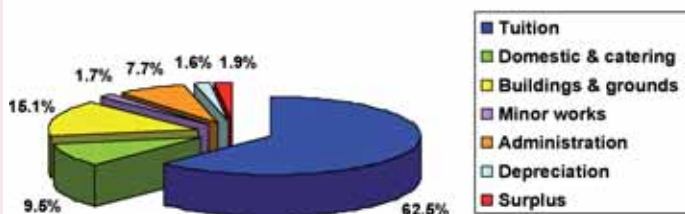
It is interesting to note that, during Richard's period as chairman (1996-2006), pupil numbers have shown a 15.3% increase and we now have a mix between boys and girls across the whole School of approximately 60/40.

Pupil numbers	2005/06	1996/97	Increase
- Senior	399	388	11
- Preparatory	299	249	50
- Pre- Preparatory	176	121	55
Total	874	758	116

This represents a tremendous achievement when we reflect that, in 1996/97, 75 pupils were partially funded by the Assisted Places Scheme, which has since been abolished by the government. This rise is testimony to the trust shown by parents in placing their children in our charge for their education, and reflects positively on the quality of the skills of our teaching staff.

The combination of increased pupil numbers and the inevitability of fee increases has seen the School's annual Net Fees and Other Income rise from £3.91 million in 1996/97 to £7.08 million in 2005/06. But the majority of this income is spent on funding tuition costs, which totalled 62.5% in 2005/06. This is further explained

Allocation of Net Fees and Other Income - 2005/06



when you see that total staff numbers have risen from 138 to 154 in the same period, of which teaching staff now number 125.

The governors have a responsibility to safeguard the School's assets and to generate an annual surplus in order to be able to plan for the future. The pie chart below shows where all the money goes.

Over the past ten years, capital expenditure and refurbishment schemes have totalled over £4.2 million, with major projects such as the Robinson Teaching Centre for the Prep School, the refurb of the Teaching Block (now known as the Garrett Building), the IT Centre, the Prep School Library, the expansion of the Pre-Prep and the opening of the Music School extension this summer by Andrew Loog Oldham OW. Essentially this has been funded from the annual surpluses: but as you will see from the pie chart, the annual surplus is just 1.9% of total income. We are very ambitious for the future of your old school: but that will require more money.

We are now planning for the next ten years. As the Headmaster reports elsewhere, the governors have commissioned architects Gotch Saunders and Surridge to report on the best options for the development of the School site over the next decade and beyond, and based on an optimum pupil roll not exceeding 1,000. However, much of the detail will depend on whether our planning application for a main access from the London Road is successful. As soon as this is finalised, the governors will be launching the Wellingborough School Development Foundation, and asking you for your support – whether financial or otherwise: we shall keep you advised of developments.



Andrew Loog Oldham OW (left) with Jerry Higgins OW (right)

Jerry Higgins (57-66, St) ■
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Your President

This year's Club President Peter Cordrey MSc FCA FCMI was a boarder in Weymouth House from 1961 to 1965. He played in the Cricket XI and the 2nd XV, and was Head of House in his final year. A chartered accountant, he obtained an MSc from City University Business School and then went into banking, culminating as Director and Head of Banking at Singer & Friedlander in the City. He is now a financial consultant, and chairman of private bank Hampshire Trust plc.

Married to Carol, with two daughters, Peter lives in Surrey. He has driven in a rally from Peking to Paris, and is a Liveryman of the Worshipful Company of Carmen.

He has also made history in being the first OW President to hail from Weymouth House!

The November Weekend

Please note that there will be no programme of activities during the daytime on Saturday 11th November.

For those wishing to visit in the daytime, the School will be hosting rugby fixtures in the morning, and the OW Rifle Club will be shooting against the School in the Miniature range (under the Sports Hall). Tea will be available from 4pm. The OW Committee Meeting begins at 4.30pm, followed by the Club AGM at 5pm (in the Meeting Room).

In the evening the OW Annual Dinner will be held in the Victorian splendour of the refurbished School Hall, commencing with drinks in the Old Library at 7pm. This year the President Peter

Cordrey is hoping to see many from the Sixties Vintage there.

Amongst those attending will be Rod Farey, who retired this July after 25 years on the staff, and we hope to see some of his former pupils there to give him a good send-off.

We hope also to welcome back many of the more recent leavers. Tickets are discounted for those who have left School within the last four years.

The proforma accompanies this Newsletter.

On Sunday 12th November the Remembrance Day Service begins in Chapel at 10.15, followed by coffee in the Dining Hall. ■

London Dinner 2007



Next year's OW London Dinner will be held on Friday 16th March, at the Baker's Hall, London EC3. Please note that numbers are strictly limited to 77, so early booking is essential. The proforma accompanies this Newsletter. For more information please contact our President-Elect Richard Barwick (53-57, Pl) on 01274 691580 or email richardr.barwick@virgin.net ■

Notice Of Amendment To Club Rules

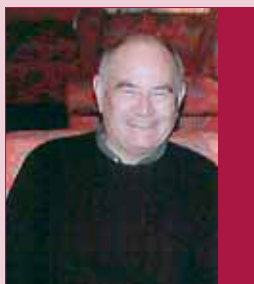
NOTICE is given that, pursuant to Rule 11 of the OW Club Rules, upon the recommendation of the General Committee there will be proposed at the AGM on Saturday 11th November 2006 the following resolution:

THAT Rule 5 of the Rules (as amended) be further amended to read: "(7) Those pupils who join the School in or after August 2007 and who pay a subscription of £75 by six

termly instalments on their School account shall be entitled to the benefits of (a) to (e) above [set out in Rule 5] and in addition one issue of The Wellingburian".

The purpose of this proposal is to bring life subscriptions in line with those of similar alumni organisations. Full copies of the Club's Rules are available from the Hon. Secretary. ■

The President-Elect



Richard Barwick

This year's President-Elect, serving under current President Peter Cordrey, is Richard Barwick. He was a boarder in Platt's in the 1950s, under

Murray Witham and Peter Croft. In his last year he was school tennis captain, and he later played tennis for Kent. He qualified as

a chartered surveyor, and practised in London. He married Angie in 1968: they lived in Chislehurst until retiring to near Halifax in 2002. He is a loyal member of the OW Golfing Society, and also a Liveryman with the Worshipful Company of Bakers. At the AGM in November the OW Committee will be putting his name forward as President of the Club for 2006-7, the first from Platt's in more than twenty years.

Richard can be contacted at richardr.barwick@virgin.net or on 01274 691580. ■

Head's Report



Headmaster: Garry Bowe

The all-consuming nature of life at Wellingborough, and the fruits of the labours of the teaching staff in all three parts of the School, reflect an active, successful and happy School. Our 2006 public examination results at GCSE, AS and A2 illustrate the School's strong academic foundation, but the accounts of wonderfully exciting activities outside of the classroom reflect the importance which we attach to the notion of an all-round education.

Creativity is alive: House rivalries abound both on and off the games fields. Pupils have experienced trips to far-flung places such as Rome and Pompeii, Peru, Bolivia and La

Rochelle. Fashion Shows, the performance of "Stars in Their Eyes", and a brilliant production of "Guys and Dolls", have provided unique experiences for today's youngsters. Those of you who have returned to the School in recent years may have witnessed our talented youngsters on show: entrepreneurship in the Young Enterprise teams, invaluable Public Speaking and Debating opportunities, or at the annual Art Exhibition in The Castle.

This summer's rugby, netball and hockey tour to Singapore and Australia was further evidence of adventure and success. OWs I hope will be impressed by a selection of the recent numerous individual achievements of which we are very proud: Tom Sanderson achieved the accolade of top Royal Marines Cadet in the UK, Harry Hyslop won the Imperial Cadet Challenge Cup at Bisley, Jasmine Titmuss was selected for the England Women's U21 Cricket Squad, and Greg Evans was selected for the ECB U19 Squad against India.

It is against this background that we are nearing the launch, we hope in the Spring of 2007, of the Wellingborough School Development Foundation. As a precursor, the governors have commissioned architects Gotch Saunders & Surridge to conduct a strategic review of the School, its plans, ambitions and resources. This will involve consultation during the Autumn with current parents, OWs, staff, pupils indeed all of those who have the School's interests at heart. What confirms our optimism is the level of interest from prospective parents, the healthy School roll (circa 900) and the general "feel-good" air around the School.

I close on a somewhat unorthodox note because I write having returned from a 21st Birthday Party of Hilary Askham, OW, where my wife Ruth and I enjoyed the good humoured company of more than half of the 2004 Leavers - who regaled us with tales of Wellingborough nostalgia and the heavy yoke of modern day student excess. Throughout a wonderful social evening, a genuine love of schooldays and lasting friendships was much in evidence.

In the same vein may I issue my regular invitation to all OWs, young and old, to join us for the November OW Dinner in the School Hall on Saturday 11th November. You are always most welcome at your old School.

Garry Bowe ■

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dates for your diary

2006

Saturday 11th November:
Club AGM and Annual Dinner

12th November:
Remembrance Service (10.15am)

10th December:
Carol Service

2007

Friday 16th March 2007:
OW London Dinner in the Hall of the Bakers Livery Company. The booking form is enclosed with this Newsletter. Please note that numbers are strictly limited to 77, so early booking is advised.

DEADLINE:

Please ensure that all material for the next edition of *The Old Wellingburian* reaches Neil Lyon c/o the School by 15th April 2007.

The OW Chat Forum

More than 100 OWs have already registered to access the OW chat forum. This can be found at www.oldwellingburian.org.

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NEWS OF OLD WELLINGBURIANS

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

Kamiar Ahari (69-73, PI)

[kami@narassociates.com] emails us from Iran. After studying architecture in London, he returned to Tehran where he has interests in advertising, media, trading and internet companies. He would be very happy to help any OWs with interests in Iran. Of his older brothers, **Manouchehr** (58-62, PI) is a consultant in Vancouver, **Mohammed** (58-62, PI) is a developer in Tehran, and **Mehran** (60-65, PI) is a singer and song writer in Iowa, USA.

This year's Mayor of Wellingborough is **Tim Allebone**, who was a pupil in the Prep School 1961-67. He has been a regular attendee at School events during his term of office, which is greatly appreciated.

JA Bray (46-50, PI) visited the School over the summer, and we were happy to give him a guided tour. He comments: "Quite simply, Wellingborough School has changed from a rather spartan, masculine school to a much more open technological and educationally forward thinking place". If you are thinking of coming back and would like a guided tour, please ring Debbie Whittemore in advance on 01933 233441.

Tim Burkitt (45-49, Pa) writes from Somerset to express his regret at the deaths of **Jock Ogilvy** (staff 49-65) and Father Brown, as reported in the May Newsletter. He remembers Jock as a youthful and inspiring physics master, and Father Brown as an energetic priest at St Mary's. As an official "coffin dodger", Tim has finally abandoned a competitive running and cycling career, which started at Wellingborough in 1945 and ended with a pulled calf in the 400 metres at the British Masters championship last year.

Peter Crisp (73-83, PI), the Chief Executive of the BPP Law School, and one of those who attended this March's sellout London Dinner, registered his civil partnership to Jeremy Crouch this summer. Is he the first OW to do so?

Many thanks to **Peter Croft** (staff 51-91) for presenting a sound recording taken at the Platt's House dinner in July 1960 – marking the

retirement of **Murray Witham** as housemaster after 21 years (1939-60). The recording features speeches from JB Lieberman, BA Dawson, SJ Crawley, MG Tebbitt and IPA Chatterton, as well as Murray himself. This is a fascinating timepiece, and we are grateful to Peter's son **Martin** (75-85, C) for transposing this reel to reel tape on to a DVD for posterity.

Robert Dickenson (52-62, St)

[rdickenson@supanet.com] identifies several of the missing faces in the RAF photo which appeared in the May edition – among them Stuart Warner and David Lloyd and Owen Gardner. Robert's daughter Eleanor has recently completed her A Levels at the School. Stuart Warner was recognised also by **Geoff Newey** (57-62, F), who – with Stuart – was one of the 13 new boy boarders that started in Fryer's in September 1957.



Judi Dumbelton

(nee Ainsworth; 81-89, M) married husband Phil in June, following on from her sister Carole who was married in April to Sami Al Ali. Brother Simon

and his wife Eleanor had their first child, Alexander James, in July. So, all in all, a busy year for the Ainsworth clan!

Eddie Elmhirst (54-58, G)

[edmund.elmhirst@btopenworld.com] was sorry to miss Open Day this year, not least because he shared Andrew Loog Oldham's obsession in the Fifties with rock music. Eddie is currently working with television presenter Paul Heiney on a new programme for Sunday evenings.

We are pleased to welcome back to the fold **Robin Gibbons** (61-66, PI). Robin lives in Nottinghamshire.

Tony Glover (41-42, F) was interested to see the photo of the 1923 OW cricket team which appeared on page 12 of the May Newsletter, as it included his father **WVG** (1900-06). He noted that AJ Wright (master 1911-51) also appears – seated third from left.

Jonathan Holmes (62-67, G)

[holmes@postoffice.utas.edu.au] has renewed contact after a gap of 39 years, having stumbled across the Club's website. He has fond memories of his old housemaster, John Oughton, and of JHO's Morris Minor Station Wagon. He recalls being in Chapel on Friday 22nd November 1963, kneeling for morning prayers, when JFK's assassination was announced to a stunned congregation, among them an American exchange student. Jonathan emigrated to Australia in 1967 and since 1974 has lectured at the Tasmanian School of Art in Hobart, teaching art history. He keeps in contact with **Julian Amey** (52-67, G).

Jonathan Marshall (82-86, PI)

[jonathan.marshall@fgould.com] visited the School this June, while on business in the UK. He is a quantity surveyor and vice-president of Faithfull Gould in Minneapolis, USA.

As reported in the last edition of this Newsletter, **Edward Minchinton** (99-04, G) is researching those OWs who served or were killed in the two World Wars. He would be very interested to hear from any OW who had an OW relative that served in the Great War: he can be contacted on 07736 699162.

Peter Moreton (41-44, Pa)

[docswing@btopenworld.com] continues as executive editor of The Surveyor's Factbook, now in its 15th year, and as vice-chair (Europe) of the International Fellowship of Rotarian Musicians.

Martin Peake (72-79, W)

[martyn@twynning.net] missed Open Day this year as he was doing TV graphics at the Goodwood Festival of Speed. He works in tv for motorsport and golf events. He has now recovered from a serious bicycle accident which saw him breaking his neck and his back.

John Plush (60-70, St) [john@theplushes.com]

reports that, after qualifying as an architect, he promptly moved to the BBC, working for 17 years in the design department on programmes such as All Creatures Great and Small. After leaving the BBC he set up a video production company and freelanced, producing footage for dramas such as Dangerfield. He and his wife Vonya have one daughter, currently on her gap year, and they have recently moved to Spain.

Richard Priestley (62-67, W)
[richard.priestley@wanadoo.fr] has made contact for the first time in 39 years! He has fond memories of his time here, and of masters such as Jack Blake and Tom Peters, as well as the choir trips to the south of France each summer – organised by **Basil Pitt** (Chaplain 1947-67, whose generous legacy to the Chapel has helped pay for the fine new organ that has been installed in the past few years). Richard and his family have lived in France since the early Seventies, and now runs his own company, representing a UK manufacturer for commercial building products.

Pete Rowse (80-85, Pa)
[peter_rowse@hotmail.com] reports that, after more than two years in New York, he has returned to the UK with his family and is now finance director for a UK / US alternative fuel technology company that has recently floated on the stockmarket. His son James, aged 8, starts at the School as a pupil this term.

Alex Spaven (92-02, C)
[aaspaven@hotmail.com] has graduated with a First from Bristol in Accounting and Finance. He is spending his gap year travelling the world with friends from School, and then starts with Price Waterhouse Coopers in Bristol in September 2007.

As reported elsewhere, **Richard Swindall** (40-48, Pa) retired in June as chairman of the School Governors. He writes to all OWs: "After 30 years as a governor, and 10 of those as chairman, I felt it was time for a younger person to take over. I am succeeded by **Jerry Higgins** (57-66, St), who is supported by vice-chairman **Clive Odell** (64-71, St).



I am sure this first class team will continue the excellent progress of the School and its close relationship with the OW Club. I would like to thank the OWs for their support in my period as one of the OW Club's representatives on the governing body, and I wish Jerry and the governors every success in the future".

On Saturday 14th October the Rushden History Society will be unveiling a plaque in Rushden in honour of **Revd. Bernard Vann, VC**. Vann was the School Chaplain from 1913 to 1915, before joining up as a combatant. He was killed in September 1918, and awarded the VC posthumously. The School will be represented at the ceremony: for more information about the ceremony, please ring the society's secretary Mrs Pat Jenkins on 01933 312722.

Jonathan Williams (75-80, F)
[jonathan@montaguejefferyfreeseerve.co.uk] reports that he has worked in the family business of Montague Jeffery, Menswear, in Northampton since leaving school in 1980, the fourth generation to do so.

Neil Wright (51-55, F)
[goodtaste@pop.dial.pipex.com] was amused to read the article in the May Newsletter by Barrie Dugdale about drama productions in the Fifties. Neil recalls playing a female role in HMS Pinafore, and how he and others used rolled up pairs of football socks to make up for their lack of bosoms. Since they had been playing soccer in those same socks that very afternoon, the aroma on stage can hardly have been fragrant.

And finally ... we were pleased once again to welcome back former pupils of Weymouth College (which closed in 1940 and sent 33 pupils here) for their annual reunion in May. They report that one of their members stood as a parliamentary candidate in last year's General Election – aged 91! It's never too late. The wife of one of them recalled how she was educated in Tanzania during the War: it took four days to reach school through the jungle at the start of each term (which should be some consolation to today's parents, as they grumble about the daily traffic jam along the Walks at School).

One Old Weymouthian who came here in 1940 says his parents never visited him at School once in three years, and the only communication with his parents in term time was the weekly letter: nowadays the pupils are on the mobile to their parents within minutes of the notice going up announcing the next round of prefects, texting to grumble that they have not been appointed! This same Old Boy remembers crossing London by himself during the Blitz, and being stuck outside Waterloo during a raid. By contrast, current pupils are no longer allowed in to town by themselves at lunchtime. How ironic it is that people felt safer in wartime.



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



ALO with James Hasler (staff 57-90)

The Oldham Visit

Photographs courtesy of Charles Ward Photography

On Saturday 8th July Andrew Loog Oldham (57-60, G) returned to the School from Colombia to open the Music School extension.



(L to R): Peter Cordrey, ALO, Esther Oldham and John Elwick (staff 60-65)



ALO with Peter Croft (staff 51-91)

More than a hundred parents, pupils and OWs heard ALO pay tribute to various of his former masters for helping to shape him and his career - as the man who discovered the Rolling Stones and then managed the band from 1963 to 1967.

The whole occasion was a great success, and we are very grateful to ALO and his wife Esther for taking the trouble to visit us. Let us hope that his creative genius may rub off on today's Wellingburians. ■



ALO

School News



2006 marks the 125th anniversary of the School's move from the town centre to its current site. The School's PR guru Claire Mitchell has organised a tremendous series of events to celebrate this. On Tuesday 20th June the Mayor and Mayoress arrived by horse and carriage, and were greeted to the spectacle of hundreds of boys and girls in the Prep and Pre-Prep dressed in Victorian costumes. Parents and pupils will enjoy a themed Summer Fayre on 17th September.

The end of the Trinity Term marked the departure of several key figures. Rod Farey retired after 25 years - including spells as house-master of Parker's (1984-95) and Head of Science since 1991. Rod will be a guest of honour at the OW Annual Dinner on 11th November.



Former Art master David Imms (left) presenting a painting of the Chapel to Rod Farey (right)



Keith Campbell

In addition, Keith Campbell retired from the Prep School after 26 years; Sandra Jacobs retired after 8 years in the Bursar's department; and Mary Griffiths - the oracle of the Senior School Reception - retired after almost 30 years' connection with the School. Congratulations to these, and also to Mike Nugent, who has notched up 30 years as Head of Modern Languages, and to Phil Sandall, who has done 100 terms as Science / IT Technician.

After the Soccer XI lost just 3 of its 13 fixtures, the Cricket XI had an equally successful season, losing just 2 of its 17 matches, and securing wins against Rugby, Manchester Grammar, Oakham and MCS Oxford, amongst others. The summer holidays heralded sports trips (hockey, netball and rigger) to Singapore and Australia, and a Prep School tour to the Ardeche.

Around the site, a new Prep School library has been built in the void on the ground of the Bedford Block: this greatly improves the image of the Prep School. Elsewhere, Weymouth House has been extended, so that the dayrooms will now be on the upper floor, while the ground floor is to be used for Learning Support. In the pipeline is a proposal to move the main entrance to the School site from Irthlingborough Road to London Road.

In 2007 the School will be undertaking a Drama Exchange with Quince Orchard High School in Gaithersburg, USA. The first exchange took place in 1994, when we performed My Fair Lady over there. There have been two further exchanges since then. Quince Orchard will be coming here next Spring, and we shall then travel to



ALO with Nora Oughton (widow of John Oughton, staff 38-79)



ALO, the Headmaster and Esther Oldham

the USA in the Autumn. We are actively seeking sponsorship (individual or corporate) to help defray the costs: do please contact Chris Martin-Sims (Head of Drama) at the School on 01933 222427 if you can help.

We are delighted to welcome Tom Moxham (93-03, PI) on to the OW Club Committee. Tom was joint Head of School in his final year, and recently graduated from London University.

As reported elsewhere, in June Richard Swindall (40-48, Pa) retired as chairman of the School's governing body, after 10 years in office. Predecessors include the 7th Earl Spencer (1947-72), Dick Gent (1972-86) and Peter Knight (1986-96). At the same time Pat Perkins OBE retired as vice-chairman after 6 years in office. Both remain on the governing body. They are succeeded by Jerry Higgins (57-66, St) and Clive Odell (64-71, St) respectively. Bill Clifton (38-45, Pa) has retired from the governing body, but has been elected on to the School Council – a body which advises on the work of the governing body. Others recently elected to the School Council include John Shrive (49-54, F) and Brian Leadsom (53-58, F). We wish them all every success. ■

OBITUARIES

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

David Chamberlain (47-55, G) died last October. He had lived in Peterborough for many years, with his wife Wendy. Thanks to his elder brother **John** (45-49, G) for notifying us.

Marion Ellis died in July, aged 98. She taught Classics at the School between 1967 and 1972. Thanks to **Peter Croft** (staff, 1951-91) for notifying us.

John Groome (33-40, Pa) died in April. A school prefect and winner of the Steeplechase in his final year, he read Classics at Oxford briefly but then moved to Edinburgh where he graduated in Forestry. He worked in Tanzania from 1944 to 1964, as assistant conservator of forests, managing forests the size of Britain. On Independence he and his wife and two daughters returned to the UK, where he became head forester at Barhillant, in Scotland, a 5000 acre private estate. He remained there until retiring in 1990. His elder brother **Norman** (25-30, Pa), a onetime partner with local law firm Parker Groome, died in 1999. John's nephew **CJNG** was here 1953-63. Thanks to his daughter for notifying us.



Fred Hind died this summer. He was a master in the Junior School for 22 years, 1966 to 1988 inclusive. Educated at Marlborough, where he captained the Cricket XI and

scored a hundred against Rugby at Lord's, and then at Pembroke College, Cambridge, he taught French here. From 1966 to 1970 he was president of Panthers, and from 1974 until his retirement he ran the Prep School Colts Cricket Eleven. His wife of forty years, Maud, died in 1988 aged 60. In later years Fred retired to his native Yorkshire with his partner, Eunice. He leaves a son and daughter, and three grand children. Thanks to his daughter for notifying us.

Michael Hoskins (35-36, G) died in May. During the War his ship MVWairangi was sunk by enemy fire off Cape Bon in 1942, but he survived and in the following year took part in the invasion of Sicily. His elder brother **Peter** (29-30, G) spent most of the War in a Japanese POW camp – an experience he was never to forget. Michael spent his career running the family farm near Tetbury in Gloucestershire. Thanks to his widow for notifying us.

Gerald Reid (40-43, W) died in July 2004. One of the 33 boys who came from Weymouth College in May 1940, alongside elder brother **Warwick** (40-42, W) and his twin **Francis** (40-44, W), he was to spend his career at the Atomic Energy Research Establishment at Harwell. In 1989 he was awarded a prize by the Institute of Mechanical Engineers, which included a free dinner with the chairman and a plea NOT to make a speech at the dinner! At School he

and Francis had dominated the tennis courts, and he remained active until hit by a severe stroke in 2000. Thanks to his brother Warwick for notifying us.

Maurice Thorp FSWA (41-45, W) died in April. He was one of the contingent of boys that followed Robert Britten to the School in 1940, when RHMB's prep school – Lynfield, at Hunstanton – closed down. He played tennis for the School, under Jack Blake's coaching, and then spent his career in Norfolk, as an auctioneer and estate agent. Thanks to his younger brother **Paul** (41-49, W) for notifying us.

John Turner (43-49, PI) died in March. A member of the Shooting VIII in his final year, he spent his career in business in Northamptonshire. His two sons were here - **Niall** (75-80, PI) and **Simon** (76-82, PI). Thanks to his widow for notifying us.

Michael Turner MA FIMEchE (38-43, PI) died in April, aged 80. In his final year here he was house captain of Platt's and played in the School Soccer XI, before going up to St John's College, Cambridge to read Mechanical Engineering. He graduated in 1946, and went into the engineering industry in Scotland, culminating as chief designer at Yarrow Engineers. For more than 40 years he lived in Kilmacolm, Renfrewshire, where he was a keen dramatist and pillar of the local church. He leaves a widow and two children. Thanks to his older brother **JTT** (36-40, PI) for notifying us.

Michael Ward (41-44, F) died in April. He was one of several boys from the North East to be educated here in the War. After a short period in the army, he qualified as a chartered accountant and then had a successful career as a partner with a firm in South Shields. He suffered a serious stroke aged 65, and died peacefully at his home. Thanks to his widow for notifying us.

John Whatley (22-26, F) died in May, aged 96. We believe he was our oldest surviving member. Further details are awaited.

Richard Wilson (49-54, PI) died last September. House captain of Platt's, and a member of the School Rigger XV in his final year, he then took a commission in the RAF, becoming a photo-reconnaissance pilot during the Cold War and later a flying instructor at Cranwell. He ended his flying days as a civil aviation inspector. He was a very keen cyclist, and did the John O' Groats to Lands End run four times. He leaves a widow and three children – among them his son **David** (69-75, PI). Thanks to his widow Hilary for notifying us.

Madge York died in August, after a battle against cancer. She was one of the School's many unsung heroes, serving faithfully for more than 30 years, latterly as Junior School Matron. No doubt many of the old JS boarders will have stories to tell. She has requested that her ashes be scattered at the School. Thanks to Micky Prall and Sheila Nesbitt (both ex JS staff) for notifying us.

Old Wellingburian Sports Clubs

Shooting

Congratulations to recent leaver Harry Hyslop on winning the Iveagh Cup at Bisley this year – the first success by the School for several years. In a sudden death shootout the first two shots were equal, but Harry scored a V bull: Flogger Flex would have been proud to know that we filled the cup with champagne and toasted Harry's triumph.

The second success at Bisley came with Henry Sanders winning the Corporation of London trophy, demolishing his opponent in the two way shoot final. Martin Whatton came 7th in the same competition with 50.7. Well done to William Hanley and Charlie Asquith for getting on many prize lists.

The OWs fielded three teams for the Veterans, but selecting the five best scores for the A team once again proved hard, and we ended up 25th with 234.19. Paul Hooton won the Gould Trophy with 49.5. The Newbery Bowl was won by Martin Whatton, and William Hanley won the 600yrd prize.

Indoors the OW 1st team came 2nd in Division One. Henry Sanders was top, with an average of 98.1. The 2nd team won Division Two, and the 3rd team were third in division Three.

Thanks to Phil Humphrey, Andrew Tompson and Leo Eadon for all the work they put in during the year.

Martin Whatton ■



The School Buildings and Playing Fields, c. 1893

Golf

The opening event in the golfing calendar was the annual match against Oundle, which took place at Luffenham Heath Golf Club. In a social match, Wellingborough won by 3 matches to 1.

The Halford Hewitt took place at the beginning of April, with Wellingborough being drawn to play St Paul's at Royal Cinque Ports Golf Club, Deal. It proved to be a very exciting encounter, and with two matches to each side the deciding match went to extra holes. Matters were settled at the 21st after the opposition drove their ball into one of the very few bushes scattered around the course and failed to recover from it!

And so Richard Peck became one of the few captains who have been able to lodge the order of play for the second round, which was against Cheltenham. However, we were unable to reproduce the form of the first round and eventually lost by 3.5 matches to 1.5.

Thanks must go to the team of Martyn Allen, Chris Billson, Justin Chacksfield, Richard Jackson, Tim Poole, John Ward, Giles Kellett, Guy Gilman, Philip Saxby and Michael Port together with the supporters' club of Richard Peck, Peter Cordrey, Brian Huckle, John Saxby, Brian Leadsom, Alan Fells, Richard Barwick, Robert Handley and Geoff Mawer.

The Spring Meeting was again held at Luffenham Heath Golf Club, on a chilly but dry day. In the morning competition for the Gillitt Vase, the score of 40 points which Gerald Timmans returned proved unbeatable. Robert Handley was placed second with 36 points, with Philip Saxby third on 35 points.

In the afternoon foursomes, the pairing of Guy Gilman and James Bennie were declared winners with 34 points. Two pairs returned scores of 31 points, with Peter Hooton and Philip Saxby being given the verdict over Tim Gordon and Michael Tebbitt after a countback.

Michael Port ■

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