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Welcome from the Head



As you flick through the pages of House! magazine I am sure, like me, you will be astounded by the various adventures that our alumni have embarked upon.

Whether you've been inspired by Nics Wetherill's (1994-99) lead of the first all-female, unpowered expedition to the Antarctic, Hec Turner's (2004-06) intrepid four-man, pedalo crossing of the Atlantic in aid of the mental health charity The Charlie Waller Memorial Trust, or Julian Baring's (2010-17) prominent role as the young Prince Charles in 'The Crown', their passion, drive and ambition shines through. These personality traits and a will to 'be your best self' continue to be developed within our children on a daily basis, with Tatler Schools Guide 2018 recently describing them as 'Perky children with an unquenchable thirst for life'.

A number of alumni have returned to school in the past six months in various guises. Kitty Packe (2008-2012) and Flo Berner (2003-12) returned as 'gappers' for the Michaelmas term, Lt Commander Colin Harris (1940-45) talked to the Upper School about Life at WHS during

WW2 (you can read his Q&A on page 12), Nics Wetherill came to talk about her expedition and we were delighted that Nigel Anderson (1945-51) and Michael Cobb (1944-47) popped in whilst passing. You are always most welcome whether you would like to impart some knowledge to the children, offer education/ careers advice or simply see your old dorm!

I am delighted to introduce Emma McGowan to you. Emma took over the role of Alumni Relations Manager from Bridget Burnet and, through her experience and enthusiasm, will continue to grow and develop our alumni network, develop House! magazine, and drive our active events programme forwards. We highlight forthcoming events later in the magazine and hope many of you will be able to join us at the various gatherings.



In September, we will embark on a year of dual celebrations focusing on 100 years of Winchester House School being based in Brackley, and 40 years of girls. We will be hosting a number of events to celebrate, starting with a collaboration with Brackley Town Council in September when the Town Hall is reopened after a £2.2 million make over funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund and we open our doors to the local community. The Women's Institute will also have been in Brackley for 100 years so there will be much to celebrate.

With our Brackley centenary upon us, we thought what better time to create a collective name for former Winchester House pupils. Having consulted WHA Officers and Year Group Ambassadors, we have drawn up the following short list of suggested names - Housians, Winchians and Winnians. We are keen to hear your thoughts and ask that you email Emma McGowan (emma.mcgowan@winchester-house.org) with your preferred name by 30th April.

We have recently invested in a new alumni database however, our 'address book' is only as good as the

information provided. Could I therefore urge you to ensure Emma has your up to date contact details. We are active on a number of social media platforms which will enable you to 'follow' WHS on a daily basis. Our Instagram feeds are 'WinchesterHouseSchool' and my Head's account 'HeadinHeels', our Facebook page is www.facebook.com/WinchesterHouseAssociation, our Twitter feed is @WHSPrepALUMNI and you can join our LinkedIn group by connecting with Emma McGowan. Our school website is www.winchester-house.org. Here's to the busy year ahead.

With best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Emma Goldsmith".

Emma Goldsmith, Head

NON NOBIS SOLUM SOCIETY

Legacy giving

Winchester House School aims to give every pupil the best start in their academic career and to encourage each child to be "their best self". The School prides itself in providing the best facilities, teaching, pastoral and extra-curricular programme to all its pupils. Gifts to the school have been used to provide facilities, equipment and to widen access via bursaries.

Although a highly successful school, we do not have the benefit of an endowment or sources of income beyond fees. We have always relied on the generosity of our alumni, parents and friends of the school to help provide for future generations.

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Expedition Ice Maiden

#findyourantarctica

No team of women, from any nation, had completed the formidable challenge of skiing across Antarctica from coast to coast unsupported and using muscle power alone. It was the ultimate opportunity to show that women have the mental strength and physical endurance to operate in the most hostile environment on earth.

The Ice Maiden team, lead by alumna Major Nics Wetherill of the Royal Army Medical Corps (1994-99), all serve in the British Army or Army Reserve and followed in the footsteps of Felicity Aston's record-breaking solo Antarctic crossing in 2012. Alongside Nics, the team included Major Natalie Taylor of the Royal Army Medical Corps, Major Sandy Hennis of Royal Signals, Capt Zanna Baker and Lt Jenni Stephenson both of the Royal Artillery and LSgt Sophie Montague of the Honourable Artillery Corps. The Ice Maidens set off on 22 November 2017 and covered 1,700km pulling sledges and battling temperatures of -50°C and wind speeds of over 60mph during their three-month journey that involved up to 10 hours of skiing a day.

With only two resupply points along the route, they carried all the supplies and equipment needed to survive for up to 600km at a time.

After Nics' talk to the Upper School in October, the Winchester House community followed the Ice Maidens' blog every step of the way. Here are some of the excerpts from their fascinating and highly informative blog.

HOW DID I GET HERE?! by Ice Maiden Sandy
'Happy 2018 everyone. In lieu of a New Year's resolution I have been thinking about how I found myself skiing across the coldest, harshest continent on the planet.



Left: Extreme camping; one of the team's basecamps.

Above: Nics Wetherill keeping warm.

Right: Setting up camp Antarctica style.



Initially I didn't think I would be strong enough or bring anything extra to the team but the aim of inspiring other women to be more active and to chase their dreams drove me to keep trying.

'Exactly 18 years ago today I took a big step into the unknown and joined the Army as a Royal Signals soldier. Little did I know as a bright eyed 18 year old that my career would bring me to where I am now, sitting in a tent with the magnificent Thiel Mountains as a back drop. Throughout my career as a soldier and, subsequently, an officer in both the Regular Army and the Reserves, I have been fortunate enough to have many opportunities for personal development.

'Crossing Antarctica has been on a whole different level though! Initially I didn't think I would be strong enough or bring anything extra to the team but the aim of inspiring other women to be more active and to chase their dreams drove me to keep trying. My time with the Royal Signals has given me the tools and mindset I need to believe in myself. It is this which is getting me across Antarctica. It's really great to hear that so many people are supporting us and good luck to anyone who is making 2018 the year that they believe in themselves and follow their dreams.'

GOOD WEATHER DANCE by Ice Maiden Jenni

'Another day, another degree line crossed and only three more to go to our finish line (which isn't actually a line). In true Antarctic style, the weather conditions in

the past 48 hours have been at polar opposites (hah!). We woke up on Monday morning to low clouds and no sunshine meaning flat light and no contrast. This meant we were unable to follow the lovely track which we had enjoyed clocking up 40km on during previous days and instead we had to focus on staying on our bearing. The going was difficult but we still managed over 30km so we're fairly pleased.

'This morning our 'good weather dance' paid off and the sun was back and brought with it a much appreciated tailwind. With the wind firmly behind us, we re-found our track and enjoyed some smoother going.

'With a countdown to the finish firmly on, I've started a list (relayed to my mum) of the foods and snacks I will NOT be eating post Antarctica. This includes but is not limited to the following: flapjack, porridge, marzipan, dry roasted nuts and a certain brand of chocolate. Not a particularly extensive list given we've been eating the same food for over fifty days now!'

A WELL-EARNED REST from Ice Maiden Sophie
 'Our rest day has obviously paid dividends because we had planned a 33km target for today and ended completing 39km! At last, some easier snow conditions helped us to eat up the mileage despite adding an extra 23kg of food and fuel at the resupply.

'We've changed tent pairs so tonight we're getting settled into new tent routines. I've gone from 'laid-back efficiency and late nights' with Zanna to 'deceptively organised chaos and ceaseless chatter' with Nics to 'calm precision and aching aged joints' with Sandy. We seem to now be organised by age with the two youngest (Jen and Zanna), the two oldest (Sandy and I) and the middleies (Nics and Nat) sharing. My new tent buddy is currently trying to stitch my ski boot back together, so I know I'm onto a good thing!

'In line with our New Year's Resolutions, we used the rest day at Thiel to have a little tent wash, change

some clothes and use a proper toilet. There was still no sign of a knife and fork, but you can't nail all your resolutions within the first five days! Our main goal was obviously to rest our tired limbs and sleep as much as possible, but at 03.30 two Twin Otters landed at our remote camp site to refuel. Both planes were packed with people who spilled out rowdily to use the 'Loo With A View', so sleep became impossible. We went out to meet them and they couldn't believe we'd already been on the ice for forty-six days! The wonderful chefs at Union Glacier had sent us freshly cooked salmon



Below: The Daily Telegraph, Monday 22nd January 2018.

Right: The Ice Maidens team departing from Heathrow in October 2017.

Bottom right: Taking a well earned break.



fillets and vacuum sealed lamb tagine, as well as a weighty stack of home-made cinnamon rolls, biscuits and crisps. Thank you so much ALE – we had a full twenty-four hour break from macadamia nuts and flapjack and will be eternally grateful!

'We waved goodbye to our pilot Lauren after she'd refuelled and it felt amazing to be able to say "see you in a couple of weeks". Just as we'd settled back into our tents there was a roar overhead and Lauren buzzed us for the second time.'

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SECOND AND FINAL PIT STOP by Ice Maiden Nics

'This evening after 10 hours of skiing we reached our second and final 'replen' depot at the Thiel Mountains. From about 7km away we were eagerly looking for some sign of our destination and soon two small dots appeared dead on our bearing. This did cause some confusion as there should have only been one small dot which we knew would be the random toilet cubicle that identifies Thiel Corner plus a few flags marking a ski-way for any plane which may land. It has since become apparent that the second dot appears to be an abandoned JCB – well what else would it be in Antarctica?!

'Tomorrow we have a rest day which has been well earned as we managed to squeeze the original 14km we planned to do on Friday morning into the last three days to allow for a full rest day. The only unrest we will experience will be when two planes land at 03.00 our time although we hear they might be bringing a few sneaky treats since we are all so bored of eating macadamia nuts. This would be in addition to all the other treats kindly left by various staff from ALE including the delicious cookies from the South Pole kitchen, not one but two bottles to restock our empty bar, a picture of a llama decorated with kind messages from staff at Union Glacier and several bars of chocolate.

'Now I feel that we are on the home run. If we maintain a steady mileage I have every faith that the whole team of six will arrive in time and in a good physical state. We have all been twisting ourselves into awkward positions to see how our body shapes have changed in the small mirror of the lone cubicle toilet here at Thiel and yes, we are certainly leaner than 46 days ago, but we are still feeling strong. Not long now only 576km to go...'

The Ice Maidens team completed their challenge on 21st January 2018 – a true feat in human endurance. The Ice Maidens are supporting Breast Cancer Care and the Army Cadet Forces Association. Donations to 'Ice Maiden' can be made via www.justgiving.com or by visiting their website www.icemaiden.com.
Twitter @exicemaiden ●



PEDAL THE POND

A ground-breaking challenge motivated by a desire to get people talking about mental health.



On 7 January 2018, alumnus Hector Turner (2004-2006), with friends Paddy Johnson, Max Mossman and Henry Quinland took on the challenge of a pedal-powered Atlantic crossing – aptly named Pedal the Pond - to raise mental health awareness and to help put an end to associated societal stigma.

Pedal The Pond was instantly unique in that the four-man team crossed the Atlantic in an ocean-ready pedalo and broke three world records for the fastest pedalo, fastest man powered crossing and the youngest pedal powered crossing. The team arrived safely in Antigua 41 days later on 21st February 2018.

The team has so far raised £170,000 for the Charlie Waller Memorial Trust (CWMT) whose funds are focussed on young people and education, as well as training GP's and clinicians on mental health issues. The CWMT also runs projects alongside businesses to help to build mentally healthy work places.

The team firmly believes, "None of our adventure was as tough as being affected by mental illness.

Above from left to right: Paddy Johnson, Hector

Turner, Henry Quinland and Max Mossman

Below: Last few days of training and testing.



None of our adventure was as tough as being affected by mental illness. Together, we hope we have contributed to making a profoundly positive impact on people's lives...

Together, we hope we have contributed to making a profoundly positive impact on people's lives – so please give what you can afford by donating to <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/pedal-pond>."

Hector added, "I grew up in Northamptonshire and was always an active kid. During this time my dad was often heading off on crazy adventures, climbing mountains and trekking across the world,



Left: A snack reward after crossing the half way milestone.

Bottom left: Pedalling through the storm.

Below right: A porridge breakfast served up by Hector.

Top right: One of the many night shifts.

Below right: Celebrations after completing the challenge.





and eventually I got fed up of being left at home and decided to take on my first challenge. Aged 16, I ran the Marathon Des Sables as part of a large team of guys, managed to finish it and said never again!

"A few years later whilst at Newcastle University, I decided it was time for another challenge and signed up for and completed my second ultra-marathon through the Spanish mountains. So when Max suggested we pedal the pond, I took zero persuading. Moreover, I think the chance to take part in a challenge with three good friends and raise money for a fantastic cause close to our hearts galvanized us all and got us through...plus I've always loved a good pedalo!"



Mental Health is a worldwide issue that knows no boundaries, and the statistics amongst the UK's demographic are particularly shocking:

10% of children have experienced a mental health problem;

Depression is the most widespread form of disability, according to the World Health Organisation;

One in three men said they are embarrassed about seeking help for a mental health problem.

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INTERVIEW WITH

Julian Baring

Our jewel in THE CROWN

When Netflix' second series of *The Crown* hit television screens in December 2017, Emma McGowan felt compelled to interview alumnus **Julian Baring (2010-17)** about his role as the young Prince Charles during his formative years at Cheam and Gordonstoun Schools.

How did you hear about a potential role in *The Crown*?

In June 2016, the Crown's casting company Nina Gold Casting Ltd contacted Mr Gillam, our then Head of Drama, to enquire as to whether WHS had anyone who resembled Prince Charles as a boy. Mr Gillam recommended me and before I knew it, a member of the casting team came to school to meet me. I attended one further audition in London before being offered the role.

Did you have many rehearsals and costume fittings before filming started?

The cast gathered for two big read through sessions – I didn't have many lines to learn - and a rehearsal before filming began in May 2017. I had five days of costume fittings in London and had great fun trying on the various school uniforms and sports outfits.

How long did you film for?

I filmed for a total of 25 days in various locations around the UK in the lead up to my Common Entrance in June 2017. My Mum or Dad would usually accompany me but if they couldn't make it, I would be collected by a professional chaperone in a large Mercedes and driven to set. My favourite location was Lancaster House in St James, London, where we filmed the final 'family photograph' scene of Series 2. Woodchester Mansion in Nymbsfield near Stroud was used as the

external face of Gordonstoun and a property in Slough was used for interior scenes of Gordonstoun and the cross-country run.

Julian on set with Stephen Daldry.





Left: Stephen checks Julian is happy in his top hat and tails.

Right: Julian in a model aircraft with Matt Smith.



Were you nervous before filming started?

I did become increasingly nervous as filming drew closer but on my first day on set, I was sitting in a car with Matt Smith (Prince Philip) who told me I would soon get used to being filmed and my nerves would ease. He certainly put my mind at rest.

What was your favourite scene?

My favourite scene was cut but involved my dorm mates at Gordonstoun sitting on our beds shouting at one another before bundling one of the boys into a large clothes basket and pushing him down the stairs before giving him a cold shower. The lake scene was fun to film but we got really cold in the process!

Did you film the airplane scene in Episode 9 (where Prince Philip flew you home from Gordonstoun) in the air?

Sadly not, that scene was filmed in a model aircraft in a studio.

Who were your favourite actors?

Greg Wise, who played Earl Mountbatten, is great fun and luckily I filmed lots of scenes with him. I also got on really well with 'my Father' Matt Smith and 'Grandmother' Victoria Hamilton. I also loved Claire Foy but, despite her being my onscreen mother, I didn't film many scenes with her. The corgis were very friendly but were professional actors with CVs much longer than mine! The Director Stephen Daldry was so kind and encouraging.

Did you attend the Premier?

Yes, I attended the premier in Leicester Square with my Mum, Dad, Grandmother and Mr Gillam. It was an amazing feeling to walk down the red carpet and see the banks of press who were thankfully more interested in photographing and interviewing the adult actors.

Would you like to be a professional actor later in life?

I am getting involved in lots of drama at Rugby School and look forward to being in the musical Cabaret in the Spring. Acting is definitely something I'm interested in after being involved in The Crown. ●

DARKEST HOUSE

Warner Brothers' oscar winning 'Darkest Hour' movie featuring Gary Oldman has an all-star Winchester House cast! 19 children appear in the film as French refugees with alumnus Henry White (2007-17) featuring in the trailer too. The children were filmed one cold October morning at Bicester Airfield whilst Henry ventured to the Warner Bros studios to film his 'looking up' scene. ●





INTERVIEW WITH

Colin Harris

WARTIME at WHS

On 20 October 2017, alumnus Lt Commander **Colin Harris (1940-1945)** kindly agreed to be interviewed by Emma Goldsmith and the children on 'Wartime at WHS' which made for a lively and thoroughly interesting morning before the start of Michaelmas half-term.

Why did your parents choose WHS?

My mother was keen that I should have a boarding school education. My godmother was the widow of Brigadier Ellershaw who died with Lord Kitchener in HMS Hampshire in 1916 and her grandchild Peter Freeman was at WHS and so told my mother about the school. As I was old enough to live with my grandparents my mother could have been called up, and so to avoid this, qualified as a maths teacher and taught at Repton School. We both lived at Repton during the war and my father moved as the Navy required.

When did you start at WHS?

We lived in Colombo where my father was Base Supply Officer at the naval base. In May 1940 my mother and I came back to the UK by sea. It was considered safer to cross France than the Bay of Biscay (because of the U-boat threat) however we disembarked at Marseilles just as the Germans decided to enter France in strength. We spent one night in Paris, travelled to Calais the next day but couldn't get into the station as the Germans had just bombed it. So we travelled to Le Havre, via Paris, to catch the last commercial ferry to Southampton. My grandparents lived near Hastings and after staying with them I started the summer term late aged eight as a fully-fledged boarder. Like most boys I was a bit homesick at first but soon got over

it as we were all in it together. Exeats (as you know them) didn't exist but we may have had one Saturday forenoon off at half term. They were different times and nearly everyone worked Saturday forenoon until several years after the war.

How did you travel during the holidays?

The Germans started dropping 'land mines' along the south coast so my grandparents moved to a cottage in Whitfield (1.5 miles from WHS). I would go to Whitfield for half term, effectively just staying the Saturday night, and usually walked the short distance. When travelling to school from Repton, I would catch a bus to Derby, and then take a train to Nottingham to Brackley which had two railway stations during the war.

What was the highlight of your school week?

We all looked forward to the weekly visit by the fish and chip van which was not rationed. The school food was awful, in particular the cabbage!

Did everyone board at WHS in those days?

Effectively everyone boarded but, over my time, as a concession to wartime conditions there were one or two day boys and three day girls (Jean Meikle, Pat Davies and Mary Amos). Mr Hayman was Head Master and there were about 100 boys when I started. There were

two houses - Bryant and Gascoigne - and the uniform included a red tie, red cap with badge, grey shorts, grey shirt and grey pullover (we didn't have blazers).

What was Mr Hayman like as a Head Master?

Mr Hayman had a reputation for discipline and had a formidable presence. He was a bit of a devil as he would make a boy a prefect if he thought it would help at your interview or if you were going for a scholarship. I was never a prefect or Head Boy but did get a scholarship to Dartmouth. When someone got a scholarship, the school was given a half holiday. Mr Hayman would occasionally cane boys but if/when he did there was no fuss - I luckily managed to escape that punishment!

Colin Harris is joined on stage in The Hall by Emma Goldsmith.



I remember sleeping on the stone floor behind the library for some air raid warnings before the dormitories were moved downstairs and the class rooms moved upstairs.

What did you study?

We studied the core subjects and remained in one classroom whilst the teachers moved around. Lessons lasted 45 minutes and we were taught English by Mrs King, French by Mr Meikle ('Botty'), maths (I'm a mathematician and adored the lessons), history, scripture, Latin and Greek. I didn't do Greek - 3 of us did extra maths - and there was no science teaching. Mermaids were in abeyance, we used the lawn for the Cubs and drill was in the Upper Quad.

What was sport like?

We played rugby and I can remember a few matches against Magdalen School in Brackley, the Dragons in Oxford and Bloxham School. I can't remember our mode of transport, as the war made travelling difficult, but imagine it would have been as much as possible by rail possibly backed up by hiring a bus.

Was the school ever bombed?

WHS was lucky enough never to be bombed nor did we ever hear a bomb despite being relatively close to Coventry. I remember sleeping on the stone floor behind the library for some air raid warnings before the dormitories were moved downstairs and the class rooms moved upstairs. The dorm to the left of the front door had a masonry safe which we used for midnight feasts which we tended to have on the Sunday at the end of half term when we had supplies!

What did you do after leaving WHS?

I left Winchester House in July 1945 aged 13 and went straight to the Royal Naval College Dartmouth spending the first year at Eaton Hall (Duke of Westminster's seat near Chester) before getting back to Dartmouth proper. We gave up Latin and Greek and did navigation and seamanship instead. I stayed in the Royal Navy until I was 40, specialising in gunnery and remained with naval gunnery, working (most of the time) until I was 80. Computers enabled me to go to Cornwall when I was 57 where I have spent my spare time helping to run the village museum and helping in the Cornwall Record Office. ●

Act of Remembrance

On Friday 10th November, the whole school gathered in the Upper Quad to remember the 62 Old Boys who fell during the Great Wars. Head Girl T Cooper and Head Boy J von Furstenberg read out their names at our Act of Remembrance.

WORLD WAR I

Leslie Davies
Ernest Donnell
Philip Doyne
Aylmer Eade
Leander Grove
John Hollick
Basil Hooley
John Hunt
Gordon Parmenter

Philip Picot
Nigel Scott
George Shannon
Philip Whiston
Henry Wilmot

WORLD WAR II

John Aimers
Richard St Ledger-
Aldworth

Patrick Alexander
Michael Anderson
Michael Bruce
Stephen D'Arblay
Burney
John Busk
John Drew
Charles Furse
Brian Gimson
Gerald Glead
Russell Gordon-Smith
Hector Graham
John Griffith
Frederick Haward
Christopher Hayman
Thomas Hunter
Richard Jagger
John Milliken

Alexander Mitchell
Gavin Nicholson
Peter Nicholson
Anthony Pearce
Julian Pounsford
Edward Pritchett
Peter Radwell
Robert Sevestre
John Smith
Richard Vaux
William Weller
James West
Ian Whitelaw-Wilson
Anthony Wilkinson
Anthony Willmott
John Wilson
Norman Wodehouse

Pegasus Bridge

On a trip to Normandy during Michaelmas half term 2017, pupil Jack Sheppard and his family visited the museum at Pegasus Bridge. Without any specific family links to D-Day, the Sheppards were keen for Jack to be able to relate to the thousands of men who lost their lives, and decided to look up the details of Old Boys that fought and died in WW2. The war records brought up the names of two Old Boys who had died and were buried in Normandy around D-Day. These included Major J R Aldworth who died aged 29 and was buried only 20 minutes from Pegasus Bridge and so the Sheppards decided to drive to the cemetery to find his grave and pay their respects. The Sheppards hope to return to Normandy to visit the grave of Old Boy Captain Aimers who was 28 when he died in Normandy.



The photos show Jack on Pegasus Bridge and also standing by the grave of Major Aldworth. Mrs Sheppard said, 'it was really moving visiting the grave, Jack particularly noticed the number of teenagers buried there and apparently there were 3 casualties of D-Day that were only 16 which we all found particularly sad.'

Alumni News

NIGEL ANDERSON



We were delighted to welcome alumnus Nigel Anderson (1945-1951) and his wife Wendy to WHS. Nigel was re-acquainted with the red rugby cap that he kindly donated to the school 12 years ago, allowing the Alumni Department the perfect opportunity to photograph them together!

After leaving WHS in 1951, Nigel went to Kilbracken House, Rugby School, until 1955. He was then called up to do National Service



in the Navy before joining the regular Navy and going to Royal Naval College Dartmouth in 1956. The Navy then sent Nigel to Clare College, Cambridge, in 1957 to study Mechanical Sciences until 1960. He then joined the submarine service as an electrical officer.

After a time in diesel submarines, Nigel went to the Royal Naval College Greenwich to study nuclear engineering before joining Britain's first Polaris submarine HMS Resolution where she was being built in Barrow in Furness. After commissioning, Nigel went on three patrols before being sent to the naval facility at Dounreay to train submariners how to operate the nuclear reactors. He left the Navy in 1970 and pursued a career in business which included time at Hawker Siddeley as export Sales Manager for their control system for gas turbine powered naval ships and Brown Boveri (later to become ABB) looking after their sales in the UK of turbochargers and later Linear Accelerators.

We wish both Nigel and Wendy well in their new home in Haddenham.

PETER BARR

Peter was an academic teacher, sports instructor and was involved with the Wolves during his time at

WHS from 1990 to 1995. On leaving school, Peter kindly donated the P Barr Geography prize which ran for a number of years until Peter's move to Australia. In 2003, Peter and his artist wife Maria retired to Killiecrankie in Perthshire, Scotland. Peter is an avid cyclist, completing trips from Lands End to John O'Groats, across Scotland from Mallaig to Stonehaven, around the Isle of Mull and in numerous Sportive's raising £7,300 for Maggie's Cancer Care. He also cycled 1,000km around Tasmania raising 4,000 Australian dollars for the Australian Bush Fire Appeal. Peter has kindly re-kindled the P Barr Geography Prize which will be awarded in July to a Year 7 pupil who shows a keen interest in pursuing geography further. We look forward to hearing of Peter's next challenge and hope to welcome him back to School soon.



This picture was taken on Peter's 74th birthday after cycling 74 miles around Highland Perthshire.

AJ CALDERON



We were delighted to be emailed a photo of AJ Calderon (2011-15) wearing his WHS tie at his first chapel service at his senior school in the US. Thanks for sharing with us AJ and we hope you're enjoying your new school.

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MICHEAL COBB



We were delighted to welcome Michael Cobb (1960-66), his wife Luciani and daughter Natasha back to WHS for a trip down memory lane. It was great to get back in touch and we wish them a safe journey home to Canada.

IZZY HALL



Izzy Hall (2007-2017) made her television debut in July 2017 presenting for BBC Newsround, interviewing professional riders at the Event Rider Masters. Izzy has always been a passionate and talented horsewoman, riding for the WHS Equestrian Team and more recently being selected to compete for England in the Nations Cup Show Jumping at the NSEA Championships last October. Unfortunately the NSEA Champs didn't quite go according to plan. Izzy's pony Uncle Monty, who had qualified for 8 classes, went lame a couple of weeks before and despite best efforts was not ready to compete. Luckily for Izzy she was allowed to substitute her new horse



Magic into 3 of the classes (95cm, 105cm and 'Jumping with Style') as part of a St Edward's School team. The highlight of the weekend was being selected as part of the England Nations Cup Show Jumping Team and, despite jumping at 11 o'clock at night, England went on to win which was very exciting.

KRISTIAN KAY



Kristian Kay (2005-2011) is playing his second season for Wasps' U18 team as No 9, and played for Scotland U18 in Glasgow on 24 February 2018

SAM KEATING

Sam Keating (2004-12) has been appointed HM Lord Lieutenant's Cadet for the county of



Buckinghamshire. Sam joined the Milton Keynes Sea Cadet unit as a Royal Marine Cadet in July 2015 and is an active member of the unit. In 2017, Sam assisted with the training of the unit's Royal Marine Cadet Armed Guard squad who came first at the Oxon Bucks Drill Competition, and won best Guard Commander for his efforts in this competition. Sam was also chosen from hundreds of cadets across the Sea Cadet Corps to represent the UK in Sweden as part of the International Sea Cadet Exchange, where he met other cadets from across the world while being a first class ambassador for the SCC.

As a senior cadet, Sam is at the forefront of the unit's activities conducting and assisting with much of the Royal Marine cadet training, and is an important member of the Detachments Training Team. Sam is a keen participant in competition,

competing at District & Area level in disciplines ranging from kayaking and football to drill. Sam has worked hard to gain many qualifications including rowing, kayaking, first aid at work & PT and, when completing his Cadet Corporal's advancement board, he gained the highest pass mark on the board. He is currently working towards his Royal Marine Cadet Drill Leader qualification and his Cadet Sergeant advancement board and hopes to complete both of these difficult tasks in the next 12 months.

EDITH LOBBAN

Edith Lobban (2011-2016) tells readers about her love of paddling:

'Outside of school sport I spend a lot of time at Banbury and District Canoe Club and have been paddling since I was about eight years old. It's paddling not rowing, rowing is a very different action and when you row you travel backwards whereas in a kayak or canoe you face the way you are going. The canoe club specialises in flatwater racing and so the boats we use are long and thin built for going as fast as possible. They would be very unstable in rough or white-water conditions but apart from at the start of some of our races when there are a lot of boats jostling for position, the rivers and canals that we race on are fairly calm. As I've got older and more experienced I've started to paddle faster in lighter boats but these are

also more unstable and difficult to keep upright. I've had to work on my paddling technique and my core fitness to help me master these boats and improve my speed. Core strength is very important in paddlesport because it is your core and your legs that power the stroke not just your arms. I train two or three times a week on the water in the summer and in the winter once a week with one evening of circuit training. Children and adults race against each other in divisions ranked according to ability (1-9). Last year was my first year in the adult divisions and I climbed from 9 up to 7. This year I hope to go up to Division 6.



Above: Edith Lobban (to rear of boat)

Below: Josh Shepherd-Smith with siblings Ophelia (Year 7) and Theo (2003-2007)



DAVID MCCARTHY

David McCarthy (1963) (*right*), sent this fantastic photograph of him wearing his rugby cap from his home in South Africa. We appreciate you taking the time to get in touch David.

JOSH SHEPHERD-SMITH

Josh Shepherd-Smith (2011-2013) (*above left*), has been offered a place at Magdalen College, Oxford, to read Psychology.



WILLIAM STOTHARD & SAM MARTIN

It was fantastic to welcome William Stothard (2012-16) (*left, left*) and Sam Martin (2010-2016) (*left, right*) back to school to accompany Priestland on the winning house trip to the Oxford Ice Rink in December. Thank you for lending a hand at a very busy time of term. ●

MICHAEL JOSEPH HOBBS

(1944-1947), who was awarded the Order of Australia Medal, died suddenly on 1st February 2018 in Sydney, Australia, aged 83. His son Christopher told School, "He was always interested in the school, and grateful for it".

STUART G EVES

It was with great sadness that we announce the death of Stuart Eves (1952) on 23rd December 2016 aged 78 years. Stuart gained a scholarship to Bloxham School from Winchester House and his name can be seen on the Scholarship Board. We pass our condolences onto his wife Jane, children Kate and Alison and family.

JEAN NAYLOR

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Jean Naylor. Jean was born at Winchester House, was the daughter of the then Headmaster Stuart Meikle and went on to marry Robin Naylor who was a

member of staff. Winchester House was an integral part of Jean's life and she will be greatly missed by many. A Memorial Service for Jean was held at St Peter's Church, Brackley, on Thursday 30th November 2017 followed by a wake held at WHS. ●



Above: The Meikle Family in 1952, pre marriage.

Below: The Meikle family with the scholars of 1949.

Bottom left: Jean on Hosky the pony.



School News

Winchester House 2020

In order to remain a forward-thinking prep school preparing children for the life beyond Winchester House, we have recently launched our vision for Winchester House 2020. This has involved looking at how we improve and develop the School to ensure that Winchester House continues to provide the best possible learning experiences in a warm and purposeful community. Over the last year we have been working with the Leadership Team, undertaking market research and feedback from current and prospective parents to steer our strategic direction focusing on the year 2020 and beyond.



The most significant development is that from September 2019 there will no longer be academic lessons on a Saturday morning for Years 5-8. We will continue to offer a strong boarding community, retaining our weekly and flexible boarding options (including Friday night boarding) and there will be opportunities for competitive sports fixtures in the week and on selected Saturday mornings as well as introducing Mastery Mornings for Years 7 & 8.

Key components of our plan can be found on the School website with full details being published later in the year.

This is an exciting time for Winchester House as we look to the future.

Yours sincerely

George Seligman, Chair of Governors

Emma Goldsmith, Head

Launch of Ignite

January 2018 saw the launch of our Ignite speaker programme. Aimed at sparking the Upper School children's imagination, the programme invites two speakers per term to School to talk about their chosen career path, latest adventure and/or life. Former Vet and Biology Teacher Dr Kate Kettlewell kick started the programme giving a fascinating insight into 'A Vet's Life' treating both domestic, large and zoo-based animals. Sam Alcock, Design Engineer at Mercedes AMG F1, captured the children's attention with his fast paced 'Track Side' insight into the world of design, Formula 1 and the many jobs on offer at Mercedes. We would warmly welcome alumni who would like to give a talk to the children to contact Emma McGowan.

New wrap-around care & mini bus routes

We recognise that parents lead busy lives and have commitments outside school hours so we have launched our new flexible wrap-around care for all children including our new Early Birds Breakfast Club

from 7.45am and the After School Club until 6.30pm. We also have a new network of mini buses from Chipping Norton, Milton Keynes, Buckingham and Bicester area.

Scholarships

This year we have already successfully achieved a number of scholarships and are waiting for further ones to be announced:

- All-rounder (academic and equestrian) and Sports Scholarship for hockey to Millfield
- Sports Scholarship to Radley College
- DT Scholarship and Sports Exhibition to Cheltenham College
- Sports Scholarship to Oundle School
- Music Scholarship to Bloxham School
- Drama Scholarship to Tudor Hall
- Music Exhibition to Stowe School
- PE Scholarship to King's High School for Girls
- Drama Scholarship to Uppingham School



Academic

St Edward's Maths Challenge: four keen Year 6 mathematicians headed off to St Edward's School with Mr Girling. With outstanding scores of 40 and 35 in the 'Figure It Out' rounds and 60 and 45 in the 'Counting Down' rounds, the results placed them 1st and 6th out of 39 teams.



On the Buzzer: four Year 6 general knowledge experts travelled to Uppingham School with Mr Woodcock for the 'On the Buzzer' quiz. The team made it through to the semi-finals where they narrowly lost to finalists Holmwood House.

A Gruffalo, what's a Gruffalo?: in Nursery literacy was brought to life for their topic 'A Walk in the Woods'. The children had been learning the story of the Gruffalo and were astonished to find the real life Gruffalo on one of their walks to the Secret Garden. After lots of fun in the



garden, the children took the Gruffalo back to Nursery where he read them a story and tucked into their afternoon tea of snake sandwiches, owl jellies, toasted tusks and Gruffalo cake.

Drama

Over a quarter of children partake in Speech & Drama lessons, with all year groups performing in a variety of plays and sketches throughout the year. Years 3 & 4 performed 'Robin Hood & the Sherwood Hoodies' in the lead up to Christmas to rave reviews and Year 2 told us the Nativity story. Within 10 days of returning in January, the Year 8s performed Willy Russell's emotive and thought provoking 'Our Day Out'. In March, Years 6 & 7 performed 'Panto Pandemonium' in which the Wicked Witch caused pandemonium in Panto Land by casting a wicked spell on the land in which everything goes wrong!



Music

With 75% of children learning at least one instrument, the Festive Concert at the end of the Michaelmas term showcased a wide range of instrumentalists and singers and even included audience participation with a contemporary rendition of 'O Come all Ye Faithful'! The grand finale involved a collaboration between several of our music groups and singers with a vocal solo by C Wakeford and a stunning bagpipes duet by M McGowan and her teacher Mr Jasper in a rousing rendition of 'Auld Lang Syne'.



Games

We were delighted to host The Snowstyle National Schools Rugby Tournament 2017/2018 for North & Midlands region. In total, 10 teams took to the pitches competing in a fun and friendly festival environment. It was fantastic to see the players taking pride in their performances and demonstrating such strong teamwork skills at prep school age.

The Annual Cokethorpe Junior School Under 11 rugby tournament was a resounding success for our boys. They were undefeated in the group stages and did not



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concede a try in four matches defeating Magdalen College, Cokethorpe, Sibford and Wantage School on their way to the final. They faced a very strong Akeley Wood side and a thrilling final match ensued. Winchester House boys eventually won the match but not before Akeley had given them a tough test.

The U11As boys' rugby team had an extraordinary season overall. They played and won 24 matches, scoring 1,025 points and only conceding 35 points in all. They qualified for the nationals, winning all of their games in the qualifying, and also won the Land Rover Cup at Franklin Gardens. The icing on the cake was the chance to meet the Saints players and mascot pitch side!

The U11s girls' hockey team travelled to Millfield School for the U11s IAP Hockey Finals. The girls won two and lost two matches to make it into the plate final against Stephen Perse School. The match went to shuffles in extra time, but with a super golden shuffle save by T Flanagan the girls were the winners! The U13 side faced some strong competition in the finals at Millfield and, despite playing some terrific hockey, did not make it through to the play offs.

International hockey player Zoe Shipperley visited School to put the Year 3, 4 and Colts boys through their paces with a fast moving, inspirational workshop in January. Zoe has played for Buckingham Hockey Club since the

age of 14 and is in the GB Hockey Performance Squad. She won a silver medal at the 2014 Commonwealth Games and bronze medals at both the 2017 European Championships and the 2017 World League Finals.

Skiing

The Winchester House Ski Team travelled to Pila, Italy to take part in the Artemis Interschool Ski Challenge on 5th and 6th March. The team included 15 boys and girls from Years 4 to 8 all of whom, after race training at the Snozone in Milton Keynes, completed the giant slalom and slalom courses with both confidence and gusto. C Hemstock came 4th and L Burges Watson came 6th in the U10 slalom. Over 400 children from 50 schools from across the UK took part, giving the children a fantastic and invaluable insight into the world of ski racing. The team will be looking for sponsorship for the 2019 season.

Equestrian

The Equestrian team continues from strength to strength with children from Years 3 to 8 taking part in regular weekend show jumping and one day events. At Bury Farm on a cold and wet Saturday in January, in the 70cm class S Kay gave a convincing and fast round on Piggy to come first and be crowned





Northants County Champion. The 80cm class saw the team, including T Kay on Rose, S Kay on Piggy, T Roach on Skye and H Chapman on Impy, riding very cleverly round a tricky course to be crowned Northants County Champions. In the 90cm class, T Kay, H Chapman and T Roach rode a very tight course in the indoor arena with tenacity and style. T Kay on Hunter produced a fabulous,

fast clear to come second in Northamptonshire and 8th individually in the whole region. T Kay then went on to produce a lovely round in the 1m class on Hunter, which was a first time for the pair at that height, giving them 2nd place, an amazing accomplishment. Congratulations to the whole squad and those continuing to the Championship Final in April. ●



Martin Roberts' history of WHS

Since 2018 is the Centenary of WHS in Brackley, Emma Goldsmith has asked me to compose a history of the School. Many of you will doubtless have read my appeals for memories in House! Magazine over the last year: there have been some fascinating responses and conversations, many in the "unofficial history" category (!) and I would like to take this opportunity to thank all who have contributed, to apologise to those whom I

have yet to contact again and to promise to do so and to solicit more memories from anyone so inclined.

With a project like this, the closer one comes to one's objective, the further it seems to recede, as those who have been on WHS hill-walking expeditions and canal trips might recall. There are just so many ways in which the world has changed in the past 140 years and adaptations which WHS has made to stay in its premier position. Nevertheless, it is hoped to complete the bulk of the text by the end of the summer term, with a view to arranging publication as soon as possible thereafter. The finished product may contain answers to questions some may not have even thought existed: which two England Rugby Captains are connected with the School; how close did WHS come to action in the First World War; how did this all-male bastion accommodate the entrance of girls? Posing and answering questions like these has been great fun for the past year; I hope you find it so, too!

Martin Roberts (WHS 2003 - present)

Martin's book will be published in 2019 and copies will be available from School. ●

Staff News



VICKI BERRIE

Vicki (Pre-Prep Teacher) and Jonathan Berrie welcomed baby George into

the world at 9.32am on 19th April 2017 at the John Radcliffe Hospital weighing 8lbs 6oz. Amelia is thrilled to have a baby brother.



JAYNE BRIDGES

Jayne joined Winchester House in 2001, and was affectionately known as Mrs

B. She started as full time Matron mainly in the boys' house, and her care and empathy for both the boys and colleagues was above and beyond. She had a wonderful sense of humour and loved a good party whether it be with the boys to celebrate a birthday or scholarship or with colleagues to celebrate getting through another busy term! We miss her very much and hope she is enjoying her time in Spain.



SARAH BUDD

Sarah was appointed as Bursar from Warwick Prep. She made an

immediate impact with both staff and pupils as she threw herself into every aspect of Winchester House life. The bursar of a school can sometimes be just a name on the bill but Sarah was far more than that. She coached netball, accompanied Cantoris tours, did play ground and lunch duties. That did not diminish her outstanding steering of the commercial life of the school and, as Clerk to the Governors, she oversaw many building projects most recently the Astro Turf. Sarah will be remembered by staff as having a keen sense of fairness and compassion. She made her mark at Winchester House and will be missed for her common sense, sense of responsibility and her cakes! We wish her well as she takes up her post in sunny Cornwall at Truro High School for Girls.



BRIDGET BURNET

Bridget joined the School as Development Manager in September

2013, successfully managing the fundraising campaign for the AstroTurf. She worked tirelessly at forging links with alumni, organising events for them to attend and supporting ones that the alumni suggested. Bridget

oversaw the creation of the Non Nobis Solum Society, the London carol service and, in 2017, celebrations for Richard Speight's 80th birthday. She was a continual source of energy and enthusiasm, with a "can-do" attitude.



KATY DALLIMORE

Congratulations to Katy (Assistant Head of Teaching and Learning) and William

Dallimore on the arrival of baby Louie on the 11th April 2017.



FIONA EAST

Fiona has been an integral part of Pre-Prep for the last 12 years, first joining us for work experience

and then working throughout the department. Although her job title was a Higher Level Teaching Assistant, her responsibilities and talents went far beyond this. She loved being with the children, caring for them holistically and in turn they loved her; many maintaining a connection with her beyond the walls of Pre-Prep. The staff will certainly miss her, not least for her wonderful cake baking and craft skills, and we hope Santa will know what to do without his helper this year! We will miss you very much but wish you well in your new career.



SUE FRANKLIN

Sue held many roles during her time at school and will be fondly remembered not

only by staff and pupils, but by the many families she also supported along the way. As a member of the Learning Development Team, Sue has an innate ability to understand exactly what children need both academically and emotionally and her calm, nurturing manner enables her to get the best out of the children she works with. In turn, she was proud to play a part in their learning journey in Pre-Prep and latterly Years 3 and 4. She will be greatly missed, and we wish her a happy retirement.



JAMES GILLAM

Although it is a phrase we often hear, a truly inspirational teacher is

actually quite a rare creature, but the children taught by James Gillam will testify that he is one of the few to deserve this accolade.

James is a true academic and intellectual who understands what he teaches inside out. Since joining the school in 2007, he helped Winchester House pupils to excel in English, History, Classics and Drama, but, of more significance to him, he kindled a genuine love of learning and culture in the children far beyond a narrow focus

on passing exams. His school productions impressed audiences with their professionalism and he enabled children to perform at a level far above that which is normally seen in a prep school. His call to 'tell the story' will be remembered by many of his past students, many of whom will thank James for their interest in the theatre and acting.

James leaves Winchester House to focus on some exciting new projects. It will come as no surprise that many of these are 'drama' orientated, and, of course, watching the Cobblers play on Saturday afternoons. We wish him all the best and look forward to him returning to school in June to oversee the Year 8s Musical in a Week.



PAM GRIFFIN

We also say a fond farewell to Pam who has been a member of our

housekeeping staff for 34 years and cleaned Drayton since it was built! We wish her the very best for the future and hope she has a restful and happy retirement.



SAM HICKMAN

We are delighted to announce the appointment of Sam Hickman as the new Head

of Girls' Games & PE. Sam has been teaching for 10 years and was previously Director of Sport at Thornton College. Her sporting passion is netball and although she no longer plays due to an injury, she continues to coach county netball and has previously had roles with East Midlands and England Netball.



TEDDY IRVINE

Shelley and Craig Irvine were delighted to welcome Teddy George into the

world on 28th September 2017 at the John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford, weighing 8 lbs 1 oz. Daisy is thrilled to have a baby brother she can push around school in his buggy and looks forward to running around boys' boarding with him.



MARGARET MARSH

Margaret started as a part time member of staff and rose through the ranks

becoming Academic Deputy Head. She led Pre-Prep and the Learning Support department in addition to teaching English and History, with the children also benefitting from her creative talents in activity time.

Margaret led the School in every ISI inspection since their inception and on each occasion ensured that the preparation was

immaculate and that all policies were compliant. It was only fitting therefore that we had our most recent inspection just before she left. Unsurprisingly she was complimented on her preparation and attention to detail. The School is indebted to her for her leadership in this area.

Many a young nervous trainee teacher has been taken under Margaret's wing in her capacity as a tutor on the Buckingham PGCE course and within her role at School. Throughout her career her interest and enthusiasm for dynamic teaching and learning has never waned and it is no surprise that in her 'retirement' she is continuing this work with Buckingham University and with us on a consultancy capacity.

Numerous members of staff have much to thank Margaret for, in particular her compassionate nature. She had the unpopular task of creating the timetable which honed skills worth of the Diplomatic Core, a task that used to take up much of her summer in anticipation of the new year. We will miss you hugely and thank you for all that you have given in service to Winchester House.



**KITTY
PACKE**

Kitty Packe (2008-2012) returned to School as a Gapper, here she tells us why:

'I enjoyed many aspects of Winchester House life during my time as a pupil, and particularly loved playing the cello, Lunar Society and playing lots of sport - although endless time spent in the freezing old pavilion putting on hockey studs wasn't as fun as playing on the Astro nowadays. The minibuses runs with Lorna, Mr Riley and Mr Grey were always great fun and it was fantastic to meet them all again when I returned as a Gapper. Unfortunately the casserole with dumplings is also still on the menu which was a less fond memory of mine (apologies Aldo).

'After leaving WHS in 2012, I went to Tudor Hall where I had an amazing time. After my term at WHS, I am going to South America for four months to improve my Spanish before going to York to study social and political sciences.'



**SOPHIE
PATEY**

Sophie (Cooper, 1985-94) and Mathew Patey welcomed twin boys William

David Campbell Patey (5lb 5oz) and Edward Francis Mathew Patey (5lb 9oz) in to the world on 13th June 2017 at 4.12pm at the John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford. We are delighted to see William and Edward in Pre-Prep as they regularly come to School to collect their sister Flora.



**PETER
ROBINSON**

WHS appoints Peter Robinson MBA, ACIS, as Bursar.

Peter joined WHS as Bursar in January 2018 having been the Business Manager at Sibford School for the previous 13 years. During his time at Sibford, Peter saw the School flourish with an increased roll and exciting phases of development, set alongside financial stability.

Peter joins Winchester House keen to utilise his experience gained in the independent schools sector, working alongside the Senior Leadership Team, Governors and staff to enhance and develop the School's reputation as Northamptonshire's leading prep school. He has a wide range of interests including competitive cycling and bee keeping which he hopes to discuss with the children. ●

STAFF FOCUS

Tim Hue-Williams

Emma McGowan persuaded the much-loved **Tim Hue-Williams** to answer some questions for House! Magazine:-

When did you join WHS?

My son Charlie started at School in 2001 and shortly afterwards I met the then Head of Girls' Games Suzanne Gray and asked if I could do some tennis coaching as tennis was not a major sport in those days.

Have you always coached tennis?

I originally worked in the City and then moved to the South of France and set up a tennis coaching business which I ran for 8 years. They were fun times and included the chance to coach at the Monte Carlo Country Club and meet tennis legends like Roger Taylor.

How has tennis developed over the years?

My primary aim was to ensure every child, from Year 3 upwards, left school able to play a reasonable game of tennis. Three of us (including Emma Danby and Rosie Clarke) run the tennis programme throughout the winter and summer months on our nine courts. There obviously has to be a serious element to our coaching but tennis must be enjoyable. We select for the tennis squad in Year 5 and have six senior couples from Years 7 & 8 and six junior couples from Years 5 & 6. Our tennis teams play on a tough circuit and are rarely defeated.



There obviously has to be a serious element to our coaching but tennis must be enjoyable.

Have you ever coached a WHS child who has gone on to become professional?

The beauty of a prep school education is that the children get the chance to try everything and leave school as true all-rounders. I've certainly coached many a child who had the drive, determination and talent to go far but they are also playing many other sports throughout the year and can't / don't want to commit themselves to a single sport.

What was your funniest moment?

There have been so many laughs over the years. One story that sticks in my mind involved former staff member Chris Wilson. Chris is a great sportsman and together we used to play the boys' doubles couples to give them some match play. Chris arrived at the courts and realised he hadn't brought any rackets so I lent him one of my spares. Within a couple of minutes, Chris broke the racket so I went back to the car and got my other spare. Again, within a few moments, the racket was in pieces. It was an expensive morning but raised much laughter. ●



FROM THE ARCHIVES

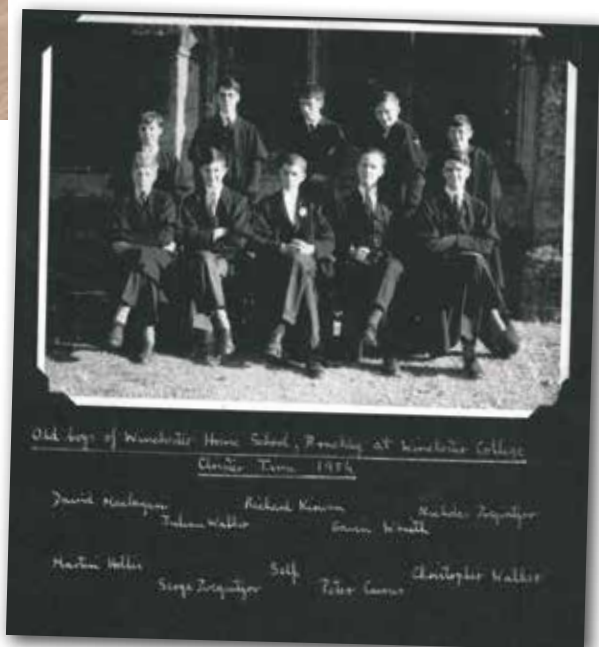


Fielding Cup 1947, CA Porter

Whilst at WHS, alumnus Charles Porter (1947) was awarded the Fielding Cup in his final term. Charles went to Rugby School after WHS and then attended Corpus Christi College, Oxford, where he obtained a first class degree in History. He taught at Sutton Valence School and then Bradfield College where he spent the rest of his career serving as a Housemaster and Head of History. Charles died in 1996, soon after retirement, and a close friend rescued some of his personal belongings, among them a silver trophy from WHS 'The Fielding Cup', and kept them until her recent death. The cup was recently discovered in her house and David Barnes (a former colleague of Charles' at Bradfield College) kindly forwarded the cup to WHS. The cup is a small Sterling silver trophy by Preece & Williscombe of London, is hallmarked 1947, is 7.5cm tall including handles and is thought to be a copy of the original which would have been handed back to school after a year on the family's mantelpiece. As

David Barnes wrote in his letter to WHS, 'It's small but I expect you will have told many an undersized boy: 'Good things come in small packages.'" The Alumni Department is thrilled to have received the cup and would like to thank David for kindly sending it to WHS. The cup is now on display in The Reading Room.

10 out of 70 scholars at Winchester College were from WHS



Christopher Stewart-Smith (1950-1954) sent in his late brother Rupert's WHS photo. Rupert can be seen in the photo (marked 'self') as one of 10 WHS scholars who went on to Winchester College where 10 out of 70 scholars were from WHS.

1961 1st XI, David McCarthy



David McCarthy (1963) kindly sent WHS this image of the 1st XI in 1961.

PREMIUMS FOR BOARDERS

The Table shows the Premium for term of varying amounts payable each Term in respect of Boarders. Weekly boarders pay the minimum premium stated in the Table. The full fee can be inserted but the premium will be charged on the day pupils' scale. All fees to be inserted must be stated in even multiples of a pound.

Intentionally leaving open the fee to be inserted instead of a round sum is discouraged. Any amount above the £2 to be added is included, but the actual fee to be inserted must always be made up to an exact number of pounds.

Term per Year	Minimum per Term	Paid per Term	Premium per Term
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7	60 0	66	65 0
8	70 0	76	75 0
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For term of more than £70 per term an additional 1s. should be added for each pound above £70.

* Cases 12 on the opposite page should be completed by the School Principal for the information of the parent.

School Memorabilia



We always enjoy receiving memorabilia from alumni, including recent copies of an invoice for £2, a table of Premiums for Boarders and the 1931 School photograph. ●



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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Please do join us at one or all of our forthcoming events, some specifically for old boys and girls, others are School events that we would be delighted to welcome you along to. For all events, please RSVP to emma.mcgowan@winchester-house.org.

BRACKLEY COMMUNITY DRINKS RECEPTION

10 May 2018

Winchester House School

LONDON DRINKS PARTY

4 October 2018

The Kennel Club, Clarges Street, London, W1J 8AB

FIREWORKS

5 November 2018

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WHS ADVENT FAIR

1 December 2018

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LONDON CAROL SERVICE & DRINKS RECEPTION

10 December 2018 at 6pm

St John's Church, Hyde Park, London, W2 2QD

It was with great sadness that we had to cancel the Carol Service at St John's Church, Hyde Park on 11th December 2017. The heavy snow fall experienced the previous day in Northamptonshire made travel conditions too dangerous.

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