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Front Cover: *Diana Magnay reporting from Vostock War Games in 2018.*

# Welcome from the Head



### We have great reason to celebrate at Winchester House this academic year.

Firstly, it's our Brackley centenary, and one hundred years ago since Headmaster Hayman decided to move School from Kenfield Hall, Kent, to Brackley Lodge. Martin Roberts charts the School's history since then, with colour and humour in his article 'A Century in Brief' on page 2. We have hosted a variety of centenary events at School, and in London, to celebrate (see pages 8–10) and hope you will be able to join us at the Centenary Classic Car Show (see page 11) and Alumni Cricket and Rounders Matches, held on the Playing Fields at School, on Saturday 8th June from midday.

We also celebrate 40 years of girls; the decision to go co-ed was a timely call made by Richard Speight in 1978. Girls now make up 40% of our student population and, as you will witness over the following pages, Winchester House continues to produce confident, talented, passionate and happy young women with a thirst for life, illustrated beautifully by the interview with Diana Magnay (1983–1990), Sky News' Moscow Correspondent, on page 26.

In Issue 11 of House! Magazine, we asked your thoughts on a suitable collective name for our alumni. After many suggestions and much discussion, we decided on the name Housian. Housian is short, as yet unused by another institution, and blends well with existing school lingo, in particular, as we continue to shout 'House' from the side lines at sporting fixtures!

At the end of the last academic year, we bade farewell to George Seligman, our Chair of Governors. We welcome Richard Greaves as the new Chair and he looks forward to working closely with Governors and our Leadership Team on our strategic direction for the School focusing on the year 2020 and beyond. The most significant development is that from September there will no longer be academic lessons on a Saturday morning. 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 Saturday Mastery Mornings for Years 7 & 8.

Our community outreach programme has put down significant roots over the past year. In May we welcomed over 80 members of the Brackley community, ranging from Town Councillors to business owners and volunteers from sports clubs, for drinks on the Third Form Lawn and, by popular request, will

repeat the event this year. We have formed a close relationship with residents at Juniper House Care Home in Candleford Close, which has proved mutually beneficial to both residents and the children, and we are taking part in a whole host of events, including the Brackley Carnival Parade and Soap Box Derby.

We are keen to keep in touch with as many Housians as possible. As you will see in the 'Lost Alumni Directory' on pages 67–76, we have no means of contacting 733 people. Should you have an address, telephone number or email for anyone listed, please email Emma McGowan, our Alumni Relations Manager and Editor of House! at [emma.mcgowan@winchester-house.org](mailto:emma.mcgowan@winchester-house.org).

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](http://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](http://www.winchester-house.org).

With best wishes,



**Emma Goldsmith, Head**



## FAREWELL TO FORMER CHAIR OF GOVERNORS **GEORGE SELIGMAN BSC (1959-1964)**

We feel incredibly indebted to George Seligman, our outgoing Chair of Governors from 2011–2018, for his commitment to Winchester House over the years. As a former pupil, he has never strayed into nostalgia and has put his forensic brain to work on the school's finances and governance which has helped to maintain our strong position in a tricky educational landscape. We are delighted that George has agreed to work with the WHA on future projects.





# A CENTURY IN BRIEF

by **Martin Roberts**, *WHS Historian*

Winchester House School was founded in 1875 in St Leonard's on Sea and moved shortly afterwards along the Kent coast to Deal. In 1911-12 WHS merged with Spondon House School, Derbyshire and a tradition of Joint Headmasters was inaugurated under Edward Leachman and Telford Hayman. Leachman retired in 1914, leaving Hayman in sole charge.

The explosive sinking of a British warship only yards from the seafront position of the School led Hayman to move from Deal to the safer inland position of Kenfield Hall, but even that was not safe, since marauding

*Above: 100 years anniversary picture.*

*Below: The school group in Deal, 1908.*





*Top left : Kenfield Lodge in Kent, south and west wings.*

*Above: A morning dip.  
Left: Brackley Lodge.*

*Bottom left: The Manor House, circa 1870, before restoration.*

Zeppelins on missions to bomb London had a tendency to jettison their bomb loads over Kent.

After some searching, Hayman alighted on the choice of Brackley Lodge as a refuge from naval or airborne danger and moved the School there in 1918. This could only be a temporary move, however, because the site was cramped and left little scope for expansion. In 1922, St Edith's School for Girls closed and Winchester House moved into its former site, Brackley Manor, just a short walk away.

Hayman was a Headmaster of great energy and foresight: he took Sidney Osborne into brief partnership between 1922 and 1925, during which period Rugby replaced Association Football as the premier winter sport. Progress was swift, for in 1929 not a single point was conceded by the First XV. Much of the credit for this must go to Ronald Davis, who had joined the Staff in 1925, along with Stuart Meikle, an Old Boy from the days in Deal. Meikle and Davis impressed Hayman so much that he took them into partnership in 1930; they formed the core of a Staff which was to include Evan Hope-Gill and Michael Llewellyn, founders of the Mermaids Society, which was formed as a Play Reading Society and eventually became the core of the cultural life of the School.

Academic life was rigorous and successful for those willing to display a determined work ethic. The Honours Boards are testimony to the remarkable talent of Hayman and his Staff for inspiring gifted boys to achieve Scholarships at leading Public Schools. Another outstanding hero of WHS was Bernard Gadney, who captained the England Rugby team to Grand Slam success in 1934, as well as his own team, East Midlands, to the Championship in the same year, feats inconceivable in the present day.

Boys remembered the 1930s at WHS as rather austere and physical, but not without lighter moments, such as rough shooting with Ronald Davis or the building of

camp kitchens on the “Mus” before the annual Scout Camps held for many years at Turweston Park.

In 1936, the retirement of Telford Hayman’s wife, Alys, was announced. She lived for a number of years in Gotherington, near Cheltenham, where she died early in the Second World War. Her imposing feminine influence was replaced by that of Marjorie Meikle, known to generations as “Hosky”. Both Ronald Davis and Stuart Meikle had married in 1932, Davis to Joan Thomas, “the finest lady cricketer in England”, and Meikle to Marjorie Hoskings, who was at the time an Assistant Matron at the School.

Admiral of the Fleet Sir Roger Keyes, famous for his exploits in the First World War, presented the prizes at Sports Day in 1937 and expressed his confidence that whatever challenges the future might hold, WHS boys would rise to them. These challenges arose in 1939 with air-raid precautions, evacuation drills, hammocks in the Stone Corridor and the arrival in Brackley of evacuees from London. The monastic appearance of the School body was relieved by the temporary enrolment of three girls: Jean Meikle, Pat Davis (daughters of Meikle and Davis) and Mary Amos (sister of a pupil whose parents had moved from London to Brackley for the duration). All three remembered their time with great fondness!

The only damage to School property in the War was the destruction of the recently-built School Pavilion by fire. The blame for this was never established, but carelessness by units who had hired it for military training was the likely cause, rather than Fifth Column activity.

Not so light, sadly, were the casualties to Old Boys. In virtually every theatre of the War they served, above and on land, on and under the sea: if a school had Battle Honours, they would include the desperate destroyer battle at Narvik, the deadly naval campaigns in the Eastern Mediterranean, convoy operations in the Atlantic, air operations over Europe, the “hinge of fate” at Alamein and the North African campaign, D-Day and

the ensuing liberation of Europe. In all these places, Old Boys were lost, as well as in training accidents, unexplained losses at sea and the horrors of Japanese prisoner-of-war camps. Their names are recorded on the triptych in the Chapel and they are remembered publicly on November 11th.

Having steered the School through two wars, Telford Hayman remained in charge. He had remarried, his new wife being a former teacher, Muriel Oswald, with whom he had two daughters. As family man and Headmaster, he never spared himself and it was after preaching at a local church that he contracted a chest



*Right:  
Stuart  
and  
Marjorie  
Meikle.*

*Below:  
The first  
Pavillion.*







*Left: The School from the Air, 1957.*

*Below left: The Memorial Library which is now the school office.*

*Below: The redesigned Hippodrome.*



infection and died in 1950. The Hayman Memorial Library (now the School Office) was opened in honour of Telford Hayman in 1951.

Meikle and Davis continued their joint roles until 1955, when they were joined as partners by Michael Llewellyn. These years held many challenges, not least the dreaded Eleven-plus examination introduced by the 1944 Education Act. Some boys took this examination; most were glad to wait two years until Common Entrance.

Times were changing for privately-owned schools, however, and in 1958 WHS became a Trust with a Board of Governors, the first Chairman of which was Bob Seligman. All the members were either Old Boys

or very well acquainted with WHS and their first major task was to oversee the remodelling of the Upper School and the building of the Hall, after lengthy fund-raising appeals. A redesigned Hippodrome followed in 1968 with the addition of laboratories on the first floor.

By this time, Stuart Meikle had retired in 1962 and he was followed by Ronald Davis in 1972 and Michael Llewellyn in 1974. Richard Speight, an Old Boy who remembered seeing Telford Hayman's funeral starting down the Main Drive, became Headmaster and ushered in a period of fundamental change.

In 1976, the Pre-Preparatory department was opened, implying the admittance of day pupils who would then



*Above: Richard Speight.*

*Right: Donald Simpson on one of many camping expeditions.*



grow through the School. By the official Centenary Year of 1976–77, plans to introduce girls were in preparation. The first of these arrived in 1978, followed by the purchase of Drayton House Cottage for girl boarders. This was so successful that the Cottage was replaced in 1990 by a purpose-built girls' boarding house, Drayton House. All these changes, and the staff changes which accompanied them, went far towards fulfilling Richard Speight's aim of making Winchester House a somewhat gentler environment.

Many will have been relieved by the opening of the new Swimming Pool in 1981, to replace the rather primitive affair hitherto endured by hardy souls. Sport, however, remained at the centre of much of Winchester House life, the stated ambition being that everyone should at some time have the opportunity to play in a School team. Outdoor pursuits also included canal expeditions, camping and sailing adventures and for many years scouting, later replaced by the Activities programmes.

1996–7 brought two retirements: Bob Seligman stood down as Chairman of Governors in 1996 to be succeeded by Keith Fowler, an Old Boy with particular skills in the world of business and Richard Speight was succeeded as Headmaster by Jeremy Griffith in 1997. Building work continued apace: the Sports Hall (or Spo)

opened in 1998 and the Art, Design and Technology Centre in 2000. Most of all, though, this was a period of change in which the pressure to conform to national standards was keenly felt. The success of a school was now to be reflected in the assessment of Inspectors and this meant that planning, recording and justifying had to be transparent. A huge amount of work was undertaken in this area by Margaret Marsh, Deputy Head (Academic) at this time, with successful results.

*Below: The Forum (left) and The Seligman Building.*





The death of Bob Seligman in 2001 was followed by a most generous bequest which enabled the construction of the Seligman Building for Years 3 and 4, The Forum and The Music Centre in 2005. By this time, Mark Seymour had succeeded Jeremy Griffith as Headmaster, with the intention of building upon the work of his predecessors in the development of the pupils as individuals fulfilling their varied potentials in the modern world. Information Technology featured prominently in the ongoing reforms but the lessons taught by history were equally valued. Many will remember with fondness the 2012 Olympic Week which involved the entire School celebrating the Games. All this time, the Pre-prep and Nursery

continued to provide its pupils with the best of starts, much helped by the opening of the Extension in 2013.

Emma Goldsmith succeeded Mark Seymour in 2014 since when there has been continuous activity: the Seymour Astroturf pitch; ongoing refurbishment of classrooms and reorganisation of laboratories and ICT facilities; reforms to the shape and length of the school day and the introduction of consideration of wellbeing for all.

And so we come to this Centenary celebration of the residence in Brackley of Winchester House School. As the founding generation might have put it: Floreat Domus! ●

*Right: The Seymour Astro, opened 26 September 2014.*

*Bottom right: The Official Opening of the Astro in September 2014. (Left-right) Sam Stoop, Storm Sutherland, Nick Thompson, Mark Seymour, Helen Richardson Walsh and Emma Goldsmith.*





# CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS

To mark the School's centenary in Brackley, we've held a number of events over the last year. Here are the highlights...

## **PUMPKIN FESTIVAL**

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Our Centenary Pumpkin Festival, held the week before Michaelmas half term, was a huge success with children and staff bringing in over 100 decorated and carved pumpkins. Judges Head Gardener Sam Webster-Smith, Assistant Bursar Katie Applin, Head of Catering Aldo Baldwin and Emma Goldsmith judged the Best Carved/Decorated, Heaviest and Smallest categories with the heaviest weighing in at 34.4kg, the smallest at 01.kg and an array of

fabulous pumpkins ranging from hedgehogs, hungry caterpillars, glitter balls, vases, scary and pumpkins eating pumpkins!



## **CENTENARY COLOUR FUN RUN**

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The sun shone, and most importantly the rain held off, for the Centenary Colour Fun Run held on the playing fields on 8th December. After a terrific warm up with Mr Silman to 'Rockin' around the Christmas Tree', Alison Hooker from Helen & Douglas House told parents about the charity's aim to raise £3 million a year in order to provide respite care for children and support for their families. Then donning their commemorative T-shirts, over 180 children from





Nursery to Year 8 charged around the 1.2 mile course set over the playing fields becoming increasingly covered in a palette of rainbow powder paint thrown by staff. Refreshments were then served in the Pavillion with hot chocolate with squirty cream and delicious shortbread biscuits going down a storm and served by our ever cheery housekeeping staff.



The Virgin Money donations page remains live and can be accessed at <http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/team/WinchesterHouseSchool>. All monies will be split equally between Helen & Douglas House and Katharine House Hospice.



## CENTENARY BUNTING

Former Pre-Prep Secretary, and sewing whizz, Lizzie Fisher (right) kindly made new bunting for the swimming pool highlighting 'WHS 100 Years in Brackley' and 'WHS 40 Years of Girls'. The bunting made its inaugural outing at the Year 8s very own 'Channel Swim' held in the School Pool on 9th June 2018 in aid of the charity Lepra. At its narrowest point in the Strait of Dover, the

Channel measures 33.3km which is the equivalent of 1,655 lengths of the School's 20 metre pool! With staff making the experience as 'real life' as possible, with a variety of plastics and rubber jelly fish in the water, 34 Year 8 pupils completed the challenge in teams of 4, with each length counted by staff! Supporters and swimmers were treated to both British and French food from Ye Olde Winchester House Arms and Le Café which

were set up poolside and run by our wonderful Catering Team.







## CENTENARY CAROL SERVICE AT ST JOHN'S, HYDE PARK

With heavy snowfall forcing us to cancel the service in December 2017, children, staff, alumni, parents, friends and family made their way to St John's Church, Hyde Park, for our Centenary Carol Service on 10th December 2018.

To mark the occasion, alumni Victoria Ayres (1988–1994) and Charlie Jarman (1982–1987) read lessons alongside our new Chair of Governors Richard Greaves. Guests joined staff and children for mulled wine and mince pies in the church

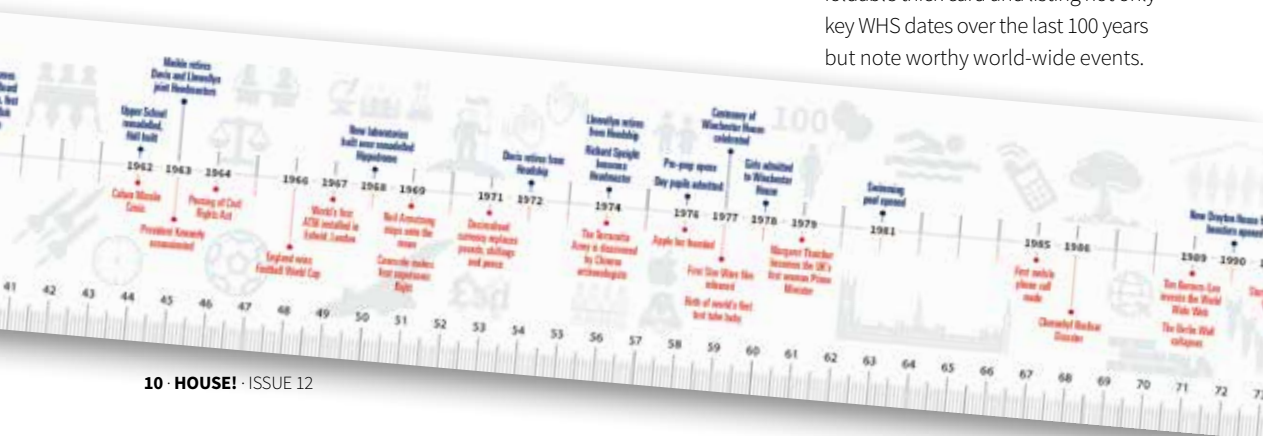


after the service and all monies went to the School's chosen charities; Katharine House Hospice and Helen & Douglas House.

The date for this year's service is Monday 9th December at 6pm.

## CENTENARY TIMELINE

All children received a commemorative metre-long, Centenary Timeline made out of foldable thick card and listing not only key WHS dates over the last 100 years but note worthy world-wide events.



## CENTENARY CLASSIC CAR SHOW

On Saturday 8th June, we are hosting a Centenary Classic Car Show on the Playing Fields at School off Manor Road, NN13 6EE, from midday until 5.00pm. Owners of classic cars who are interested in attending are invited to contact Martin Roberts, martin.roberts@winchester-house.org, to register their interest. A range of vintage food and drinks vans will be available for refreshments. Entry to cars and visitors is free. Donations to Katharine House Hospice and Helen & Douglas House. General enquiries should be directed to Emma McGowan at emma.mcgowan@winchester-house.org.

## CENTENARY ALUMNI CRICKET AND ROUNDERS MATCHES

Also on Saturday 8th June, we will be hosting Centenary Alumni Cricket and Rounders Matches with Andrew Lewin and Chris Wilson captaining the cricket teams. Lunch will be served in the Pavilion for players and their families at 12.30pm with play commencing at 2.00pm.

## SCHOLARSHIP BOARD

Returning Housians are always keen to visit the Scholarship Boards. The following names appeared on the boards 100 years ago!



**CENTENARY**  
*Classic Car Show*  
SATURDAY 8TH JUNE 2019  
12pm to 5pm

*All* WINCHESTER HOUSE SCHOOL, PLAYING FIELDS,  
MANOR ROAD, BRACKLEY, NN13 6EE

*Free Entry* FOR CARS & VISITORS | VINTAGE FOOD & DRINK VANS  
COLLECTION FOR **KATHARINE HOUSE HOSPICE** AND **HELEN & DOUGLAS HOUSE**  
INTERESTED OWNERS OF CLASSICS SHOULD CONTACT MARTIN ROBERTS AT  
MARTIN.ROBERTS@WINCHESTER-HOUSE.ORG  
FOR GENERAL ENQUIRIES, CONTACT EMMA MCGOWAN AT  
EMMA.MCGOWAN@WINCHESTER-HOUSE.ORG  
WWW.WINCHESTER-HOUSE.ORG

1912	A. D. BARCLAY,	BRIGHTON.
1913	M. B. YEATMAN.	UPPINGHAM.
1913	E. P. KEELY.	HIGHGATE.
1913	D. B. CRONIN,	R. N. C. OSBORNE.
1914	R. S. C. TISDALL.	CANTERBURY.
1914	A. R. FREEMAN.	R. N. C. OSBORNE.
1915	E. M. P. WILLIAMS.	LEATHERHEAD.
1915	G. M. BROWN.	R. N. C. OSBORNE.
1916	B. H. HURD.	BRIGHTON.
1916	E. N. BICKFORD.	OUNDLE.
1916	A. T. CROFT.	R. N. C. OSBORNE.
1917	A. G. WHITE.	MALVERN.
1917	G. B. SULMAN.	HIGHGATE.
1918	W. L. N. PADFIELD.	MARLBOROUGH.
1918	H. N. WADGE.	St. PAULS'
1919	B. K. WATTS.	ALDENHAM.





*Above: Girls IAPS  
Hockey Finalists.*

# 40 years OF GIRLS

by **Emma McGowan**

The inception of girls at Winchester House was rather clandestine, with Richard Speight recounting the story of how the decision to 'officially' welcome girls was made. The Pre-Prep had opened in 1976 and accepted girls and it seemed natural that they should progress across the Manor Road to the Upper School as 'removes' with the boys. The then Chair of Governors, Bob Seligman was undecided as to whether girls should be part of the Upper School and, on an occasion when he was unable to make a Board Meeting, the motion was passed and in September 1978 girls were 'officially' welcomed to Winchester House.

The 'first' girls included Portia Smith (1977-1980), Rosie Church (1978-1981), Clare Jordan (1979-1980), and Amanda Hill. Portia, daughter of English Master Bruce Smith, joined Winchester House in 1977 in Year 6, one year prior to the official entry date. Portia recounts, "I was at Winchester House for a year by myself before I was joined by Rosie and to say life was tough, was an understatement. The vast majority of boys were fine, ignored me but there were a select few who tried to humiliate me on a daily basis with skirt lifting, tripping me up and punching being their favourite past times. A few of the boys, Cummins, Cunningham, Wetherall





and Colhoun, were brave enough to stand up for me and I will be eternally grateful to them. The staff body was all male, some of whom clearly did not agree with the School accepting girls, and so life could be tough. But as a tom boy, I was allowed to do things most girls weren't. I was the first ever female Scout, which I did throughout my time at WHS, and we lit fires, climbed trees and often ran wild. My main feeling was they didn't have a clue what to do with me, sometimes I mucked in with the boys, sometimes singled out as different. It was quite confusing. The whole experience made me a very tough, no nonsense individual but being a girl amongst a sea of boys has definitely had an effect on my life."

Rosie recounts, "I was the second girl to join WHS after Portia and we joined in with the boys whole heartedly as we knew no different, playing in the rugby, football, hockey, cricket and tennis teams and joining the Scouts. When Clare and Amanda swelled our numbers, needlework replaced our rugby lessons! We used

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Richard Speight's private bathroom as there were no girls' changing rooms but other than that, we mucked in". Rosie's Father John Church (1946-1949) was a contemporary of Richard Speight and talks fondly of his connection with WHS, friendship with Richard and decision to send Rosie to WHS saying, "Richard wanted to get the show on the road and so we supported him by sending Rosie. Rosie's older brother William was already at School and we didn't think twice about it."

Caroline Magnay, sister of Diana (1983-1990), attended WHS from 1983-1988 and was one of four girls in her year including Letitia Shepherd-Cross, Judy Lankester and Kirsty Haycock. Her mother Gabriella remembers the WHS days well, "When I first approached Mr Speight about taking our daughters he said 'I shall treat them like honorary boys'. Apparently that did not extend to sharing the same loos as the boys, so Mr Speight's bathroom was the only alternative! As there were so few girls, they starred in every play going and Diana's voice has never been the same since playing Nancy in Oliver. She dreamt of being an actress for quite a while after that thanks to Bruce Smith. Teaching girls to the same standard as boys in those days for Common Entrance was not universal... it stood them in good stead nearly up to A-levels, certainly GCSEs. The school kindly accepted Diana's French exchange for two weeks, who was amazed how old fashioned it all looked, being used to a Parisian day school. What the girls thought of the boys is better left to Caroline and Diana to tell you!"

The opportunity to board was introduced in 1982 with Hannah Talbot (1982-1989) recalling, 'I was the first girl to board in the last term of my time at Winchester House with a girl called Jo Harvey. We boarded in the Headmasters spare room! The following term, the girls' boarding house Drayton opened officially.'

Of course, the 'official' girls weren't the first girls to be educated at School as Pat Doyne-Ditmas (nee Davis) discusses in her interview on page 18. Jean Meikle, daughter of Head Master Stuart, and Pat, daughter of Head Master Ronald, started at Winchester House in 1941 before moving onto boarding schools in 1945. For a short period of time, they were joined by Mary Amos.

Girls now form 40% of the student population at Winchester House and, as you will read in the pages within House! magazine, continue to be as confident, kind, talented, open minded, fun and astute as those who have trodden the Winchester House floor boards before then. Here's to girl power and the next 40 years of girls. ●



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*Leavers, 1980, with Caroline Magnay and Letitia Shepherd-Cross being the only two girls.*

**Plum Turner (2000-2003)**, Founder of Two Degrees, looks back on her time at Winchester House with fond memories and thanks.

'I can honestly say that if someone said to me I could go back to any period in time I would 100% go back to my Winchester House days. I loved it. In fact most of my best friends are still my Winchester House friends.

'I arrived at WHS so shy and unsure of myself and left with the best group of friends I could possibly wish for and a mind set installed in me that if you want to achieve something, and work hard enough, you will put yourself in the best possible position to achieve it.

'This mind set has guided my career to date and has led me from the City, to working for an ice cream start-up, to trying various business ideas on the side, to finally co-founding the company I run today called Two Degrees.

'At Two Degrees, we make seriously comfortable boat shoes. We have set up a scheme called Feet for Feet whereby every pair purchased protects 1,000 square feet of endangered habitat around the world. We achieve this through a partnership with the World Land Trust and our big goal is to protect 25 million square feet of endangered habitat by 2020.' ●

*I arrived at WHS so shy and unsure of myself and left with the best group of friends I could possibly wish for...*

**EVERY PAIR OF TWO'S YOU BUY PROTECTS  
1,000 SQUARE FEET OF ENDANGERED HABITAT  
AROUND THE WORLD**



Above: Plum Turner



Below: Plum and Luke, co-founders of Two Degrees.





# INSPIRING A TREK

by **Deborah Lewin**, Housemistress of Drayton, 1995–1999

I married my husband Andrew Lewin (Housian, 1975–1980) on 28th August 1993 and a week later, our brief honeymoon complete, I was welcomed into the WHS family as he took up the post of Head of Geography along with many other boarding and sporting commitments. Our first home was a flat at the top of Red House, which in the 1990s was a boarding house located a hundred yards from the school gates up the High Street. While Andrew was busy with school life, for the next two years I worked for a marquee company in Banbury.

After two years, I expressed an interest to Richard Speight in becoming involved in school life. He offered me the role as Housemistress of the girls' boarding house Drayton, as Thelma Jones had announced she was retiring. This presented me with the exciting opportunity of living and working with Andrew and it offered me a fantastic challenge to work in a new and vibrant environment. I inherited around 30 girls in the house all of whom were full boarders. Settling in was very easy as the girls and their parents made me very welcome right from the start. I quickly established the routines and my role as their Housemistress grew. Keen to get involved with the busy life of WHS, I soon took to the sports field coaching hockey, netball and rounders.

Shortly after my tenure began in Drayton, I discovered that I was pregnant with our first child, Ellen, who was born in April 1996 and after a brief spell of maternity



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leave I returned in the October and continued with my role. Ellen was often seen strapped to my front in her baby sling while I wandered around the House checking everything was in order. The girls were always excited to see and entertain the new addition to the Drayton family. The highlight of each week was the Saturday night video and the chance to cook pasta with cheese or tomato sauce and bacon bits. Not exactly haute cuisine but it was a real treat for the girls and great planning went in from the team that was on the rota. From time to time home-made pizza was attempted and the fire alarms were occasionally tested but the pasta remained the great favourite!

The boarding girls were full of life and made the job an absolute pleasure. Our family grew and after two years William, our son, appeared and added to the Drayton family. My life was pretty hectic as I juggled looking after, by then more than 40 girls, two children of my own and a husband who was often in the cricket nets until sunset. But that was WHS, an extended family, busy and fulfilled with plenty to do.

Recently I received a post card out of the blue from Housian Nicola Wetherill (1994–1999), a junior boarder in Drayton when I took over, which bought a tear to my eye. She had recently undertaken the remarkable challenge of leading the Ice Maidens across the Antarctic. She wrote in her card that I had **‘inspired her’**, juggling my role as Housemistress and busy working mum. I remember her well, a real livewire and very much at the centre of the boarding house. I am not surprised that she went on to be achieve great things and am proud to have been a very small part of her journey.

Boarding is all about the experience, the opportunities, the challenges and the pure fun of living together with others that creates the solid foundations that prepare young people so well for life. I thoroughly enjoyed my time at WHS and have many wonderful memories of looking after the girls. It really was a very special place.

Andrew and I moved on from WHS in 1999 and, following many years as a Headmaster’s wife where my roles were many and varied, I still work in boarding. We have settled in Salisbury and our children, Ellen, William and Amy (who was born post WHS), are grown up and have left school themselves. Andrew works for the Boarding Schools’ Association and I have started my own business helping elderly people with their shopping, cooking and running errands. I am still drawn to the busy boarding life, and work two evenings a week and some weekends at Salisbury Cathedral School, trying to inspire the next generation! ●



*Top right: Nics Wetherill (centre) with two of her Ice Maiden team.*

*Right: Debbie with daughter Ellen and Nics Wetherill at WHS.*

*Far right: Andrew and Debbie Lewin.*



## DRAYTON HOUSE MISTRESSES OVER THE YEARS

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AN INTERVIEW WITH

# Pat Doyne-Ditmas (nee Davis, 1941-1945)

by **Emma McGowan**

Pat was the daughter of Head Master, Bursar and Chaplain Ronald Davis, who dedicated his whole life to Winchester House School teaching both Science and Maths, coaching of games and in particular rugby, his revival of Scouting and camping, his mastery of all the duties of a Headmaster, his ability to cope with the stresses of recovery from the war, the extra workload of the building projects and his taking of Holy Orders and becoming Vicar of Halse.



## *How large was WHS when you started in the summer term of 1940?*

There were four masters when my father Ronald Davis ('Dagger' – play on the name Davis) started at Winchester House in the 1920s including Stuart Meikle ('Mick'), John Hall and one other (I can't remember his name). My father was born in 1902 and died approaching the age of 90 in 1992. My Father bought the headmastership with Stuart as the School needed more funds. They both devoted their lives to School and my Father was still Chaplain aged 89 and taught Scripture to the Scholars. He told a wonderful story about a conversation he overheard whilst walking up the drive in a huge hat and cloak in his twilight years. A passing Mother asked her son who the man was and the boy replied "the bloke who teaches us scripture".

## *What are your earliest childhood memories?*

Jean Meikle, daughter of Head Master Stuart, and I were born two days apart and, from a very young age, were best of friends. We had the run of the School during the holidays and at the end of term, would go



*Left: Pat Davis and Stuart Meikle on her wedding day in 1953. Stuart gave Pat away as her father was presiding over the service.*

*NB. Pat had her wedding dress made in Cavendish Square, it was made of brocade and was a dance dress with jacket.*



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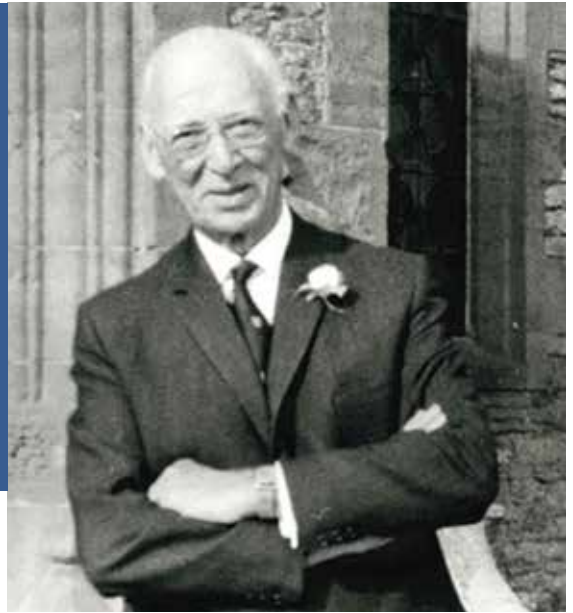
'desk hunting' in search of items like Dinky cars, rulers and cartoons that had been left behind. We were joined by Mary Amos for a short period of time and I was re-acquainted with her at both Cheltenham Ladies College and Girton College, Cambridge.

#### ***Where did you live as a child?***

I spent the first six years of my life living in a wonderful property called Redesdale on the Radstone Road. It had wonderful grounds with a kitchen garden and bee hives – it's now surrounded by newly built homes. I remember being on holiday in Sidmouth with my family during the summer of 1939 and Daddy being on the phone to Uncle Mick (Stuart Meikle) worrying about the onset of war and how it would affect School. From that September, we moved to live in the Upper Lodge and rented Redesdale to the Goodman family who had fled bombed London and whose son Michael (called Benny by my father) attended WHS. From September, the boys (who numbered about 100) slept in hammocks in the Stone Corridor.

#### ***Tell me about your days as a pupil at WHS***

I've often been asked if Jean and I wore a uniform and the answer is no. We were real Tom Boys and I imagine wore grey shorts with shirts. We would have breakfast at home, arrive at School in time for the first lesson and would go home after prep. Being in such a male environment made Jean and me tough, we learnt never to make a fuss, to accept unfairness, to work hard and to just get on with it!



*Ronald Davis outside the school.*

#### ***Tell me about the teaching staff***

I remember my first ever Latin lesson, aged 6. I was taught by a well built, blond woman called Molly Kingston. I can see the blackboard now as she drew a tree with roots and branches to explain the tenses – I have loved Latin ever since. Molly had to join up and we gave her a handbag as a leaving present and never saw her again. She was a brilliant teacher and I often think of her.

Miss Blackburn was Head of the Junior School when I started and I remember her being a fair and clever woman. Mrs King taught history and English and I still have my old history book. Miss Blackburn and Mrs King were sisters and were both inspirational teachers.

Mr Palmer came out of retirement to teach history which he did from a very old fashioned book. Officer Clark ('Offy Clark') was 18 when he taught at WHS for a term. He would sit on the edge of the desk and just tell us stories from history which we found fascinating. He joined Montgomery's tank regiment and then became a St Franciscan Monk (he was Godfather to my brother Christopher) and fell to his death from a mountain in Australia.

As more staff signed up, we were left with slightly peculiar staff like Miss Gull who taught Greek in the Reading Room to those aged 7 and above. She was mad on manure and would run out of class with her shovel to collect manure from the street for her roses. Whilst she was writing on the board, one of the boys pulled a face and she merely retorted 'Lord forgive them for they know not what they do'.

### ***How did the school day pan out?***

There were 8 to 9 children in a class. We definitely focused on Latin and Greek and would have a double period of Latin and single period of Greek every day.

Every morning during the first lesson Matron (Sister McElroy, forbidding and resplendent in starched uniform) swept into the classroom carrying a large register and a thermometer. She would then read out each name in a questioning tone and the reply was always 'trun'. I had no idea at first what this was all about. I eventually found out that each 'trun' really meant "Yes, Matron, I have had a satisfactory bowel movement". Everybody always answered 'trun' (i.e. in the affirmative), but once a little boy called Thomas said "No, Matron". You could have heard a pin drop. It was like Oliver Twist asking for more gruel. Shock and surprise all round. I expect the wretched Thomas was hauled off for a massive dose of syrup of figs. After the routine trunning, Matron would go around the class trusting the thermometer viciously under the tongue of each hapless victim in turn. It was dipped in some extremely strong antiseptic solution before each painful attack.

I discovered many years later that Matron had a very kind side. After I left Cheltenham and before I went to Cambridge, I worked as a junior matron for a month or two at WHS. One day I woke up feeling very ill, but my mother made me get up and go to do my job at school. Matron saw I was not well (I hadn't said anything and was going about my business folding sheets in the linen room) and sent me straight to bed, where I stayed for 10 days with a bad bout of flu.



*Sister McElroy, c. 1960*

We had one hour of prep in the evenings which comprised 30 minutes of Latin, 15 minutes of Greek and 15 minutes of another subject (plus learning 10 words each of Latin and Greek).

On a Wednesday afternoon, Daddy showed a film in the Reading Room which he sourced from London. He would oversee the projector and change the reels and we would sit on the floor and watch cartoons like PopEye followed by the News and then a feature film. My Father put black out boards over the windows which blocked any fresh air from getting in and created a real fug up.

The School would be given a half-holiday if someone got a scholarship. The scholarship would be announced after lunch and everyone would flick their fingers as a show of congratulations. My sons still laugh at me these days because when something exciting happens, I still flick my fingers!

Jean and I were allowed to be Cubs but did not progress to be Scouts. We used to get badges for various activities like knot tying – in fact the knot tying sessions stand me in good stead to this day and I can do a good reef knot!

The Labour Minister Herbert Morrison came to WHS to give a lecture on the war effort. Planes used to fly overhead to bomb Coventry and when they were spotted, we would go down into the cellars with a flask of coco. Both my parents worked in the Observer Corps and would observe the planes from a hut at the top of Water Works Drive in shifts. My Father would often observe throughout the night and then come straight into school in time to start lessons.

My favourite food was potato cheese which, as its name implies, consisted of mashed potato with cheddar cheese on top.

We used to spend half an hour every Sunday learning poetry, for which I am eternally grateful, and were encouraged to knit garments for the Forces. I remember Gerald Priestland (who later became the BBC's Religious Correspondent) walking up the school drive knitting.

#### ***Did you have nick names for one another?***

I remember Cat's Guts Robinson (he played the violin), Twerp Hales (Christopher Hales), Onk Moore (he had an onky type of voice) and of course OG (Mr Hayman – OG stood for Old Gentleman).

#### ***Some people found Mr Hayman rather intimidating but did you see a soft side?***

Every Easter Hayman took scholars for a Reading Week to a borrowed house. The year I went, the house was in Northampton and I stayed with my Granny in a hotel

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in the evenings. The scholars included Twerp Hales, Philip Oswald (a relation of the second Mrs Hayman), Burnt Hew Hudson Davis (who was Head Boy), Jos Bird and myself. We had a lovely week as I suppose OG was relaxed and enjoyed time educating interested children. He gave me such a good foundation in, and love for Latin and Greek that I have studied and taught them all my life, and still do.

#### ***Where did you go to school after WHS?***

I headed off to Cheltenham Ladies College whilst Jean went to St Mary's, Calne. We remained best of friends and Jean was my bridesmaid when I married Hal (Doyneditmas) and is Godmother to my eldest son and I am Godmother to one of Jean's twin daughters Belinda.

#### ***Did your Father take Holy Orders?***

When my father announced that he was taking Holy Orders, my mother was terribly worried she would lose him to the church. He was no longer allowed a moustache and he went to Theological College in Oxford one summer for six weeks. He became the vicar for the 'tin tabernacle' in Halse where he remained for 45 years. On a Sunday he would take school Chapel and then head onto Halse. He would frequently visit parishioners at the weekends.

#### ***What were your parents' pass times?***

My parents were both excellent shots and brilliant at fly fishing. My Father had an arrangement with local farmers that they could shoot on the land near the sewage farm on the Buckingham Road. My brother and I would be roped in to beat and I remember cold, frosty mornings plodding across the sewage farm fields. They would shoot snipe and we would be served the booty at the end of dinner as a savoury with bacon wrapped around them on fried bread. When I was 11, I was given my first gun – a 4 10 – which was kept in a gun case in the house. My father would always buy his guns from Harris in London. I remember going off on my bike with my gun slung over my back along Brackley High Street out to the fields to shoot rabbits which I would then sling over the handle bars. Nobody ever stopped me or questioned me! ●



**Ysenda Maxtone Graham**, Author of 'Terms & Conditions – Life in Girls' Boarding Schools 1939-1979' interviewed Pat whilst researching her book and makes the following references to WHS in the opening pages of Chapter 8 'May I tag?' Survival at Cheltenham' of her book:

*Pat Doyne-Ditmas had been one of the only two girls at Winchester House, a boy's prep-school in Northamptonshire, allowed to go there because her father was headmaster. The teaching was excellent: this was a boys' school, so they were learning Latin and Greek grammar at the age of 8 and were doing deponent verbs by 11. Life in the classrooms was strict and high-achieving, but life in the corridors was relaxed and merry. 'We were just like boys,' said Pat. 'We took great run ups and slithered along the oak corridors, as all the boys did. We ran up the staircases three steps at a time, chatting and laughing. It wasn't an unruly school – not at all: it was just that it was fine to slide in the corridors and chat on the stairs. None of the masters minded.'*

*When Pat went to look around Cheltenham with her mother in the term before going there in 1945, she couldn't think what was wrong with all the girls. 'There was complete silence throughout. Girls were walking silently along the corridors between lessons, looking as if they'd got rods up their backs. I couldn't think who all these strange, subdued figures were.'*

Later in Chapter 8, Ysenda writes:-

*Life at Cheltenham was a constant search for kudos. There was a pecking-order, and those at the bottom gazed up in wonder at those*

*at the top. By accident of birth or house-placement or athletic ability, you were in or out. Pat Doyne-Ditmas was surprised to acquire some kudos in her first week. She happened to be good at cricket for two reasons: she had been at a boys' school where cricket had been well taught, and, more importantly, her mother, Joan Thomas, played cricket for England. There was a cricket net in the garden at home and Pat had had ample time to copy her mother's batting technique.*

*'I was amazed by how hopeless the Cheltenham girls were at batting when I arrived,' said Pat, 'tossing the ball about.' Aged 82 and looking not a day over 60, she stood up in my kitchen and imitated at Cheltenham girl tossing a ball into the air with a bat in an ethereal, ladylike, lightly bouncing way. 'I'd been well trained and came forward to the ball,' she demonstrated. 'On my first cricket afternoon the games mistress, Miss Tandy, came up to me in her divided skirt and said, "Are you a relation of Thomas, by any chance?" My mother was so well-known in the world of women's cricket that she was known by her surname. Miss Tandy had recognized my mother's batting style. "I've seen her at the Oval!" she said: and I got straight into the first team at the age of 12. That was the only thing that gave me any kudos at all.'*



**Editor:** Pat added during her interview with Emma McGowan that she batted left-handed (although she is a right handed person), like her mother did, and that they had a net in the garden. When her mother was very old and in a nursing home I went to visit her and noticed that her arms were like sticks and I mentioned it to my mother and she said "They aren't what they were when I was batting at the Oval". ●

# MEMORIES OF JEAN NAYLOR (‘J’)

by **Pat Doyne-Ditmas**, written in  
November 2017.

Pat Doyne-Ditmas was born Pat Davis to the then Joint Headmaster Ronald Davis and Jean Naylor was born Jean Meikle to joint Headmaster Stuart Meikle. Pat shares her memories of her dearest friend Jean who passed away in November 2017.

I think I have known J longer than anyone else alive.

We were born in 1933: J on 30th May, I on 1st June. It was strange that our fathers Ronald Davis and Stuart Meikle (joint Headmasters of WHS) produced daughters within two days of each other. Three years later appeared two sons, Martin and Tim.

Family albums show many pictures of J and me playing together as toddlers or little girls. Always smiling in the background are our two guardian angels in their starched uniforms, Nanny Meikle and Nanny D. I have many happy memories of those early years – particularly teas on the lawn outside the Oak Corridor. While Hosky laid out rugs, sandwiches, cakes and drinks, Uncle Mick used to play with us. He was a



*Above: Jean  
Naylor in  
1957.*



*Above and right: Pat Davis with  
Jean Meikle as toddlers.*



hands-on father and great fun. I remember hide-and-seek, tag and grandmother’s steps. There was probably a lot of excited squealing.

When war broke out, our family moved from our house outside Brackley into the Upper Lodge at the top of the school drive. J and I went to WHS and were the only girls in the school, except for a brief period when Mary

Amos joined us. In the holidays we spent all our time together. The school and its grounds were our magical playground. No-one seemed concerned as to what we were up to and we ran around all over the buildings, the playing fields and garden. One of our favourite occupations was 'desk hunting'. When the boys had left to go home for the holidays, J and I used to swoop like vultures on the classrooms and dormitories searching for treasure. Our loot consisted of comics, Dinky toys, pencils, rulers and books.

Another favourite pastime was 'daring deeds' such as climbing tall trees, leaping off swings, dirtying Mrs Mansfield's washing, climbing on the potting shed roof and trying to flip off the gardener's cap with a long pole. One of the most daring deeds was running along the sloping school roofs in our gym shoes with only the gutter as our safety net. Health and safety officials would have had apoplexy. They don't even allow conker fights now, which was another thing we loved. Once when we were playing, the siren went off because German planes were flying overhead on their way to

*Pat Davis' wedding photo with Jean Meikle as bridesmaid standing on the far left.*



bomb Coventry. J and I were very indignant because "horrible Hitler" had stopped our play and we had to go inside the cellar.

J, I and our brothers formed a club known as the All Four Club. Our headquarters was a cobwebby derelict little showroom in the Upper Quad. We used to meet there and plan activities for the day. We used to make dens and camps up in the bushes on the playing fields and we used to cook things in ovens made from large square biscuit tins. We wrote and acted little plays and loved dressing up. Hours were spent too in playing with Otto and Max the Meikles' very long-suffering daschunds. We once dressed Otto as a bride in my mother's discarded wedding veil and another time we dressed him as a baby and put him in a pram.

When J and I went to different boarding schools, we would rush to see each other on the first day of the holidays. In our teens when we were not just gossiping, we used to venture forth on bike rides in the countryside or go to Banbury on the bus to see a film. Hours were spent in and around the swimming pool. During all these years J was my only friend.

Once J and I left home, life intervened and we did not see so much of each other. I got married early and moved to Cambridge and then London. J was abroad for two years in Aleppo and Jakarta working as a nanny for a diplomatic family. Hal and I were married in 1953. My father conducted the service and J's Father, Uncle Mick, gave me away. We were married at St Peter's Church and the reception was held in a marquee on the very lawn we had so often played on as children. J was of course my bridesmaid and Uncle Mick proposed the toast. Shortly afterwards, Hal and I went to Malaya for two years. Later when we moved to Highgate and J was working in London for the Foreign Office, she was our number 1 babysitter for Nick (our eldest son, her godson), and used to come and spend the night.

Ten years later there was a repeat performance. J married Robin, my father conducted the service, Uncle Mick gave away the bride and the reception was held



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on the same lawn. Robin had just started working in Canada and my father said “Suddenly this Lochinvar appeared from the west and swept Jean away.” He always said that J looked like Princess Margaret – the Princess Margaret of the Cecil Beaton photo taken on her 21st birthday. J was beautiful and had a lovely, slim figure. Nick made an appearance at his godmother’s wedding aged 2 running around in a cute sailor suit. My father proposed the toast. Paul was there too, but not outwardly visible – I was just about to give birth.

When J and Robin returned from Canada with the twins and settled in Brackley, I would always pop in to see them every time I visited my parents and be treated to one of Robin’s very stiff gins.

During the following years, I remember lovely parties in Brackley: the twins’ 21st, Robin’s 60th, the Ruby and Golden weddings. When I had got divorced and moved to Quentin Road, J used to visit me in the summer and we used to have expeditions to London and, of course, we never stopped chatting. In recent years Nick, Zoe, Orla and I have had some lovely days at Kenfield with J, Alice, Belinda and Sparky.

During the past summer, I have spent some weekends with J. The penultimate weekend I was with her, we spent several hours looking at old photo albums and reminiscing about times past. We had a lot of laughs about the escapades of our childhood, the batty masters and mistresses at WHS during the war, old boyfriends and much else.



*Jean and Robin Naylor.*

It is difficult to sum up a person in a few words, but when I think of J the words that come to my mind are: loyalty, kindness, thoughtfulness for others, sense of humour, and above all, stoicism. The last weekend that I spent with her when she was very frail she was most concerned I was not getting enough to eat and said, “I’m afraid I’m not being a very good hostess.” This was typical of her unselfishness.

As to stoicism, I think she was the most stoical person I have ever known. She suffered pain from her arthritis for years and never complained. When I said, “This is awful for you” she replied, “Yes, it is a nuisance.” If she was having a bad day, she might say, “Yes, it is a blinking nuisance.” She was so brave and faced the inevitable with philosophical common sense and great courage.

J was always a very steady and loyal friend to me. She was an important person in my life, as I am sure she has been to many people. It is strange to think that she is no longer there, but we still have our memories. ●

AN INTERVIEW WITH

## Diana Magnay (1983–1990)

by **Emma McGowan**

On leaving Winchester House in 1990 after seven years, Diana went to Wycombe Abbey before studying Modern History at St Hugh's College, Oxford. She was CNN's International Correspondent from 2000–2015 before leaving to pursue a master's degree in International Peace and Security at the War Studies Department at Kings College London. With her degree complete, in February 2018 Diana joined Sky News as its Moscow Correspondent. As one of Winchester House's first girls, it is highly appropriate that Diana graces the front cover of House! magazine in celebration of 40 years of girls and showcasing her extraordinary career. Emma McGowan had the lucky and fascinating job of interviewing Diana.

### ***How old were you when you started at WHS and what made your parents send you to WHS?***

I was seven when I started and the only girl in my class for the first year. My mother had decided that WHS was a much better place to be than the other local options because curriculums elsewhere seemed to focus on softer subjects for girls – cooking and needlework and the like, whereas boys' schools did the hard stuff – Latin, Greek, rigorous mathematical training! Or that at least is what stuck in my head (a little cookery at that early age might actually have done me the world of good). I had an older sister, Caroline, who was at WHS already and two years above me. We were both day girls – in at 7.45am, out at 7pm.



There were 7 girls at WHS when I started and around 30 by the time I left. Visual memories going back have to begin with the uniforms. Iron grey skirts, grey flannel shirts, grey V-neck, red woollen tie and the piece de resistance, the brown corduroy bomber jacket. Sartorial genius, I'm almost sorry it's now a much more demure if wearable blue. Fond memories include skate-boarding down the drive, playing wolves behind the wall as you went down to the music school, roasting chestnuts on open fires, reading copies of Beano and Dandy, and trying our hand at 'Donkey Kong' on one of the early 'screens'.

### ***Which teachers stick in your mind?***

Mr Smith was the most inspirational English teacher and a genius director – the mind behind the musical classics of 'Annie get your Gun', 'Guys and Dolls' and 'Oliver' (where I played Nancy). I adored that role and my mother would come every night to hear me walk down the aisle singing 'As long as he needs me' with tears in her eyes. Bless her.



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I must also thank Mr Pope wholeheartedly for having installed French into me so well from such an early age. It petered out a bit in my teenage years after I left WHS but I can still get by and it is all down to him. I will always remember Mr Murdin who taught us geography alongside tales of gremlins in the cupboards and the occasional film which was such a treat.

***Where did you go after WHS?***

Thanks to the excellent education I received at WHS, I managed to get a scholarship to Wycombe Abbey in High Wycombe. I remember sitting at the headmaster

*Above: On route to the Vostok War Games with fellow journalists in 2018.*

*Below: Reporting from Moscow during the football World Cup.*







Above: Reporting in Red Square.

Mr Speight's table at breakfast and him reading agog when he opened the envelope to see the news from Wycombe. It was a surprise to us all!

I then went on to Wycombe, all girls. Quite a change from WHS. And after that to St Hugh's College, Oxford where I studied Modern History (though it wasn't particularly modern, I chose mostly Medieval subjects). It was wonderful but I wish I had attended more than one lecture. To be honest, I can't even remember if I attended any.

I started at CNN pretty much straight out of university, prompting on the overnight shifts. So from midnight till 8am I wrote news copy and then pressed a foot pedal so the newsreader could read the news at a gale

*If you want to become a journalist, always keep your eyes and ears out for a good story - find a media outlet which might be interested, pitch it and do it.*



Below: Reporting at the Trump Putin Summit in Helsinki.



*Left: Reporting live in Moscow.*

*Below: Reporting at Football World Cup.*

scrolling pace. I stayed with CNN for 15 years, rising up the ranks from show producer to field producer to correspondent, based in Germany and South Africa but with travel all over Europe, the Middle East and Africa. I even had a three month stint in Japan and South Korea.

Since 2013 and the start of the uprising on the Maidan in Kiev I travelled to Ukraine and Russia fairly frequently. I was in Crimea for the annexation and travelled back and forth to Eastern Ukraine for the first couple of years of fighting there. Sadly now it still drags on as a low level conflict, terrible for people still living on either side of the contact line but no sign of any change to the status quo. I've reported a lot from Russia for CNN, especially on allegations of election interference. Then the Moscow correspondent job for Sky came up and I thought it could be fun.

I started with Sky in Moscow in February 2018 and it's been incredibly busy ever since. The Salisbury poisoning, air strikes on Syria, the World Cup and now the follow up from Belling Cat's brilliant investigations into the GRU suspects in the Skripal case. This is a full blown information war between Russia and the UK and that puts on a lot of pressure, especially for the Russian staff in western media outlets. At the end of the day we can leave but they can't.

If you want to become a journalist, always keep your eyes and ears out for a good story - find a media outlet



which might be interested, pitch it and do it. It's only by doing that you become really good at it. At CNN we had an intern come to us when he was 14. He was full of ideas and went on to cover Obama's election for the youth section of a German national newspaper. Eight years later and he's the Washington Post correspondent in Berlin and will probably one day be my boss, seeing his trajectory. And what makes him so good is seeing a story and going for it. ●





## Act of Remembrance

The School community gathered together on Friday 9th November to mark 100 years since the end of the WW1 and to remember all those who had fallen and sacrificed their lives during the wars. We were joined by alumni and former service personnel Lt Commander Colin Harris (1940–45) and Mark Lissauer (1884–86), Chair of Governors Richard Greaves and former Chair of Governors Keith Fowler (1943–47), residents of Juniper House and Chacombe Care Homes as well as current and former parents to mark this special occasion. T Phillips's performance of 'The Last Post' was particularly poignant with the trumpet cutting through the cold winter air.

After the service, children from Pre-Prep joined alumni, governors and staff to plant a Prunus Accolade (pink cherry) on the High Ropes course / Mus to commemorate our Brackley centenary.

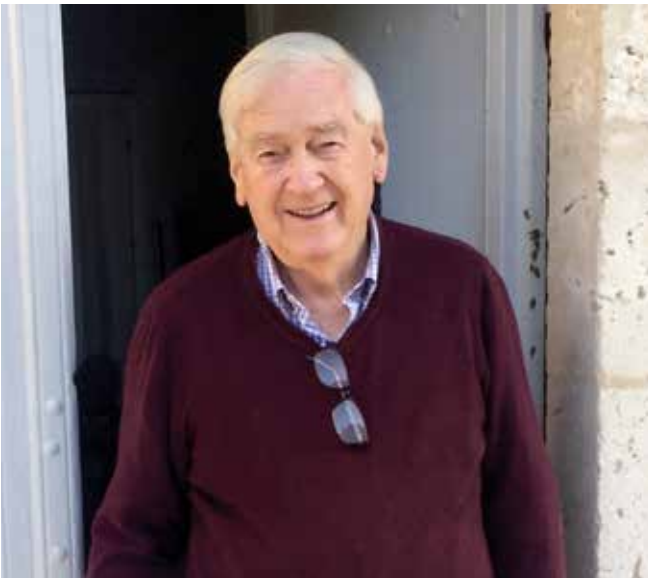






On Sunday 11th November, Winchester House staff and pupils were fortunate enough to take part in the Brackley Remembrance Parade which started at School and proceeded down the High Street to the War Memorial in front of the recently refurbished Town Hall. Our Head Boy B Merritt and Head Girl I Reeder were proud to lay the School's wreath. ●





*Top left: Peter Thomas.*

*Top right: A young Peter, taken during WW2.*

# WAR TIME MEMORIES

by **Peter Thomas (1942–1946)**

The publication of the article ‘Interview with Colin Harris – Wartime at WHS’, published in House! Magazine, Issue 11, in Spring 2018 (pages 12–13), prompted a number of Housians to get in touch. Peter Thomas (1942–1946) contacted WHS to say how much he had enjoyed reading Colin’s interview stating, ‘Colin’s recollections seem clearer in some respects than mine! As our generation is inevitably thinning out, it may be interesting to make a few comments using some of the headings of his interview, sometimes from a slightly different perspective’.

‘I was born on 8 February 1933 and started at WHS in 1942. I left for Marlborough College at the end of the summer term in 1946 with a modest Foundation Scholarship, which was quite useful as my father was once again a parish priest after demobilisation.

### ***How did you travel to school?***

‘We had been living near Warwick before the war. When father went off as an army padre, we moved to live with the Grandparents in a village in NW Hampshire. My journey to school involved a train from Andover to Waterloo, being met there by a relative still in London, proceeding with them to Marylebone by tube and taking the train to Brackley in reserved compartments and leaving at around 3.30pm. Everyone was concerned by the bombing and I seem to recall once avoiding London and travelling via Reading and

Banbury. Heavy luggage went separately by a system called 'Passenger Luggage in Advance'.

'My father was away overseas in Africa and the Middle East for three years, having left on a troop ship in time for El Alamein. My mother would struggle up to Brackley once a term, if at all. Pupils without anything special on exeat weekends would be entertained by a 16mm film performance – most often 'Oh Mr. Porter', starring Will Hay.

#### **What was the food like?**

'Colin hated the cabbage. Another horrible item was reconstituted scrambled egg from a dried powder. It turned up with the texture of a watery junket. Having said that, we were never really hungry.

#### **What was Mr Hayman like?**

'I believe that pastorally 'The Old Man' was great for the school in a difficult period. He taught me Latin and Greek and could be quite fierce in class so a rap on the knuckles was certainly not unknown. I wonder sometimes if the emphasis on classics in school was what made me take up the sciences as soon as possible and then read Chemistry at Oxford!

#### **What was sport like?**

'I was never good at ball games, but there were other things like .22 rifle shooting and Cubs, but also Pioneers for people who couldn't progress because they couldn't skip.

#### **Was the school ever bombed?**

'The School was never bombed but I do clearly remember an enormous number of aircraft, mostly Dakotas, flying directly over the school around D-Day. It was the first time we had seen the white bands on the wings characteristic of the invasion period.

#### **What did you do after leaving WHS?**

'I went to Marlborough College and then did my National service in the Royal Artillery (all males did two years in the Forces either before or after university). I then read Chemistry at Exeter College Oxford, before joining Shell International! ●

# IN MEMORY OF FORMER MASTER LIEUTENANT GEORGE S. SHANNON (1911–1913)

MILITARY CROSS,  
MENTIONED IN DESPACHES  
“A MOST PROMISING LIFE”

As the SS Antony set sail from Belfast on the 14th August 1914, the quayside was lined with people cheering and waving their handkerchiefs. They had come to bid farewell to the men of the 15th Infantry Brigade as they embarked on their journey to war. Among these men were the soldiers of the 1st Dorsets.

In the Winchester House school photograph of March 1912 a young man sits on the end of the middle row. He is dressed smartly in a three-piece suit and his centre-parted hair is slicked down. This is Mr Shannon, the school's new Master of Mathematics. George Strangman Shannon joined Winchester House in the September of 1911. He himself had been a pupil at Derby School and had been captain of both the football and the cricket teams as well as Senior Prefect. At Winchester House, George helped coach the cricket teams as well as running the school's Scout Group. The school magazine of 1913 records his entry into the military. He had joined the Special Reserve in June of that year and had been assigned to the 1st Battalion of the Dorsetshire regiment:

*Mr Shannon has gone away for a time and is doing six months in Belfast; this sounds bad but we mean he is in the Special Reserve, and*



*is probably at this moment swaggering about with eyeglass and cane having an easy time. At least, that is our picture of him.*

After six months of training in Belfast, George would have returned to Winchester House with the understanding that if a war did occur and his regiment was mobilised then he would be expected to report for duty.

When war was declared on 4th August 1914 this is exactly what 2nd Lieutenant George Shannon of the 1st Dorsets did. In the early weeks and months of the war in Belgium and France the 1st Dorsets saw plenty of action. The battles at Mons and Le Cateau took their toll, with thousands of men killed and morale among the surviving men very low. Many of these men were still only in their late teens and many, like George Shannon, were not professional full-time soldiers. Injuries, shell-shock and the sheer horrors of war must have put extreme pressure on them all.

One soldier, Private Thomas Highgate, was discovered in a barn by a local gamekeeper wearing civilian clothes with his uniform dumped nearby. Unfortunately for Private Highgate, this gamekeeper was a former British soldier who immediately turned him in. Highgate's trial for desertion was brief; it began at 6.20am and he was executed by firing squad at 7.07am. Highgate was the first British soldier to be executed for desertion and his punishment was witnessed by the other men in the brigade, including 2nd Lieutenant Shannon.

On 7th October the men of the 1st Dorsets boarded a train but at that point they had no idea to where they were headed. This period of the war became known as The Race to the Sea, as both sides attempted to outflank the other to the north-west, digging more and more trenches as they went. This Race to the Sea saw the 1st Dorsets removed from the Aisne and transported to the town of Abbeville, just over 20km from the Channel coast. They promptly began to march north towards the Belgian border, and by 12th October they found themselves just outside the town

of Bethune, with orders to hold the ground near the canal, and fill a gap between the British and French forces. The Germans attacked all along the canal and as a result the Dorsets suffered heavy casualties: eleven men killed, fifty wounded and two reported missing. But far worse was to happen the next day.

As the 15th Brigade advanced towards the small village of Givenchy they came under heavy enemy fire. Much of the brigade fell back but the Dorsets remained and took cover in the trenches. They found themselves being attacked from the rear. At one point along their line about twenty German soldiers advanced with their hands held up and as the men of the 1st Dorsets advanced to accept their surrender the twenty suddenly fell to the floor and around 100 German soldiers opened fire killing all the Dorset men who had ventured out of their trenches. In total well over 100 men were killed on that day and many more reported missing. On 22nd October 2nd Lieutenant Shannon was mentioned personally in the battalion's War Diary. He had led a platoon that had remained in position until dusk one day, despite heavy bombardment, and so helped a battalion of the King's Own Scottish Borderers being cut off. For this action 2nd Lieutenant Shannon would later be awarded the Military Cross.

By the 8th November the 1st Dorsets were entrenched again but away from the worst of the fighting. It was here that George was able to find the time to write a letter to Mr Hayman and the boys of Winchester House

*Dear Mr Hayman,*

*Just a line to say I am quite well, although I was reported missing. I was cut off with about 20 men in a fight near a village and was absent from my regiment next day, hence my report as missing. I am writing this 4 feet under the ground, and we have been in trenches seven days now. I have three trenches to look after, manned by 80 men. We only get out at night-time as shells keep us down during the day. I heard some big guns came up last night however so we are all hopeful. How are all the boys? You must be celebrating half-term this weekend. Thanks to*

*Winchester House I have tobacco, enough to last me for a lifetime! I want a magazine of the school, please, and am anxious to hear about the old place.*

*I have had no wash for a week, and my clothes haven't been off for some weeks. Tomorrow is my birthday and so I shall spend it in this dreadful mud and dirt.*

*Yours ever,  
G.S.Shannon*

In March 1915 the 1st Dorsets moved close to Ypres. On the 17th April the British attacked and captured Hill 60, a strong strategic position, with the loss of only seven men. However they now found themselves in a position where they were surrounded on three sides by the Germans. At one point 2nd Lieutenant Shannon and the rest of A Company found themselves in a trench known as the International Trench because the Germans occupied one end and the Dorsets the other. It was also during the offensives at Ypres where poisonous gas, designed to kill en masse, was used for the first time. For a while the Germans continued to shell the British trenches on and around Hill 60. On 5th May the Germans released more gas which enveloped men of the Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry and the Duke of Wellington's West Riding Regiment. As the survivors of the original attack attempted to retire the Germans shelled them heavily killing scores of men. As the gas cleared the German infantry advanced and occupied the recently vacated trenches. The Dorsets rushed forward from the support trenches in order to prevent a German advance and Lieutenant Shannon and the rest of A Company drove the Germans out of trench 38 with bayonets and grenades. But close-combat fighting continued throughout the morning and 2nd Lieutenant Shannon was killed by a German bomb on what became known as the "blood soaked hill of death."

The 1st Dorset battalion suffered huge casualties at Hill 60 and Captain A.L Ransome wrote many letters like this one published in the July 1915 edition of the Winchester House School magazine:

*Dear Sir,  
I must regret to inform you that Lieutenant G.S. Shannon was killed in action on Hill 60 on the 5th May. Throughout the morning of that day he had done splendid work in one of our trenches and by his exertions succeeded in gaining a good deal of ground. He was then unfortunately killed by a German bomb. He is a great loss to the battalion, both as a gallant officer and as a comrade who was always happy and cheerful. All here join me in expressing our most sincere sympathy.*

*Yours sincerely,  
A. L. Ransome  
Captain, 1st Dorset Regiment*

The school magazine itself also featured a very moving obituary to their former teacher and colleague:

*Lieutenant Shannon's was a most promising life. He was a fine sportsman in the best sense of the word, and he was immensely popular with all whom he came in contact. All who knew him felt that they have lost a true friend and a very gallant comrade.*

Back in Rouen in March 1915 George and a fellow Winchester House master, a Herbert Meredith, had met up and written a joint letter to the school. Sadly this letter has been lost in the archives but the July 1915 edition of the school magazine did print a letter from Lieutenant Meredith alone which finished thus:

*Hope Mrs Hayman and the boys are well. Good luck to you all. I can send a few souvenirs, if wanted. No helmets! They're out of stock! Bullets, shell cases, shrapnel bullets, copper rings and all sorts of dirty looking pieces of scrap iron.  
Yours ever*

It would seem that Winchester House was never far from the thoughts of men like Herbert Meredith and George Shannon. ●



# Alumni News

## ABLING SHOOTS SCHOOL FILM

Will Berner (2000-2006) returned to School with his company Ablinq to shoot our new film. Ablinq is a fast-growing media house telling authentic stories and producing bespoke visual content around the world. With sharp minds and infectious enthusiasm, Will delivers on concepts, script writing, cinematography, editing, grading, photography, music production and digital media consultancy.



## CHARLES BAILEY'S (1959-1964) LEAVERS' TEA 1964

We were delighted to receive the picture of the 1964 Leavers' Tea at Kenfield House on the Manor Road from Charles Bailey. Mr Meikle's wife, fondly known as Hosky, is pictured in the doorway behind the boys. Charles remembers helping to pull down a distressed apple tree in the garden before getting at the

tea! The boys (pictured left, left to right) are (back row) NM Jones, T Rothwell, C Wide, R Hassell, G Fox, J Dalglish, C Bailey, G Mortimer and (front row) R Kimbell, JB Walker, D MacCarthy and K Adams.



## BRIONY BARR (1983-1985)



Briony is a Melbourne-based artist who, with her partner Dr Gregory Crocetti (a microbial ecologist) runs Scale Free Network, an art-science collaborative and micro-publisher. Their first graphic novel – *The Invisible War: A Tale on Two Scales* – is about bacteriophage (bacteria-eating viruses) which live in a symbiosis with humans. Set in 1916, the story takes place on two different physical scales; the macro-scale, from the point of view of an Australian nurse serving

in the trenches of France, and the micro-scale, from the point of view of the microbes which fight to keep her body alive when she contracts dysentery. It was developed in collaboration with microbiologist Jeremy Barr (no relation!), writer Ailsa Wild and illustrator Ben Hutchings. The title has won multiple literary, design and education awards and was

recently released in North America by Lerner Books.



As the Children's Book Council of Australia wrote, "It's wonderful to see a book written for youth tackle the complex subject of viruses and the human

microbiota in such an entertaining way. No bacteria is left unturned in this book, and the explanations in the Appendix about ideas, phrases and concepts covered in the story add to the understanding of the often complex processes and information presented... Highly recommended for anyone who



wants to learn more about the human gut, microbiology, viruses, cross infection and WWI Western Front history."

Briony and Gregory have also masterminded the creation of two illustrated storybooks, developed for younger readers in collaboration with writer Ailsa Wild and illustrator, Aviva Reed. *The Squid, the Vibrio & the Moon* is the story of a bobtail squid and the symbiotic bacteria that help it glow in the moonlight. *Zobi and the Zoox: A Story of Coral Bleaching* is set on the Great Barrier Reef and is told from the perspective of micro-organisms living in a single coral polyp. The series (Small Friends Books) is now co-published with CSIRO Publishing. Two more stories set in the world of soil, will be released in 2019 and 2020.

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### **PETER BARR CROSSES THE HIGHLANDS FOR MAGGIE'S CANCER CARE**

On 6th September former staff member Peter Barr (1980–1985), and father of Briony Barr, completed his 133 mile cycle from Maggie's Cancer Care in Dundee to Maggie's Cancer Care Inverness raising £1,000 for the charity. The challenge took 13.5 hours over 2.5 days.

He posted, 'The conditions for cycling were very good throughout except for a bit of rain approaching Inverness. Short sections of the ride were quite hilly but going up is inevitably followed by going down and the Highland scenery was well worth the effort. My daughter Briony and her partner Gregory drove the support car and were on hand to make sure the show was very much on the road!'

We were delighted to welcome Peter and his nephew Daniel back to School on the 10th January 2019 for a tour of the School. Peter commented on how happy, chatty, confident and well-mannered the children were, and enjoyed sharing memories with staff.



*Above: Daniel and Peter Barr on a visit to WHS in January 2019.*

*Below: Peter outside Maggie's Inverness with Andrew Benjamin (Centre Fundraising Manager) and Briony who drove the support car.*



*Quentin Hyder, seated, and John Bunnell.*

### **QUENTIN HYDER (1940-1944) AND JOHN BUNNELL (1940-1944)**

We were delighted to hear from Quentin Hyder and his wife Lou after they had met with Quentin's WHS peer John Bunnell. We asked Quentin for his memories of life at WHS and he kindly put pen to paper.

Friends were known by their last name only and by the sports they played. Archer, Bolton, Chevesse, Ellis and Thompson played on rugby and cricket teams – I still have my red velvet rugby hat. Our rival school was The Dragon School in Oxford, which was larger than WHS and thus tough competition. Miss Cholmondeley taught English, Arthur H Lewis taught biology, Head Master Hayman taught Latin, Master Davis taught religion and maths, Stewart Mickle taught French (he was known as 'Boty' because he always wore a bow tie) and read 'Sherlock Holmes' to us in the evenings (which is still a favourite of mine). The

tanoy – a loud alarm – sounded in School when German bombers flew overhead releasing their left over bombs on their flight back to Germany. We immediately took shelter in deep basements but were never hit! Food was not very good due to rationing and our parents did not visit because gasoline was rationed. I felt happy and safe and worked and played hard. I went onto Wellington College and served as a 2nd Lieutenant in the Army prior to attending Jesus College, Cambridge to read medicine. I did my medical training at The London Hospital and completed a Residency in Psychiatry and Neurology at Columbia University Psychiatric Institute. I later earned a Master of Divinity degree from New York Theological Seminary.

**KRISTIAN KAY (2005–2011)**

In April 2018, Kristian played in the Scotland U18 Squad at the Six Nations Festival in Wales, and Scotland came at the top of the tournament with 3 out of 3 wins against England, France and



Ireland. It was particularly pleasing for Kristian, following a dislocated shoulder and reconstructive surgery at the beginning of the season that took him out of playing any 1st XV rugby for Stowe.

**OLD BOYS ROW IN PRINCESS ELIZABETH CHALLENGE CUP**

Housians Barnaby Peppiatt (2009–2016), Theo Finlan (2012–2016), and the Patel brothers, Eliot (2002–2015) and Ayrton (2003–2013), rowed in the 1st VIII for Stowe Sculling Club (above) in the Princess Elizabeth Challenge Cup at Henley. It was the first time Stowe School had qualified and was a fantastic experience for the boys.

**POPPY PITT (2008–2015)**

We were thrilled to receive an email from Poppy Pitt (*right*) to let us know

that she has been awarded a Sports Scholarship at Cheltenham College for the Sixth Form. Poppy plays all the main sports within school, and continues to ride becoming National Champion at an NSEA Championships. Thanks for sharing your wonderful news Poppy!





**JO PURTON'S FUNDRAISING EVENT FOR THE OXFORD CENTRE FOR ENABLEMENT**

WHS alumnus Tom Biggart (2002–2008) had a terrible accident in December 2017 and suffered multiple injuries. Tom was in a coma for seven weeks at Bristol Southmeads ICU and towards the end of January was transferred to the Oxford Centre for Enablement (OCE) where he was helped to walk and talk again and made huge strides on the road to recovery.

The OCE is run by the NHS and specialises in all aspects of disability and neurological rehabilitation. It has room for 26 beds, but in the spring of 2018 had 16 patients due to lack of nurse funding.

Former WHS parent Jo Purton was keen to support the OCE and hosted an exclusive shopping event at her home in May 2018. Jo invited some fantastic brands selling beautiful items, including clothes, accessories, jewellery, homewares, stationery and flowers, many of which were run by former WHS parents including

Rae Feather and Charlotte Supple and current parents Petrina Martin and Jo Peppiatt. Winchester House sponsored the drinks on the preview evening, offering guests a glass of sparkling rosé with all donations going to the OCE. With huge support from many generous shoppers, £10,000 was raised for the OCE. Jo has also created a justgiving page should you like to donate: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/joannapurton>

**JAMES RUDKIN (2002–2007)**

After a series of highly competitive 'seat' races and two successful summer training camps, James (*below, far left*) secured a place in

the top 8+ GB boat for the World Championships, in which they won a bronze medal in Bulgaria in September 2018. His seat in the boat was testament to his persistence and perseverance. James went on to travel to Tokyo on a pre-2020 Olympics trip in mid-October.

**RUGBY SCHOOL POLO TEAM**

Alumni Benje (2004–2013) and Toby (2007–2017) Bradshaw and Fred Thame (2012–2017) play for Rugby School's Polo Team and defeated the Old Rugbeans at a tightly contested match in June 2018.





## MARRIAGES

**Hugh Spot (1996–1999)** married Rachel Taylor on 26th May 2018 in Clavering Church, Essex. Hugh graduated with a degree in Economics from the University of Edinburgh and is an Oil Market Analyst working for BP in London. Photo taken by Sam Warren.



## DEATHS

**Charles Goodwyn** of Wyndham, Amersham.

**Mark Hovenden (1970–1975)** died on 28 June 2017.

**Robert Pender (1938–1944)** of Nether Gree, Ayshire.

**John Michael Robotham (1943–1946)** of Brickwall Farm House, Clophill, Bedford, died April 2017.

**Anthony John Ross (1965–1970)** died on 21 March 2018.

**John Spragg (1946–1950)** died in June 2018. Emma Goldsmith was delighted to welcome John, his wife Vanessa and son James to Winchester House in April 2018. John was Captain of the 1st XV in 1949 and kindly donated his colours to School.

*Right: James, John and Vanessa Spragg with Emma Goldsmith.*

*Below: John Spragg, with ball, in 1949 1st XV Rugby Team.*



# A TRIBUTE TO ANTHONY WALTER SCOTT

by **Richard Murdin**

Tony Scott joined the staff of WHS in September 1972, aged 32, as the second maths teacher under Donald Simpson. Donald had been a pioneer of the “new” maths teaching in the late sixties, and while he looked after the top forms and scholars, he needed someone on whom he could rely to look after the Removes and Fifth Forms. Tony was the ideal man for the job. He had no hankering to take over the top forms, but strove for excellence in covering the basics. He made a point of not just teaching the rules and formulas, but making sure his pupils understood why the rules and formulas were there in the first place. Over the years he produced his own scheme of work, which covered everything that could possibly be asked in the Common Entrance exam. He was thorough in all his teaching, and he expected a similar thoroughness from his pupils. This sometimes had the unfortunate effect of making him a figure of fear, especially to some of the younger children. This was far from his intention, and as they moved up the school most realised that he was really on their side.

At the time that Tony came to WHS, the school was still boys only, and all boarders. When, in 1975, Michael Llewellyn handed over the Headmastership to Richard Speight, and went to live in Turweston, Tony took over his rooms in the House, and some of the responsibility for the boarders. A few years later he moved up the drive and became Housemaster of the Upper Lodge. In running his house, I am told that he was firm, but always fair. He had a copious supply of videos, mostly of war films, which the dormitories could take turns in watching in his sitting room. He continued as Housemaster until the late nineties, by which time the demand for boarding had dwindled and the Upper Lodge dormitories were turned into (amongst other things) a grand Staff Room. But Tony



still kept his Housemaster's accommodation, and lived in comfort without the responsibility until he retired.

Tony was very much an outdoor person. After leaving Beaumont School, where he had excelled at games, particularly cricket, he went to Edinburgh University to study Forestry. However, things didn't work out well, and he left without a degree and went off to the Far East to work in rubber planting for a few years. On returning to England he bought a narrow boat, on which he lived for a while. He worked for a Certificate of Education at Westminster College, Oxford, and taught in a school near Formby before coming to Brackley. Somewhere along the line he acquired a most intelligent sheepdog called Tigger. It is outdoors, on the Rugby and Cricket fields that Tony will be remembered most.

Tony took over the Colts Rugby XV in 1973 and continued in charge of the team for 22 years, until the powers that be decreed that this age group should no longer play fifteen a side. The energy and expertise that he devoted to his beloved Colts are beyond my powers to describe. Every aspect of play was practised meticulously, and every player was expected to perform his part to perfection. Tony would yell and scream, about 60% encouragement and 40% abuse. Political correctness had no place on his touch line. Amazingly, the boys, for the most part, took all this without complaint. The fact that they won most of their matches, against increasingly tough opposition as the years went by, showed that they were becoming really good Rugby players. When, in 2016, a dinner was held to celebrate the Colts unbeaten season of 1986, twelve of the XV attended and presented Tony with an engraved tankard to mark the occasion. In his Rugby coaching, Tony was largely helped and inspired by Robin Moncur, who coached the 1st XV from 1976 to 80, and was full of new ideas and stratagems.

Having run the Colts Cricket for a while, Tony took over the 1st XI when Francis Irving retired in 1976. Although his cricket coaching was conducted rather more quietly than the rugby, there was no less intensity. He demanded the highest standards, and was prepared to give up hours of his time in the nets, to enable his teams to reach those standards. He had strong ideas about how cricket should be played. Brisk over rates of 22 or even 24 an hour were quite normal for Tony's

*Richard Murdin, David Jones, Richard Speight, Tony Scott and Bruce Smith at The Lansdowne Club. Photo taken by Miles Harley.*



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elevens, and limited over matches were absolute anathema to him. In the year 1994/5 Tony handed over both his Rugby and Cricket teams to Andrew Lewin. Andrew had been an outstanding member of Tony's early sides, and I don't think Tony could have been persuaded to entrust his beloved teams to anyone else. Somehow, Tony found time to encourage the children to play golf on the mini course that was set up on the playing fields, and occasionally he would take small groups to local golf courses.

In the Lent terms, Tony took a break from running a team, and instead devoted his time to encouraging chess playing in the school. He organised various competitions, and inter-school matches, and brought on some pretty useful players. And every winter, of course, he would arrange one of his famous ski trips. I will leave it to someone else to describe them, for there must be enough material to fill several articles.

After retiring in 2000, Tony went to live in Spain for a while, then Thailand, and then the Philippines. He would always return to England in the summer, and seldom missed a 1st XI match. Marajina, his Filipina partner whom he eventually married, would shiver on the boundary in the cold May wind, wondering what this strange game was all about. Four or five years ago Tony's health began to deteriorate. He and Marajina came to live permanently in England, buying a house in Wallingford. He had a kidney transplant, which seemed to have been a success, but then he developed a cancer of the oesophagus. Tony died in August 2018. ●



# Social pages



## NON NOBIS SOLUM SOCIETY LUNCH

On Friday 16th March 2018, alumni, prefects and staff gathered in The Reading Room for the Non Nobis Solum Society lunch. School was delighted to welcome Colin Harris (1940–45), Christopher Hales (1942–45) and his wife Barbara, Keith Fowler (1943–47), John Thorpe (1947–53) and Bob Heygate (1953–58). Alumni, who had travelled from as far afield as St Agnes to Saffron Walden, met Head Girl T Cooper, Head Boy J von Furstenberg, Head of Drayton R Close-Smith and Head of House F Finlan over drinks.



Emma Goldsmith, WHA Secretary Richard Murdin, School Historian Martin Roberts and Bursar Peter Robinson also joined guests, who sat down to a delicious lunch.

The Year 5 & 6 Singers gave a fantastic performance in between courses, before alumni were invited to attend alumna Nicola Wetherill's talk to Pre-Prep and Seligman on her recent expedition across Antarctica. As Bob Heygate later wrote, 'Floreast Alumni!!'



## HISTORIC ART CATALOGUE DONATED TO THE SCHOOL

Lt Commander Colin Harris (1940–1945) kindly donated his late Grandmother's 110 year old art catalogues – 'The Nation's Pictures' – to School. Toby Till, Head of Art, was delighted to receive the catalogues that chart the art scene in the late 19th century.

## CLASS OF 1952 AND 1953 REUNION

We were delighted to welcome Housians Angus Chambers (1948–1953), Mark Finburgh (1948–1952), John Markham (1949–1953) and Nicholas Zvegintzov (1948–1952) to School for a reunion of the Classes of 1952 and 53. The Old Boys hadn't seen each other since leaving school and kicked off their visit with lunch in the Oak Corridor with Emma Goldsmith and Martin Roberts, enjoying the 1950s favourite baked apples with custard and rice pudding with jam. On sitting in the dining room, Angus mentioned his mother, Doris Watkins and her sister, Margaret, attended St Edith's, which was based at WHS before WHS moved here in 1918, and would have sat here 100 years ago eating lunch.



*Nicholas Zvegintzov, John Markham, Mark Finburgh and Angus Chambers.*

The Old Boys then toured School popping in to a Year 3 lesson in Seligman, listening to the Year 5 & 6 Choir rehearsing, coffee in the Staff Room and talked to lots of children. A tour of Boys' Boarding ('the Lower School' in their day) brought back many memories of chill blains and a trip to the chapel enabled John to sit in the chair his parents donated in his name.

John wrote after his visit: 'Thank you so much for giving up your time to give us such a memorable day reliving our time at WHS all those years ago. We did enjoy the lunch in the corridor where we used to eat when we were new boys and it was very nice to meet Emma Goldsmith and Martin Roberts.

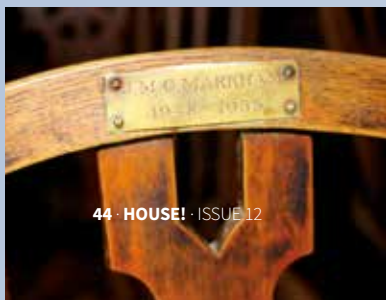
'It is fascinating to see so much that is still there as we knew it but more so all the new buildings and facilities which have grown up over the years since we left. It is indeed very impressive and easy to see why it must certainly be one of the leading Prep schools in the country.

'But despite all the physical changes, I came away content that the ethos and underlying spirit of the school is very much as it was back in 1948!'

Nicholas wrote: 'Thank you for your magnificent organization and patient accompaniment of the four old new boys. That was a delightful and amazing occasion. When word gets around your time will be totally consumed with these visits.'

Mark Finburgh wrote: 'The old place has changed more than a little since I last looked round probably in December 1952... If only it had been like that "in my day". I have two passions: classic cars started by the appearance of a then current Jaguar sports car in the Lower Quad belonging to the father of a then friend, and scuba diving thanks to a talk by a professional diver given at the school. Both not inexpensive - I have the school to blame for this!'

If you would like to return to School please contact [emma.mcgowan@winchester-house.org](mailto:emma.mcgowan@winchester-house.org).





# THE KENNEL CLUB DRINKS RECEPTION

The Kennel Club in Clarges Street, London, was the perfect venue for the School's Centenary Drinks Reception on 4th October 2018. Alumni spanning the generations, with entry dates to WHS ranging from 1944 to 1996, exchanged stories and caught up with former and current staff including Emma Goldsmith, Peter Robinson, Mark Keating, Suzanne Gray, Annie White, Emma McGowan, Jeremy Griffith, Debbie and Andrew Lewin and Chris Wilson. There was much debate as to who still retained sports day records: Christopher Jack (1967–1970) retains his 48 year

U12 triple jump record set at an Iffley Road athletics meet in 1970, Andrew Lewin (1975–1980) retains his U14 high jump record of 1.57 metres in 1980, William Cooper (1977–1982) retains his open discus throw of 30.84 metres in 1982 and Chris Wilson (1984–1990) keeps the U10 55m hurdle record of 10.3 seconds achieved in 1986! The Club's exquisite canine art collection was admired by all, with guests treated to a canine appearance by long standing club member, Tinkerbelle the Chihuahua. A fitting end to a thoroughly enjoyable evening!





# Alumni Sport News

## ALUMNAE NETBALL VS YEAR 8 MOTHERS & DAUGHTERS

Despite heavy snow the previous evening, alumnae, Year 8 mothers and daughters made it to the Spou on Sunday 18th March 2018 for a mini triangular netball tournament. With players energised with bacon rolls and mugs of hot chocolate and coffee, a highly competitive and great fun morning of netball commenced. The alumnae team comprised former Rugby School pupils Victoria Ayres (1988–1994) and sisters Caitlin (1997–2003), Bryony (1993–1999) and Hollie (1985–1995) Tinn, as well as ringers Emma and Harry (aka ‘Harriet’) McGowan and David (‘Davina’) Macfarlane. With Emma Goldsmith and Head of Girls’ Games & PE, Sam Warren umpiring, the three teams notched up high score lines with the alumnae winning overall. Players and spectators then retired



to the Hippo for well-earned post-match drinks. After lots of positive feedback, the tournament will become an annual fixture on the last Sunday of the Lent term.

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## YEAR 8 FATHERS VS SONS CRICKET MATCH

After a delicious BBQ lunch in the Pavilion expertly cooked by the Stoops and Mrs Warren, the scene was set for a 20:20 match. The boys won the toss and elected to field. The Fathers scored 109 for 8, with Messrs Thame, Warman, Finlan, Knapman and Taylor managing





double figures and Warman, Knapman, Finlan and Saunders were dismissed by their sons. The boys scored 112–6 with Johnnie von Furstenberg, Freddie Finlan, Xan Stothard and Ali Saunders all registering more than double figures. The Captain of cricket, Ali Saunders, was dismissed by his father and the boys won by four wickets. Nico Shillington was presented with his colours, joining Ali Saunders with this honour. Big thanks to Deputy Head James Woodcock for umpiring the match.

**WILLIAM COOPER  
RETAINS DISCUS RECORD  
37 YEARS ON...**

Whilst watching Head Girl Tilly Cooper (2010–2018) compete in the U14 discus final on Sports Day, 23 June 2018, the editor of House

magazine was delighted to discover that Tilly’s father, William Cooper (1977–1982) still retains the Year 8 record set at 30.84 metres in 1982. After some gentle cajoling, William kindly agreed to demonstrate his exacting technique that has ensured his record has remained unbroken for the last 36 years. Huge thanks to William for being such a tremendous sport and agreeing to grace the pages of House! magazine.

William’s son Ben (Head Boy, 2010–2014), who went to Harrow School with a Sports Scholarship, retains



two Sports Day records including 12.5 seconds in the U13 100m in 2013 and 25.85 seconds in the U13 200m in the same year. Ben was awarded an honorary academic scholarship at Harrow as a result of achieving 11 A\* at IGCSEs in July 2018.

**YEAR 8 MOTHERS VS  
DAUGHTERS ROUNDELS  
MATCH**

The heat was on in both senses of the term at the Year 8 mothers (+ Mrs Goldsmith) vs daughters rounders match; the temperature was approaching 30 degrees and both sides were determined to win! After a tightly fought battle, umpired by Mrs Stoop and Mrs Warren, the girls won 17–15.5. ●



# WHS SPORTS DAY RECORD HOLDERS

Event/ year group	Time/dist	Name	Year		Time/dist	Name	Year
	GIRLS				BOYS		
<b>HURDLES</b>							
U9 (55m)	10.7	EE Wessely	2000		10.8	SD Pointon	2002
U10 (55m)	10.2	EE Wessely	2001		10.3	CR Wilson T Bassett SD Pointon BA Pointon	1986 2002 2003 2005
U11 (55m)	9.2	EE Wessely	2002		9.4	C Davies	2014
U12 (70m)	11.9	EE Wessely	2003		11.73	B Barlow	2018
U13 (70m)	11.9	C. Russell-Parsons	2007		11.1	HJH Lancaster	1978
U14 (75m)	12.3	G Cooke	2003		11.4	SD Pointon	2007
<b>100M</b>							
U9	15.7	EE Wessely	2000		15.25	A Irvine	2013
U10	15.19	F McGowan	2017		14.5	J Sunderland	2012
U11	14.6	EE Wessely	2002		13.59	B Barlow	2017
U12	13.8	EE Wessely	2003		13.39	B Barlow	2018
U13	13.7	A Maclure	2012		12.5	B Cooper	2013
U14	13.21	I Holman-West	2017		12.51	W Robertson-Acolet	2017
<b>200M</b>							
U9	35.1	EE Wessely	2000		31.4	B Barlow	2015
U10	32.4	E Blayney	1993		30.8	A Bagshaw	1996
U11	31.59	G Grovit	2017		28.85	B Barlow	2017
U12	30.4	L Ashby	2001		28.7	MM Mitcham	2004
U13	28.9	L Yorke-Long	1998		25.85	B Cooper	2013
U14	28.18	I Holman-West	2017		26.4	SD Pointon	2007
<b>300M</b>							
U11	53.7	J Barlow	2014		49.83	O Orme-Smith	2014
U12	50.9	S Brooke	2014		47.9	F Barlow	2011
U13					45.4	GL Jackman	2008
Open	47.28	T Mobley	2017		42.99	W Robertson-Acolet	2017
<b>400M</b>							
U14					60.2	TRT Saywell	1984
<b>800M</b>							
U12	02:40.0	S Sunderland	2009		02:30.5	HDH Scott	2007
Open	02:46:15	S Brooke	2016		02:15.4	H Morrissey	2003



Event/ year group	Time/dist	Name	Year		Time/dist	Name	Year
	GIRLS				BOYS		
<b>1500M</b>							
Open					05:10.0	W Robertson-Acolet	2017
<b>STEEPLECHASE</b>							
Open	04:28.43	E Jones	2018		03:35.7	A Warren	1999
<b>HIGH JUMP</b>							
U9	1.2	H Walters	2011		1.14	GH Burgess	1954
U10	1.15	A Maclure	2009		1.15	NCD Wilson	1990
U11	1.29	J Armfield	2008		1.29	CLF Prior	1987
U12	1.33	A Gilman	1993		1.43	JM Turner	1979
U13	1.4	OLT Wetherill S Holbech	2004 2009		1.47	CFL Prior	1986
U14	1.52	OLT Wetherill	2005		1.57	AGW Lewin	1980
<b>LONG JUMP</b>							
U9	3.09	A Maclure	2008		3.59	A Andrews	2017
U10	3.5	EE Wessely	2001		4.2	CHH Pegg	1979
U11	3.82	AL Brown	2005		4.21	AJ Sloane	1998
U12	4.08	AL Brown G Grovit	2006 2018		4.55	CHH Pegg	1981
U13	4.24	C Russell-Parsons F Kevill	2007 2008		4.69	SHM Elborne	1997
U14	4.64	C Russell-Parsons	2008		5.41	AJ Brown	1961
<b>TRIPLE JUMP</b>							
U14					10.58	RN Martin	1978
<b>SHOT</b>							
U12 (2.72kg)	8.34	L Fagan	2017		8.78	H Spencer	2005
Open (3.25/2.72kg)	8.84	L Fagan	2018		11.75	NE Rowlands	1984
<b>DISCUS</b>							
U12	22.89	S Jones	2007		24.63	S Keating	2012
Open (1.0/0.75kg)	24.35	S Jones	2009		30.84	WR Cooper	1982
<b>JAVELIN</b>							
U12	18.01	G Hart	2001		30.8	AJ Sloane	1999
Open	36.9	L Taylor	2004		35.78	BA Pointon	2009
<b>CRICKET/ROUNDERS BALL</b>							
U9	22.39	E Foreman	2009		40	O Southan	2015
U10	28.61	E Foreman	2010		41.66	J Briggs	2007

# School News

*"Tell me and I forget.  
Teach me and I may remember.  
Involve me and I learn."  
(Benjamin Franklin 1706–1790)*



## **EMMA GOLDSMITH VOTED 'BEST HEAD OF A PREP SCHOOL' AT THE TATLER SCHOOLS AWARDS**

We are pleased to announce that Head Emma Goldsmith won the prestigious accolade for 'Best Head of a Prep School' at the Tatler Schools Awards 2019. This was a significant achievement and recognised the Winchester House community, her work and her vision for the School.

Emma's vision for Winchester House includes the launch of Winchester House 2020 (House! magazine Issue 11, page 20). This involves looking at how we improve and develop the School to ensure that it continues to be a forward-thinking school, providing the best possible learning experiences in a warm and purposeful community.

A significant element of the vision is that from September 2019 there will no longer be academic lessons on a Saturday morning for Years 5-8. As well as day places, 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 'Sporting Saturdays'. 'Mastery Mornings' will also be held on Saturdays, with external speakers delivering inspiring master classes and workshops to children in Years 7 and 8.

## **HEALTHY EATING AT SCHOOL**

Healthy eating is a vital part of school life and we believe that delicious and nutritious food plays a huge part in wellbeing and this in turn leads to happy and productive children. After a thorough review of catering arrangements, we appointed Thomas Franks who provide freshly cooked, healthy and tasty meals. Thomas Franks' nutritionist, Julia Hayes, advises all the chefs to understand the nutritional needs of children and to ensure our menus offer a wide variety of healthy options.

95% of all our dishes are freshly prepared on site, using natural raw and seasonal ingredients, sourced locally. Our food is freshly cooked using healthier cooking techniques such as stir-frying, steaming and baking, rather than frying or boiling. We have reduced salt by flavouring with herbs and spices, and reduced sugar by flavouring with dried fruit and the natural sweetness of honey and root vegetables.



## YEAR 8 LEAVERS' PROGRAMME

The Year 8s (Class of 2018) enjoyed a three-week long Leavers' Programme thanks to meticulous organisation of Mr Jones. The children experienced a huge range of activities, expeditions and fun including:

- The Channel Challenge where they swam the equivalent distance of the English Channel (1,665 lengths of the School's 20m pool) in relay teams, to raise money for the charity, Lepira. The Challenge was met within 60 minutes raising £1,445.
- A visit to Silverstone Race Track.
- Laser questing in Northampton.
- Cardio tennis with parent Dan Voyce.
- Canoeing along the Thames from Marlow and enjoying both raft building, archery and a field lunch of oven baked pizzas.
- A day trip to London taking in the BP Portrait Award Exhibition at the National Portrait Gallery, a picnic lunch in Trafalgar Square, the street artists of Covent Garden and a matinee performance of 'School of Rock'.
- Their inner-engineer was brought out in Mr Leach's workshop, on designing a proto-type motorised vehicle.



- The return of Mr Gillam introduced them to the musical 'Oh! It's a Lovely War', which they produced within four days and performed to parents, alumni and the School to rave reviews.
- The Macfarlanes kindly threw a pool and tennis party at home, and the McGowans provided much needed down time at their farm after the final CE pens were put down.
- Guest speakers provided food for thought, with talks by Andrea Leadsom MP, alumnus and Sea Cadet Sam Keating and Channel swimmer Carlos Glencairn-Campbell.





- Alumni, Julian Baring, Maggie Baring, Amber Capurro, Emma Grayson, Rosie Grayson, Amelia Merritt and Matilda Wade kindly returned to School to talk about the senior school transition.
- Events included The Leavers' Ball, organised by Sam Hartigan, Louie Leigh and committee, the Section Supper and Ceildh, a tour of the School Tower, Leavers' Brunch and Chapel Service and various parent versus child cricket, rounders, tennis and hockey matches.
- To ensure the year's sporting talents were put to full use, they also hosted a mini Olympics and BBQ for over 150 children from three local primary schools.

- Madame White also organised a fantastic five day trip to France. Staff and Year 8s stayed at the Chateau du Baffy in Creully and visited a whole host of places including Bayeux town, the tapestry and British War Cemetery, the cider and Calvados farm Les Vergers de Ducy, a snail breeding farm, the chocolate house, La

Chocolaterie du Drakkar, the American War Cemetery, a weekly market in Courseulles-sur-Mer, a traditional Normandy caramel factory, a goats' cheese farm, the 360 cinema at Arromanches, Festyland theme park, the Boulogne sweet factory and Cite Europe before boarding the ferry to return to school.



## HEAD OF ART TOBY TILL EXHIBITS 'INFERNO' AT THE 250TH ROYAL ACADEMY SUMMER EXHIBITION

Head of Art Toby Till's print 'Inferno' was chosen to be exhibited at the 250th Royal Academy of Arts' Summer Exhibition, 'art made now', coordinated by Grayson Perry. 'Inferno' is a satirical interpretation of Dante's Inferno that is set in an apocalyptic contemporary London and is a seven colour silk screen print with gold leaf. The exhibition ran from 12 June to 19 August 2018 and show cased contemporary art in an array of mediums, made by over 1,300 internationally renowned artists and exciting new talent.



## COMMON ENTRANCE RESULTS

Common Entrance results day is a particularly special one for the Year 8 pupils, parents and staff and is a culmination of hard work and a strong partnership with the school over a number of years. Our Leavers' results in June 2018 were very impressive and possibly one of our strongest ever.

It is natural to celebrate those children who got straight As and A\* but we were so proud of all those children who had worked so hard to achieve their potential and beyond. However, there were some stand-alone achievements the School would like to recognise: C Judge achieved the highest mark in French

of all CE candidates to Rugby School, T Cooper achieved the highest History mark at Cheltenham College, M McGowan was the highest scoring female candidate of all Common Entrance candidates to Rugby School, closely followed by C Judge, who got the second highest set of grades. These are tremendous achievements, where they are compared with pupils from such a range of prep schools.

The Year 8s went on to the following schools: Bloxham School, Cheltenham College, Eton College, Gordonstoun, Kingham Hill, Millfield School, Oundle School, Radley College, Rugby School, St Edward's School, Stowe School, Tudor Hall and Uppingham School.

### Scholars included:

**T Cooper** – *Cheltenham College, Sports Exhibition & Design Technology Scholarship.*

**F Finlan** – *Radley College, Sports Scholarship*

**T Kay** – *Millfield School, All Rounder & Sports Scholarship*

**O Lehmann** – *Stowe School, Music Exhibition*

**J Leigh** – *Tudor Hall, Drama Scholarship*

**S Martin** – *Uppingham School, Drama Scholarship*

**C Wakeford** – *Oundle School, Academic & Sports Scholarship*

## MUSICAL ON THE LAWN

It was wonderful to see the whole school community come together on a balmy summers evening for a sing-a-long of 'The Lion King' and picnic on the Third Form Lawn. The evening was a wonderful collaboration of music with Cantoris, the orchestra, soloists, dance group and narration coming

together for an outstanding performance and fun evening.



## REACHING THE IAPS NATIONALS

In the year that we celebrate 40 years of girls, it was somewhat fitting that both our U11 and U13 Girls' hockey teams made it through to their respective IAPS National Hockey tournaments.

Having finished second at their Regional Finals, the girls' U13 team went to Millfield School having not lost a school match. In what was a tough tournament, the girls battled hard and made it through to the Plate Competition, where they faced local rival Bilton Grange in the Quarter-Final. They dominated the match but failed to put away their chances and Bilton took the game 1-0.



The U11 team also finished second in their Regional Final and went to the National Finals at Rugby School. The team played well in the group stages and missed out on a place in the Cup competition (last 8) by virtue of a lesser goal difference. The team bounced back from this disappointment to beat Lambrook in the quarter-final of the Plate but then lost in the semi-final and the 3rd and 4th playoff to finish 12th overall.

To have both our teams in their respective National IAPS tournament was an incredible achievement. Winchester House is the only school in the United Kingdom to have played in both the U11 and U13 National tournaments for two years running.

### **IGNITE GOES FROM STRENGTH TO STRENGTH**

Our Ignite speaker programme, launched in January 2018, has gone from strength to strength. Speakers have included Invictus athlete and anaesthetist Dr Jen Warren, Rolls Royce Engineer Dr Robert Oates, Sally Munday-Webb who oversaw the restoration of Brackley's Town Hall, Criminal Barrister Stephanie Dodd, the

Brackley division of the WI (who also celebrated their centenary in 2018) and sang Jerusalem with the children, adventurer Louis Supple and alumna and founder of Feet for Feet, Plum Turner. The speakers have given the children a fantastic insight into careers, opportunities and life goals.

### **BACK TO SCHOOL**

It was lovely to welcome Year 5 & 6 parents to our inaugural Saturday 'Back to School'. This was an opportunity for parents to come and enjoy a lesson with their child.

Before the lessons, Katy Dallimore, Assistant Head Academic and Emma Goldsmith, Head, talked to parents about the Winchester House approach to learning. They reminded parents about the new revised timetable and how independent learning (prep) was incorporated in to the School day.

Parents were asked to join a Maths, English, Science or Music lesson. In the Maths lesson the objective was to find all the nets of a cube. In English, using inference skills, students and parents completed a police investigation by exploring evidence left behind at a crime

scene after a body was found. In Science, the children and their parents spent a lesson learning how to use a Bunsen Burner correctly and applying this to determine the colours of metal elements in the 'flame tests' experiment. And in music, the children and parents joined together to play the Samba, using such instruments as the Surdo's and the Ngogo Bells.

Parents commented on how much they enjoyed the morning, how impressed they were with their children's confidence and enthusiasm, and how much energy they exuded in the lesson.







## WHEN THE SAINTS COME MARCHING IN

Northampton Saints rugby players, Dylan Hartley, Dan Biggar and Jamie Gibson came to WHS to run coaching sessions with all boys in Years 5-8. The boys enjoyed an hour of intensive training with each player, followed by a Q&A session in the Sports Hall. The day was organised to raise money for Rob Horne, former Wallaby and Saints player who suffered a career-ending injury whilst playing for Northampton Saints resulting in complete paralysis of his right arm. During the Q&A session, the players talked about Rob Horne and the money they were raising to support him. The boys and girls asked many interesting questions, including whether Dan Biggar preferred playing with Dylan Hartley or against him! Finally, children queued up to get their autographs as a memento.

Sam Stoop, Director of Sport at Winchester House said, "This really was an amazing opportunity for the boys and was a very special occasion allowing us as rugby players and supporters to help this worthy cause." A total of £2,640 was raised.

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## NSEA EVENTER CHAMPIONSHIPS, HICKSTEAD

Nine Winchester House riders were delighted to qualify for the NSEA Eventer Championships held at the All England Jumping Course at Hickstead in May 2018.

T Mayo was first to set off on Rodney in a 70 m class. With a lovely clear round, he held on in the placings until the final rider knocked him

out of the rosettes by less than a second, giving him 9th place.

The team of H Dawes, S Kay, M McGowan and J Von Furstenberg, were next to go in the team event. With a super round from M McGowan, followed by 3 clears from J Von Furstenberg, S Kay and H Dawes, the team came fourth. Competing against junior and senior schools from around the UK, this was an incredible achievement.

H Chapman, R Close-Smith, S Howard, and T Kay were next to go in the 80cm team event. There were very few clear rounds in a tricky and technical course and the team hung on in the placings until the last few schools competed.





## REMEMBER, REMEMBER THE 5TH OF NOVEMBER

The whole Winchester House community came together to be dazzled by an amazing display of fireworks set to music on the playing fields. A huge thank you to the Friends team, led by Venetia Eliot for organising such a fun evening.

chocolate and bacon butties; fun activities including hair spraying and splat the Christmas pudding, ensured the children were kept entertained and Pre-Prep children were able to visit Santa in his grotto. It was a magical morning, enjoyed by young and old including members of Brackley's Juniper House Care Home.

and lights creating a festive atmosphere and making children and staff alike, very excited. The children also took part in a Christmas decoration competition with the 'Nutcracker' theme.

## ADVENT FAIR

On Saturday 1st December, the whole school gathered in our Upper Quad to enjoy our annual Advent Fair. Organised by the Friends of Winchester House, the fair provided a spectacular morning of shopping, music and fun. Over 30 stalls offered fantastic gifts and goodies; the brass band, junior choir and Cantoris entertained parents and grandparents; The Friends' Cafe provided much appreciated hot

## DECK THE HALLS WITH BOUGHS OF HOLLY

At the end of November, the whole of Winchester House was transformed into a stunning winter wonderland. A number of parents, under the watchful eye of interior designer and parent Katharine Pooley and her team, dressed Christmas trees located throughout School. Each tree was decorated with its own colour scheme and theme, with stunning ornaments







## HOUSE SHOUT

All children in Years 3 to 8 took part in our annual House Shout, organised by Mr Jones and Mr Price. The theme was based on the film Grease, and the songs were picked out of a hat at the start of the year. The four houses competed with energy and enthusiasm, with singing and choreographed dancing led by the Head of Houses, and all children enjoyed wearing costumes and accessories in their house colour. It was a very close competition but the glamorous panel of judges (Tessa Barry, Teresa Hughes, Sam Stoop and Charlie Whatmore) eventually crowned Gascoigne the winners.

## COMMUNITY OUTREACH

We have fostered relations with the wider community over the past year, creating a close relationship with Barchester's Juniper House Care Home in Brackley. Residents come for regular coffee mornings in the Reading Room and enjoy musical and drama performances by the children. Pre-Prep walk to Juniper House for sing-a-longs and story-telling and members of Year 8 have served tea to residents in the evenings. The residents also attended our Act of

Remembrance and Advent Fair. The relationship is mutually beneficial to both residents and the children, fostering lasting friendships.

Members of the Town Council, business owners and heads of local clubs, associations and groups were invited to our inaugural Brackley Community Drinks Party in May 2018. Over 50 guests attended, with many commenting on what an excellent opportunity it was to put faces to names and network with one another.

The Year 8 Leavers hosted a mini Olympics and BBQ for over 150

children from three local primary schools. The Year 8s mixed the age groups and schools up into teams named after Olympic venues, created and manned 10 sporting stations, tallied up the results and then served a wholesome BBQ, all in 30 degrees heat. The visiting children all commented on what a fun day it had been.

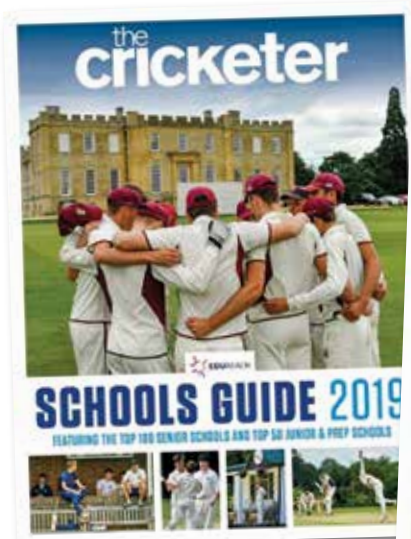
Forthcoming events include a team from our Design and Technology Department, under the guidance of Martin Scouse, entering Brackley's Soap Box Derby, and children and staff marching in the Brackley Carnival Procession. ●





## The Cricketer

Deputy Head James Woodcock submitted the School's cricketing credentials to The Cricketer for consideration for its 'Good Schools Guide 2019' and was successful in gaining an inclusion in the 'Top 50 Prep/Junior Schools' section. Whilst the magazine did not feature our archived cricketing photos, we are delighted to print them in House!



Above left: The first pavilion, 1936.

Above right: The second pavilion.



Above: 1946 Cricket team in front of the pavilion; JMS Newboul, CJS Colthurst, PJ Symons, MR Freeman, JA Bird (Capt), WJML, M Robotham, CA Porter, JJ Tilden.



Above and left: Building the third pavilion, 1984.

# Staff News

## FOND FAREWELLS

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### **SUE BRADLEY**

Sue joined the school over 20 years ago as a part time housekeeper and through her

hard working attitude and keen attention to detail was promoted to Head Housekeeper in 2011, managing a team of over 30 housekeepers and keeping the school looking clean and tidy. We wish Sue all the best in her new venture.



### **LIZZIE FISHER**

Lizzie kept the wheels of Pre-Prep turning from her office chair as Pre-Prep

Secretary for three years. She loved involving herself with all aspects of the children's learning as well as many different after school clubs. She also had just the right bedside manner to make the children feel safe with their slips and trips in the playground as Health and Safety Co-ordinator. And somewhere in amongst all this, she dealt with all the necessary bureaucracy and communications of Pre-Prep. She is greatly missed, but we are excited for her as she forges a new career with her creative passions.



### **LAUREN GOATER**

Miss Goater started three years ago as a Gap student, and we were thrilled

when this extended to two further years as a Teaching Assistant in Pre-Prep, where she has worked in Reception and Year 2. She was an integral part of the Boarding and Games teams, working with children throughout the school and always getting the best out of them. We wish her all the best with her PE PGCE.



### **KIRSTI ONIONS**

Kirst spent four years in Pre-Prep within every year group as a Teaching

Assistant, Key Person in Nursery and more recently, as a trainee teacher. We benefited hugely from her enthusiasm and the way she invested time in building wonderful relationships with the children. She seized every opportunity that came her way and we wish her well in her new position.



### **LUCY POLITOWSKI**

Lucy joined the Design & Technology department four years ago

and was a highly valued colleague and teacher. She brought the DT forward, leading successful projects, scholarships applications and the complete renovation of the DT department. She had a lovely manner with the children and was an important member of our tutoring team, supporting and guiding Year 5 through the often daunting transitional year. An excellent games player herself, Lucy was a vital member of the girls' games team and fostered her netball, hockey and rounders teams with skill and clarity, helping each player to reach their potential. As a member of the boarding community, Lucy worked in both houses during her time with us, and her youthful exuberance and affinity with boarding from time at her old Alma Mater, Repton School, prepared her well in caring for the children. We miss her greatly and wish her well at Repton.

## WARM WELCOMES

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**Lewis De-Haan** – *Chef*

**Jane Edwards** – *Mini Winnies Plus Leader*

**Julie Griffiths** – *Early Years Practitioner*

**Kate Hardiman** – *Maths Teacher*

**Katie Daymond** – *Teaching Assistant, Pre-Prep*

**Rebecca Nicholls** – *Pre-Prep*  
Secretary

**Lynette Owen** – *Mini Winnies Plus*  
Leader

**Martin Scouse** – *Head of Design*  
and Technology

**Gillian Stringfellow** – *Pre-Prep*  
Teaching Assistant

**Sam Taylor** – *School Receptionist*

**Lena Thorley** – *Pre-Prep Reception*  
Teacher

## WEDDING BELLS

### SAM WARREN

Wedding Bells rang during the summer holidays when our Head of Girls' Games, Miss Sam Hickman, tied the knot to her new husband, Ben Warren. We loved Ben's present to Sam of a new pair of Nike trainers with Mrs Warren embroidered on the back of the heels!



## RETIRING GOVERNORS



### CAROLINE GODFREY

We were sorry to say good bye to Caroline Godfrey, who had been a Governor since 2015. As Chair of the Finance Committee, Caroline was able to bring her experience as Bursar at Bedford College to the Board, offering an insight into school finances from a practical and strategic perspective. Caroline's knowledge will be greatly missed as she moves on to pastures new, with Rupert Fordham taking over as Chair of the Finance Committee.

## NEW GOVERNORS



### LOUISE BROWNHILL

Louise was educated at Charterhouse School and studied Psychology at Bristol University. She has had over 20 years' experience in HR and people related roles, having worked at Harrods Ltd, Arthur Andersen and currently at PwC. Louise is Chief Learning Officer at PwC, responsible for leading a large team and accountable for all the learning and development of PwC employees. She has also recently

been appointed as Head of Talent and Performance for the UK. She is a member of the Finance committee.



### BRIDGET BURNET

Bridget is a former parent of Winchester House School (Harry 2015 & Archie 2017). She was also the Development Manager from 2012–17, setting up the WHS Development Office and co-ordinating a number of alumni events at the School. Bridget has had a long career in Sales & Marketing, holding senior leadership roles with David Lloyd Leisure and Whitbread plc and running her own consultancy business for the last 20 years.



### JOHN FLOYD

John has been Headmaster at Bruern Abbey School for seven years. Before that he was Deputy Head of Westminster Cathedral Choir School for five years. He was one of the original cohort of the Teachfirst initiative, starting out in London secondary schools before de-camping to Oxfordshire. He is a member of the Education Committee.



## THE GOVERNING BODY (2018/2019)

**Mr. P. Bradshaw, BA**, Deputy Chair, Chair of Marketing & Development, Health & Safety Committee, Education Committee

**Mrs. L. Brownhill, BSc (Hons)**, Finance Committee

**Mrs B Burnet**, Marketing & Development Committee

**Mr. J. Floyd, MA, PGCE**, Education Committee

**Mr. R. Fordham**, Chair of Finance Committee, Chair of Bursaries & Awards Committee, Chair of Governance & Nominations Committee

**Mr. R. S. Greaves, BA**, Chair of Governors, Buildings & Estates Committee, Governance & Nominations Committee, Finance Committee, Marketing & Development Committee

**Mr. A. R. Heygate, MA, DL**, Chair of Buildings & Estates Committee, Bursaries & Awards Committee, Finance Committee

**Mr. J. Moule, MA (Oxon)**, Education Committee

**Mr. T. E. Purton, LLB (Hons)**, Buildings & Estates Committee, Marketing & Development Committee

**Mr. A. Ruddy, MSc (Hons)**, Health & Safety Committee, Buildings & Estates Committee

**Dr. A. K. Wallersteiner, MA, PhD**, Chair of Education Committee

**Prof. M. H. Wetherill, FRCS**, Chair of Health & Safety Committee, Governance & Nominations Committee

## STAFF FOCUS

### Mark Keating



With Mark going ‘part time’ in September 2018 after working at School for the past 30 years, Emma McGowan took the opportunity to ask him a few questions!

***When did you join WHS and what was your job title?***

I joined WHS from Monckton Coombe Junior School Bath, in September 1988 – last century! I was appointed by Richard Speight as Science Master, teaching all the biology and chemistry from Year 4 upwards. When I arrived, I found out that I was also down to teach geography! That was great fun.

I continued to teach biology and chemistry until Jeremy Griffith arrived and we got another scientist – who was also a biologist – so I stuck with the chemistry. When Mick Thompson arrived, even though he was a chemist, he took on physics, which was always a difficult role to fill. After a few years and with the arrival of another science teacher, Mick switched to chemistry and I did the physics. Another few years later, there was another change in personnel, and I moved back to my first love, biology.



*Above: Mark refereeing an U9B Rugby Match, 2001.*

*Below: With pupils on a Learn to Lead expedition, 2012-13.*

*Right: Making science lessons fun for Year 3.*



***What extra-curricular activities have you been involved in over the years?***

Within all this, I coached rugby and cricket and helped out with the Scout Troup in the winter and athletics in the summer. I also did the lighting and sound for all the school plays and performances, right from pre-prep, through to the big Michaelmas Year 8 productions.



Sometime during this, a long Thursday afternoon activity slot was introduced, so I took about 10 pupils, two shotguns and hundreds of cartridges over to Blisworth Shooting School, where we destroyed many, many clay pigeons each week.

***How has WHS changed during your time here?***

WHS has changed a lot over the years. The introduction of girls was a bit of a shock, but it did have an interesting effect on the older boys... They required a new boarding house, Drayton, and sports teams and fixtures. It certainly helped the plays, as before the boys had to take all the female roles which was very funny when Donald Simpson put on The Mikado!

***What have your happiest / funniest moments been?***

There have been some very funny moments, not least when, for various reasons, I was left the other side of the Brackley bypass whilst playing a wide game around town with the Scouts. I was supposed to help them cross the bypass – yes, you could years ago – but the boys found an easier place to cross. Being a warm, sunny afternoon, I sat on the verge, only to wake up about 6 o'clock! I wandered back to school

to see all the boys having a dip in the swimming pool. Apparently, Tim Anderson, who ran the Scouts, had driven along the bypass tooting his horn, but I was nowhere to be found. So they reckoned that I would eventually find my way home, like a lost sheep.

***How do you intend to spend your time when you go part time?***

When I go part time, I won't be idle. There is a house to clean (which I enjoy), meals to prepare (which I enjoy), ironing to do (which I also enjoy) and a garden to maintain – which I definitely do not enjoy very much. I am good at chopping down and killing things though! On the more cerebral side – I do have a rather large stamp collection to sort out, with numerous albums, loose leaves and stamps in packets. It will be a large job but, the hoarder that I am, I am always looking for more! I tend to collect stamps from GB, Australia and, since it split from Guernsey, the Isle of Alderney. There is also a quite extensive all world collection, so a bit of work to do there. Music has always been very

important to me – I played clarinet in the staff band, but it now languishes in the study – it is too long since I played. I intend to continue with my karate, as long as the joints hold up, and have also been looking at Open University courses – astronomy looks interesting.

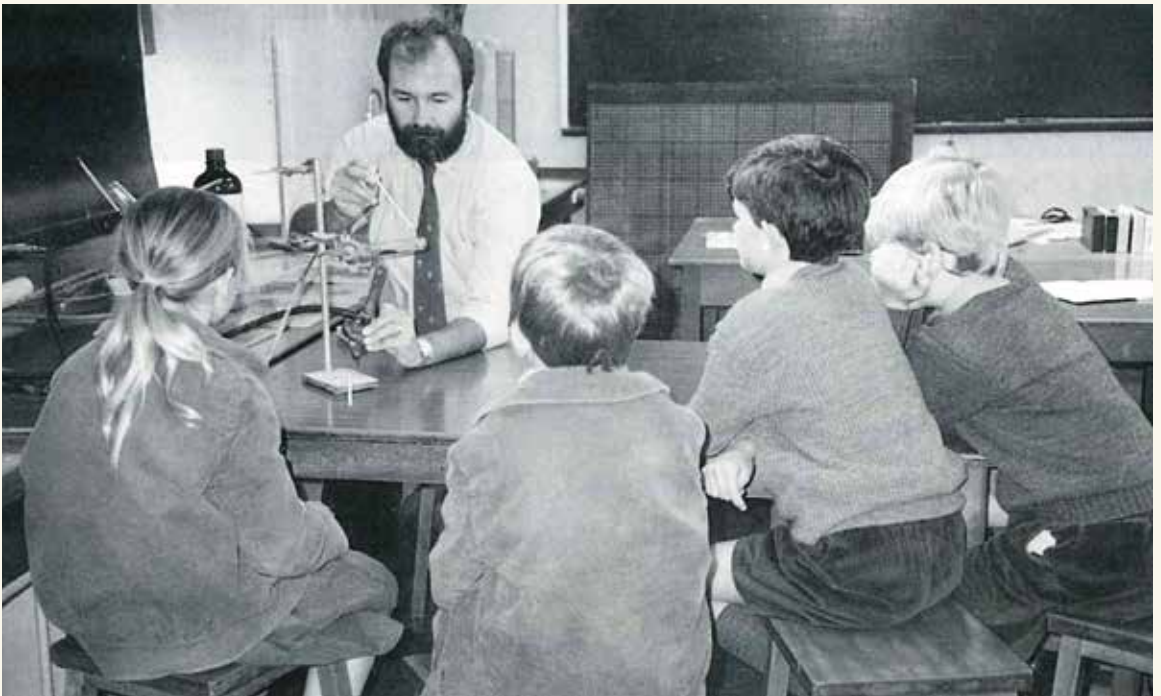
***If there is one bit of advice you would give WHS pupils, what would it be?***

My advice would be to take every opportunity that there is to read. Reading is the single most important thing that you learn to do here. It will open so many doors to you, so many new ideas and thoughts. ●

*“With freedom, books,  
flowers, and the  
moon, who could not  
be happy?”*

**Oscar Wilde**

*Mark performing  
an experiment,  
1992.*





## FORMER STAFF FOCUS

# Sebastian Chance (1986–1993)

RECOLLECTIONS OF AN  
ART TEACHER



On arriving at Winchester House School for interview in December 1986, I remember feeling somewhat apprehensive. I had been sent, some weeks previously, a copy of the school magazine: a small, poorly printed publication with a dark red cover. It was surely the least inspiring school magazine that I had ever seen, and very dated looking. Not a great advertisement for such a prestigious school.

My first impression on entering the large, black wrought iron gates from the High Street, was one of slight dread. The imposing Victorian buildings on this cold, grey winter's day looked forbidding and lifeless. I began to wonder what I had let myself in for! I was met at the door by the jolly lady P/A, who greeted me warmly, and took me to meet the Head Master, Richard Speight, in his first floor study. There on the floor, in front of the enormous desk sat a large black dog. Richard greeted me warmly, with a firm handshake and a broad smile. "Ah, you haven't got a beard!" he exclaimed. "I don't appoint men with beards". This was clearly not true, as soon afterwards he appointed Mark Keating to teach science. Richard took me on a tour of the school. It was the school holidays. I would always prefer

to visit a school in term time as it is difficult to get a realistic impression of how a school functions without the presence of the children and staff. We walked through the gloomy looking buildings, and out onto the playing fields, followed by the faithful dog. We got to know more about each other, as we wandered the estate, than the formality of half an hour behind a desk would have revealed. I can honestly say that it was the best interview I have ever attended.

For me one of the advantages of teaching art at WHS was that I didn't have to coach games. I enjoy watching sport, but I am a lousy coach, with little understanding of rules. So, it suited me to spend the majority of my time in the art room. I soon realised that there was a challenge facing me. As a practicing artist, whose experience of art teaching included secondary teaching, I could see that there was plenty of scope for improvement, both in the quality of art work being produced, and the range of skills and techniques that were offered. I spent the next seven years attempting, with some success I believe, to create a thriving art department and to give the children the best possible experience of art. We entered childrens' art work

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*Govilon. Forged and welded steel by Sebastian Chance.*

into national competitions, and regularly took part in the SATIPS exhibitions. Every sports day there was an exhibition of the art and pottery that the children had created. I always made sure that every child was represented. I was keen to prove that every child could be creative, and it wasn't just about 'talent'. Art education gives children a unique experience; it is perhaps the only area in the school curriculum where they can truly be themselves without fear of failure. I had the great pleasure a few years ago in being contacted by Wiggie (Alexandra) Soden who I had taught at WHS. Wiggie went on to Malvern Girls College before university. She is now a practising artist. She very kindly told me that my encouragement and support meant a lot to her.

Life at WHS gave me the opportunity to take part in numerous other activities, the most enjoyable being the Wolves. This was managed expertly by science teacher Russel France. Russel and I soon became friends. Once a week we would take a group of boys and girls out of school, to the woods, on orienteering expeditions. Some weeks we cooked on open fires on the bank between the main school buildings and the music school. The children loved cooking together, and the experience taught them valuable life skills. For one week during the summer holiday there was an expedition to Pitlochry in Scotland where we stayed in a hostel, situated in



*Lino print by Sebastian Chance.*



*Renhold Wood, Rain. Lino print by Sebastian Chance.*

the grounds of a Victorian Gothic mansion house. The children had a fantastic time: canoeing, hill walking, orienteering and playing field games together.

Drama played an important part in school life. Every year, English teacher Bruce Smith, along with Charles Martin, Head of Music put on a musical show in the school hall. I was tasked with making the sets. I had great fun making a full size totem pole out of cardboard and papier mache. I still have the photographs!

I loved the uniform: the brown corduroy bomber jacket, and grey cord shorts; rather 'Just William', but very practical, and egalitarian. Boys and girls wore the

same jacket giving them a kind of equality. Our eldest son Tom – who attended the school for a year before joining Bedford School – kept his jacket when he left.

My wife Vicky and our three children spent seven and a half happy years in Brackley. We moved to Bedford in September 1993 where I took up the post as Head of Art at Bedford Prep, and for the last nine years taught GCSE and A level in the Upper School.

Working as a full-time teacher allows one little time to develop one's own art over a sustained period, and much of my work was made in fits and starts, as time, and circumstances allowed. There have been numerous changes in direction over these years as ideas and themes were explored. If there is a thread linking the ideas and themes together it is, perhaps, a feeling for place; for looking outwards and into interior and exterior spaces – rooms, landscapes and memories – as well as the enjoyment of forms, materials, and textures. I enjoy working with materials – plaster, wood, metal and found objects – to create sculptures that suggest rather than depict or describe places.

I retired from teaching in July 2015 and found my first months of retirement to be immensely challenging. To find oneself with the time and space to make art, free of the demands of employment, has been both liberating and daunting. It has taken me a while to get used to being on my own for most of the day, to achieve the self-discipline and routine that are essential if one is to be a serious artist. We moved to the Somerset Levels (no, we don't get flooded!) in August 2016. I feel I might just have reached a point where I can feel excited – if not entirely confident – about the future direction of my work. For me, to allow the creative process to flourish, there has to be a certain degree of uncertainty. If I knew exactly what to do, there would be little point in doing it.

*“To have a too clearly defined idea before beginning a work is for me a constriction; it is in the act of making that the subject takes form; it is the adding, stretching, taking away and searching for the right and exact*

*statement that a tension is set up.....there must be a time lapse, 'a waiting time' for the visual experience to become involved with all the other experiences.”*

**William Scott 1955**

Since we arrived in Somerset two years ago, we have been busy setting up our new home and studios. We have been volunteering at a nearby Forest School, working with people with drug and mental health issues. I have become a Trustee of ACE Arts, a charity working with artists to provide courses for all ages and abilities, developing projects focussing on community health and wellbeing.

Vicky and I plan to have our studios – Vicky is a potter – open to the public in 2020, as part of Somerset Art Works, Open Studios. I also have a one man exhibition planned for 2020, at ACE Arts gallery in Somerton. ●

**Culbone Woods, Birch. Mono print by Sebastian Chance.**





# LOST ALUMNI DIRECTORY

We are keen to keep in touch with as many Housians as possible, and we currently have no means of contacting 733 listed below by surname, their start and leaving dates as well as secondary school (where known). Should you have an address, email or telephone number for anyone listed, please email Emma McGowan, Alumni Relations Manager, [emma.mcgowan@winchester-house.org](mailto:emma.mcgowan@winchester-house.org).

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Adams, Michael, Mr	01/09/62	30/06/67	Oundle School
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Ahern, John, Mr	01/09/48	30/06/52	Bloxham School
Ahern, John, Mr	30/09/20	30/06/24	Repton
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Akehurst, Michael, Mr	01/09/38	30/06/40	
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Allen, Jonathan, Mr	01/09/70	30/06/75	Radley College
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Bonner, Stephen, Mr	01/09/55	30/06/60	Rugby School
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Brass, Michael, Mr	01/09/69	30/06/74	
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Broster, David, Mr	01/09/31	30/06/35	Radley College
Brown, Alan, Mr	01/09/56	30/06/61	Rugby School
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Bullmore, Nicholas, Mr	01/09/87	30/06/92	Oundle School
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Cavin, Richard, Mr			
Cecil, James, The Hon			
Chapman, M, Mr			
Chappell, Simon, Mr			
Chase, Richard, Mr	01/09/55	30/06/61	
Chavasse, Paul, Mr	01/09/73	30/06/77	
Chavasse, Robin, Cmdr.			
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Clarke, Willoughby, Mr	24/02/10	30/03/10	
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Clarkson, Scarlett, Miss	01/09/08	12/07/10	
Clay, P, Mr	01/09/35	30/06/39	
Clayton, William, Mr	01/09/92	05/07/97	Winchester College
Clews, Charles, Mr	01/09/85	30/06/92	Rugby School
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Coats, Brian, Mr	22/04/93	01/07/93	
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Cockerill, Shaw, Mr			
Coffey, Charlotte, Miss	07/02/00	06/07/01	
Coke, Sara, Miss			
Colacicchi, Lucy, Miss	09/07/98	06/07/01	St Mary's School (Ascot)
Colborne, Bethany, Miss	01/09/05	11/07/08	Carrdus School
Colborne, Megan, Miss	01/09/05	15/07/09	Headington School
Colhoun, James, Mr	01/04/76	30/06/81	
Collier, Richard, Mr			
Cook, Laurence, Mr			
Copleston, Luke, Mr	01/09/94	05/07/97	Kingham Primary School
Cowen, Jack, Mr	01/04/03	01/07/05	
Cowen, Louis, Mr	01/04/03	01/07/05	



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Craddock, Dylan, Mr	06/09/10	06/07/12	
Craik-White, Henry, Mr	01/09/87	30/06/93	
Crockett, Clifton, Mr	01/09/31	30/06/35	
Crockett, Nigel, Mr	01/09/62	30/06/67	
Crombie, Richard, Mr	01/09/79	30/06/85	
Crosthwaite, Stephen, Mr	01/04/84	30/06/89	Stowe School
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Davies, Jeremy, Mr	01/04/83	30/06/87	
Davies, Jonathan, Mr	01/09/87	30/06/94	Adams Grammar School
Davies, Paul, Mr	01/09/92	30/06/94	Akeley Wood School
Davies, Sophie, Miss	01/09/04	24/03/06	
Davis, G, Mr			
Davis, S, Mr	01/09/66	30/06/71	
Dawson, Anthony, Mr			
Dawson, Charles, Mr			
Dawson, George, Mr			
Dawson, Richard, Mr			
Deacon, Charles, Mr	01/09/84	30/06/89	Stowe School
Deakin, Christopher, Mr			
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Denton, Rosie, Miss	01/09/06	15/07/09	Wellingborough Prep School
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Ellis, Anthony, Mr	01/09/42	30/06/46	
Ellis, Ben, Mr			
Ellis, Geoffrey, Mr	03/09/00	01/07/03	Eton College
Ellis, Joseph, Mr	01/09/73	30/06/78	
Erskine, Robin, Mr			
Evans, Richard, Mr	01/09/52	30/06/57	
Fairweather, Daniel, Mr	01/09/85	30/06/88	Rugby School
Fairweather, Thomas, Mr	01/09/86	30/06/90	Rugby School
Fallon, Jolyon, Mr	01/04/84	30/06/89	Uppingham School
Farmer, Cara, Miss	06/09/98	09/07/99	
Faulkner, Olivia, Miss	11/03/03	29/04/03	
Fenton, John, Mr			
Fermor-Hesketh, Frederick, Mr		08/07/95	
Fermor-Hesketh, Sophie, Miss	11/01/93	30/06/94	St. Mary's School
Fielding-Clarke, John, Mr			
Finch, George, Mr			
Finch, William, Mr	01/09/70	30/06/74	
Fish, Jonathan, Mr		01/07/83	
Flecker, James, Mr			
Fleming, George, Mr			
Fleming, James, Mr			
Fletcher-Morris, J, Mr			
Forrester, William, Mr			
Fontaine, Richard, Mr			

Frazer, Adam, Mr	01/09/90	01/07/91	Beachborough School
Frearson, Duncan, Mr			
Frearson, Nick, Mr			
Freebairn, Mark, Mr			
Fricke, Charles, Mr	01/09/01	01/12/02	St Michael's Prep School
Fricke, Edward, Mr	01/09/01	01/12/02	St Michael's Prep School
Fullbrook, Martin, Mr			
Fulton, Douglas, Mr	01/04/84	30/06/85	Bloxham School
Gadney, Mark, Mr			
Gadney, Oliver, Mr	01/09/86	30/06/89	Felsted School
Garcia-Torres, Carmen, Miss	13/07/11	03/01/12	
Garrett-Sheane, Noah, Mr	07/04/11	13/12/13	Beachborough School
Gaut, P, Dr			
Gawkowski, Ralf, Mr	08/01/01	01/07/02	
Gibbins, Alexander, Mr	01/09/86	30/06/91	Oundle School
Gibbins, Rowena, Miss	09/01/96	08/07/00	Dean Close School
Gill, George, Mr	09/01/07	12/07/10	Stowe School
Gilman, Frank, Mr			
Gilman, Peter, Mr			
Gledhill, A, Mr			
Goers, Michael, Mr	06/09/99	15/03/02	
Goers, Stephanie, Miss	06/09/99	15/03/02	
Gordon-Smith, Peter, Mr			
Gough, Theo, Mr	07/01/11	19/07/11	
Granville-Hamshar, Charles, Mr	20/09/99	06/07/01	Bruern Abbey School
Granville-Hamshar, Tiffany, Miss	20/09/99	01/07/02	Westonbirt
Green, Tom, Mr			
Gregory, H, Mr			
Gregory, Paul, Mr	21/04/97	01/07/05	Uppingham School
Guell Aldama, Fatima, Miss			
Guess, Robert, Mr	01/09/86	30/06/91	Uppingham School
Guilloteau, Franck, Mr	01/09/76	01/07/79	
Gupta, Ajay, Mr	01/09/04	15/07/09	Summer Fields
Gurney, Libby, Miss		08/07/95	
Gurney, Robert, Mr	01/09/77	30/06/82	

Haggart, Michael, Mr	04/09/97	07/07/00	
Halstead, Polly, Miss	01/09/08	12/07/10	
Hamilton, Edward, Mr	01/09/84	30/06/91	
Hancock, Eric, Mr	01/09/95	06/07/01	
Harding, Laura, Miss	01/09/92	06/07/96	Oakham School
Hargreaves, Colin, Mr			
Hargreaves, David, Mr	01/09/34	30/06/37	
Hargreaves, Gordon, Mr			
Harmon, Keira, Miss	05/09/11	06/07/12	
Harper, Jonathan, Mr	01/09/68	30/06/73	
Harrison, Michael, Mr	01/09/52	31/07/57	
Harrison, Nicholas, Mr			
Hart, Christopher, Mr	05/09/96	01/07/05	St Edward's School
Hart, K, Mr			
Harvey, Roger, Mr			
Hawksfield, Henry, Mr	01/09/92	05/07/97	Rugby School
Hayes, M, Mr			
Hayman, C, Mr			
Head, Lawrence, Mr	05/09/99	31/07/02	Oundle School
Hendry, Simon, Mr	01/09/71	31/07/76	
Herrod, Clare, Mrs			
Hibbins, Jolyon, Mr	01/09/89	30/06/92	
Hibbins, Marcus, Mr	01/09/89	30/06/92	
Hill, Allen, Mr	01/09/37	30/06/42	
Hill, Dermot, Mr	01/09/63	30/06/68	
Hill, Giles, Mr	01/09/85	08/07/95	Sherborne School
Hindley, C, Dr			
Hindley, J, Mr			
Hine, David, Mr	01/09/86	30/06/92	Bloxham School
Hine, I, Mr	01/09/64	30/06/69	
Hine, James, Mr	01/09/85	30/06/91	Bloxham School
Hodges, Harold, Mr			
Hodgkinson, J, Mr	01/01/30	01/01/34	
Horn, Edward, Mr	01/09/05	11/07/08	Summer Fields
Horn, Olivia, Miss	01/09/05	11/07/08	Cheltenham Ladies College
Horwood, Anthony, Mr			
Horwood, Tim, Mr			
Hudson, Patrick, Mr	01/09/04	01/07/07	Rugby School
Hudson-Davies, B, Mr	01/09/41	30/06/46	
Humphrey, Lucy, Miss	07/09/98	31/07/04	Oundle School
Humphrey, Sophie, Miss	07/09/98	31/07/02	Tudor Hall

Humphrey, Thomas, Mr	05/09/96	08/07/00	Uppingham School
Hunt, Justin, Mr	01/04/79	30/12/81	
Hunter, Ian, Mr	01/09/73	30/06/78	
Hutt, Francesca, Miss	01/09/04	07/07/06	Stowe School
Jackson, Harriet, Miss	01/04/81	30/06/86	
Jackson, Tabitha, Miss			
Jahn, Alexander, Mr	09/01/08	04/07/14	Brighton College
Jahn, Katarina, Miss	03/09/07	04/07/14	Brighton College
James, Anthony, Mr			
James, Archie, Mr	01/09/07	12/07/10	
James, Christopher, Mr	01/09/61	30/06/66	
James, Hamish, Mr	01/04/10	05/07/13	Uppingham School
James, Iona, Miss	07/11/05	11/07/08	Tudor Hall
James, Oliver, Mr	04/09/00	01/07/02	Stowe School
Jameson, Harry, Mr	04/01/10	23/05/14	Waddesdon CE Secondary
Jameson, Thomas, Mr	01/01/07	23/05/14	Waddesdon CE Secondary
Jeffrey, Simon, Mr			
Jevons, David, Mr			
Johnson, R, Mr			
Johnson-Ferguson, Emma, Miss	01/09/08	15/07/09	Wycombe Abbey School
Johnston, Beatrice, Miss		19/07/11	
Johnston, Xavier, Mr		19/07/11	
Jones, Kingsley, Mr			
Jones, Lucy, Miss	03/09/95	05/07/97	St Dunstan's College
Jones, Marcus, Mr	01/09/87	30/06/93	Abingdon School
Jones, Michelle, Miss			
Jones, Richard, Mr	01/09/69	30/06/74	
Jones, Simon, Mr	01/09/90	30/06/92	Bloxham School
Jones, Victoria, Miss		08/07/95	
Jones, William, Mr			
Jopling, John, Mr			
Keeling, J, Rev			
Kendall, Angus, Mr	01/05/68	31/07/73	
Kenyon, A, Mr	01/09/64	30/06/69	
Kerrigan, Benjamin, Mr	08/01/96	06/07/01	St Edward's School
Kerr-Muir, Edward, Mr			

Kershaw, Tim, Mr			
Khodyrev, Vladimir, Mr	14/09/96	05/07/97	
Kilbourn, Anthony, Mr	01/09/68	30/06/73	
Kimbell, Robert, Mr			
Kirk, Alexandre, Mr	01/09/90	08/07/95	Eton College
Kopley Jnr, Austin, Mr	01/09/77	30/12/79	
Kronsten, Henry, Mr	01/09/58	30/06/63	
Kruc, Oliver, Mr	13/01/97	09/07/99	Burford
Laidlaw, James, Mr	01/09/98	31/07/04	Abingdon School
Lambert, Benjamin, Mr	01/04/84	30/06/89	Radley College
Lambley, Derek, Mr			
Lamond, Nicholas, Mr	01/09/86	30/06/88	
Lamond, William, Mr	01/01/85	31/07/89	
Lane, R, Mr			
Langton-Kendall, A R G, Mr			
Lankester, Judy, Miss	01/09/85	30/06/88	Headington School
Lankester, Sally, Miss	01/09/81	30/06/85	
Larratt, Robert, Mr			
Last, Alexander, Mr	01/09/02	01/07/04	St Edward's School
Latham, Jonathan, Mr	01/09/74	30/06/79	
Latham, Nicholas, Mr	01/04/76	30/06/81	
Lawrence, Henry, Mr	01/09/02	01/07/05	
Lea-Cox, Nigel, Mr			
Lee, Alexander, Mr			
Lee, Nicholas, Mr			
Lee, Timothy, Mr			
Lees-Millais, Catherine, Miss	01/09/03	01/07/05	Downe House
Leiper, Marina, Miss	16/02/11	19/07/11	
Lewis, T, Mr			
Lines, Thomas, Mr	01/09/66	30/06/67	
Lloyd, Angharad, Miss	01/09/86	01/06/91	Cheltenham Ladies
Lloyd, Simon, Mr	01/09/85	30/06/90	Uppingham School
Lloyd-Williams, Matthew, Mr	01/09/91	06/07/96	St Edward's School
Lord, Conner, Mr	06/09/99	01/07/03	
Lowe, Emilia, Miss			
Lowe, Hector, Mr	04/09/97	31/07/04	St Edward's School
Lowes, M, Dr			
Lucey, John, Mr			
Lumley, James, Mr	01/09/87	30/06/90	Felsted School



MacGregor, Philip, Mr			
Maclean, Robert, Mr			
Madden, Richard, Mr			
Mainwaring, William, Capt.			
Mair, P, Mr			
Mallender, J, Mr	01/09/53	30/06/58	
Mallinson, Tom, Capt.			
Maltin, James, Mr			
Maltin, Tim, Mr			
Marshall, Luke, Mr	01/09/95	07/09/99	Royal Latin, Buckingham
Marshall, Toby, Mr			
Marston, Fleur, Miss	01/09/04	15/07/09	Milfield Prep School
Mason, Peter, Mr	01/09/62	30/06/66	
Massey, Rachel, Miss		19/03/96	
Matthews, Jan, Mr	01/09/82	30/06/88	
Matthews, Stuart, Mr	01/09/80	30/06/85	
Mawdsley, C, Mr			
McAuliffe, Patrick, Mr			
McCarthy, Anthony, Mr		30/06/64	Stowe School
McCarthy, Patrick, Mr	01/09/65	30/06/69	
McColl, W, Mr			
McLachlan, Daniel, Mr	01/09/86	30/06/91	Uppingham School
McLean, Stuart, Mr			
Meades, Miranda, Miss	19/04/99	31/07/02	Rugby School
Merrikin, Richard, Mr			
Miles, John, Mr			
Miller, G, Mr	01/09/57	30/06/61	
Miller, Nicholas, Mr	01/01/85	30/06/88	Ampleforth College
Miller, Peter, Mr			
Miller, Peter, Mr	01/01/84	30/06/88	Ampleforth College
Mitcham, Max, Mr	01/09/03	07/07/06	Bloxham School
Monaghan, Christian, Mr	01/09/04	06/07/07	
Montagu, Christopher, Wing Cmdr.			
Montagu, John, Dr			
Moore, Graham, Mr	01/09/49	30/06/54	
Moore, N, Mr			

Moore, Toby, Mr	01/09/67	30/06/72	
Mossman, Georgia, Miss	01/09/03	01/07/07	Uppingham School
Mossman, Tomas, Mr	01/01/92	10/07/98	
Motraghi, Elizabeth, Miss	04/09/00	01/07/03	Carrdus School
Muirhead-Allwood, W, Mr	01/09/54	30/06/59	
Murray, George, Mr			
Musgrave, Lucy, Miss	01/01/90	01/07/95	Downe House
Muskett, James, Mr			
Myrvang, Lars, Mr	06/09/98	09/07/99	
Nash, David, Mr			
Nash, Richard, Mr	01/09/84	30/06/89	Stowe School
Nava Villarreal, Salvador, Mr			
Newby, Samuel, Mr	01/09/04	15/07/09	Northamptonshire Grammar School
Newington, Henry, Mr	01/01/90	08/07/95	Oundle School
Newman, Alexandra, Miss	01/09/90	30/06/92	Sevenoaks School
Nicholls, John, Mr	01/09/55	30/06/60	
Nickless, James, Mr	01/09/86	30/06/91	
Niemiec, Nathan, Mr	19/04/99	16/06/00	
Niemiec, Rachel, Miss	19/04/99	16/06/00	
Nixon, Matilda, Miss	03/09/14	08/07/16	
Noble, James, Mr			
Noble, Julian, Mr			
Norwood, Roger, Mr			
Orme, James, Mr	01/01/02	01/03/04	
Orr, D, Mr	01/09/36	30/06/41	
Orshoski, Clayton, Mr	19/04/99	07/07/00	
Osborn, Rodney, Mr	01/01/81	30/06/86	
Page, Edward, Mr	01/09/94	09/07/99	Stowe School
Palmer, M, Mr			
Park, Simon, Mr	01/09/54	30/06/59	
Parker, Tom, Mr	01/01/82	30/06/87	
Parrish, David, Mr			
Parry, Richard, Mr			
Pattison, Douglas, Mr			
Peace, Oliver, Mr			
Peace, Rupert, Mr	01/09/87	30/06/91	Bloxham School
Pearson-Burton, Matthew, Mr	01/09/90	30/06/93	St Edward's School
Pearson-Burton, Simon, Mr	01/06/92	05/07/97	St Edward's School
Pearson-Burton, Timothy, Mr	01/09/90	30/06/95	St Edward's School
Peck, Bethany, Miss	01/04/02	01/07/03	

Peer, Abubakr, Mr	05/09/06	23/03/09	
Penrose, James, Mr	01/09/65	30/06/70	
Penrose, Rory, Mr	01/09/67	30/06/72	
Pepper, Mark, Mr			
Perkins, Joseph, Mr	01/01/85	30/06/90	Charterhouse School
Perkins, William, Mr	01/01/95	20/03/99	Oakham School
Phillips, Anna, Miss	01/01/89	01/07/92	Malvern Girls School
Phillips, David, Mr			
Phillips, Julian, Mr			
Phillips, Richard, Mr			
Phillips, Jack, Mr	04/09/06	06/07/12	
Pickard, Charles, Mr	01/09/56	30/06/61	
Polito, Charles, Mr	01/09/54	30/06/59	
Polito, Giles, Mr			
Polito, Simon, Mr			
Polito, Thomas, Dr			
Pool, T, Mr			
Popplewell, Andrew, Mr			
Pratelli, J, Mr	01/09/55	30/06/59	
Price, Oliver, Mr	01/04/04	01/07/05	St Edward's School
Prichard, Mervyn, Mr	01/09/29	30/06/34	
Prickett, Edward, Mr			
Prodger, Mathew, Mr	01/09/84	30/06/87	Radley College
Prowse, Justin, Mr	01/09/86	30/06/90	Oundle School
PYM, JOSEPH, Mr	01/01/09	12/07/10	
Radford, Tim, Mr			
Randall, Stuart, Mr		06/07/96	
Rankin, William, Mr			
Ratcliff, Edward, Mr			
Readett-Bayley, Nicholas, Mr	01/09/81	30/06/86	
Reaston-Brown, Charles, Mr	20/04/98	31/12/01	
Redlich, C, Mr	01/09/39	30/06/45	
Redston, Peter, Mr	09/01/89	30/06/94	Uppingham School
Redston, Philip, Mr	01/09/88	30/06/92	Uppingham School
Remes, Hamilton, Mr	01/01/83	30/06/88	
Rhys-Jones, D, Mr			
Robbins, Joshua, Mr	01/01/02	01/07/03	Weedon Lois C of E Primary

Roberts, Hector, Mr		07/04/11	
Roberts, Jemima, Miss	05/09/07	15/08/08	
Roberts, Nicola, Miss	01/04/02	06/07/12	St Edward's School
Roberts, William, Mr	01/09/05	15/07/09	Bruern Abbey School
Robinson, Alistair, Mr	01/09/73	30/06/79	
Robinson, Christopher, Mr			
Robinson, M, Mr			
Robinson, Stuart, Mr	06/09/99	15/12/06	
Robson, Chris, Mr			
Rogers, Scarlett, Miss	07/01/09	06/07/12	
Rogers, Toby, Mr	07/01/09	19/07/11	Abberley Hall School
Ross, Stephen, Mr			
Rothwell, Nicholas, Mr			
Rouse, Richard, Mr	01/09/41	30/06/44	
Rowlands, Jamie, Mr	01/01/81	30/06/86	
Rowlands, Nick, Mr	01/09/79	30/06/84	
Royce, M, Mr			
Rusby, G, Mr			
Russell Welpy, Tod, Mr	01/09/94	09/07/99	Uppingham School
Russell, Callum, Mr	01/11/04	12/07/10	
Russell, Jamie, Mr	01/11/04	12/07/10	
Russell, Martin, Mr			
Sain-Ley-Berry-Gray, Chris, Mr			
Sain-Ley-Berry-Gray, Henrietta, Miss	03/09/97	09/07/99	
Sain-Ley-Berry-Gray, Hugo, Mr			
Sain-Ley-Berry-Gray, Sebastian, Mr	01/09/91	01/07/96	Rugby School
Sale, Oliver, Mr	07/09/98	30/03/00	
Salmon, Harry, Mr	27/11/06	12/07/10	
Salmon, Michaela, Miss	04/01/10	12/07/10	
Samworth, Victoria, Miss	01/09/89	30/06/91	Oundle School
Sanchez, Estaban, Mr	01/09/94	08/07/95	
Sansom, Matthew, Mr			
Satterly, Dominic, Mr	01/04/84	30/06/89	Rugby School
Satterly, James, Mr			
Saunders, James, Mr	21/04/97	31/07/02	Kingham Primary School
Savage, Alexander, Mr	04/09/95	31/07/04	Stowe School

Savage, Olivia, Miss	11/01/00	15/07/09	Stowe School
Savory, Robert, Mr	01/09/44	30/06/49	
Scott, Leopold, Mr	04/09/00	01/07/04	Kingham Hill School
Scrafton, Hugh, Mr	01/09/87	30/06/92	Bloxham School
Seagroatt, Alexa, Miss	01/09/88	30/06/92	Headington School
Serby, , Mr			
Sevastopulo, Seb, Mr	01/09/86	30/06/89	Haileybury School
Shaddick, Philip, Mr	01/09/46	30/06/51	
Shakespeare, David, Mr	01/09/87	30/06/92	Uppingham School
Shakespeare, Emma, Miss	01/09/90	30/06/94	Rugby School
Shakespeare, Fleur, Miss	31/05/00	31/12/01	
Sharp, D, Mr			
Sharp, Katie, Miss	19/04/99	31/07/02	
Sharp, R, Mr	01/09/46	30/06/50	
Sharp, Tim, Mr			
Shepherd-Cross, Letitia, Mrs			
Sheppard, A, Mr			
Sheppard, Edward, Mr	01/09/81	30/06/90	Uppingham School
Sheppard, Paul, Mr			
Shukman, Jack, Mr	06/09/99	09/12/00	
Simpson, Tom, Mr	01/09/34	30/06/36	
Skyrme, William, Mr			
S-L-B-Gray, Sebastian, Mr	01/09/91	06/07/96	
Slinger, John, Mr			
Smith-Bingham, Charlotte, Miss			
Soar, Rupert, Mr	01/09/73	30/06/77	
Soden, William, Mr	01/09/85	30/06/90	St Edward's School
Soskin, Hugo, Mr	01/01/81	30/06/85	
Soskin, Simon, Capt.	01/09/77	30/06/82	
Sparrow, T, Mr			
Speigl, Hugo, Mr	01/09/74	30/03/79	
Spellman, Kai, Mr	05/09/96	01/07/04	Chenderit School
Spencer, Henry, Mr	01/09/03	01/07/07	Oundle School
Stanier, John, Field Marshall			
Stanley, David, Mr	01/09/62	30/06/66	
Staples, Adam, Mr			
Starling, P, Mr	01/09/50	30/06/56	

Stewart, James, Mr			
Stewart, John, Capt.	01/09/35	30/06/36	
Stewart, Richard, Mr			
Stockings, Laurence, Mr	15/09/00	01/07/01	
Stone, Edward, Mr			
Stringer, Ben, Mr	01/09/10	06/07/12	
Stringer, Emilia, Miss	01/09/10	06/07/12	
Stuart, Rory, Mr	09/01/89	30/06/94	Uppingham School
Stuart, Thomas, Mr	09/01/89	30/06/92	Uppingham School
Swain, Julian, Mr	01/09/84	30/06/89	Uppingham School
Sweeting, Marie-Heloise, Ms			
Symonds, Bernard, Mr	01/09/39	30/06/43	
Tagger, Ben, Mr	01/09/88	30/06/93	Radley College
Tait, Mathew, Mr			
Tasker, Owain, Mr	01/09/02	01/03/04	
Taylor, P, Mr	01/09/54	30/06/59	
Taylor, Richard, Mr			
Taylor, Richard, Mr			
Taylor, William, Mr			
Tedcastle, L, Mr	01/09/52	30/06/57	
Teesdale, Simon, Mr	01/04/81	30/06/86	
Temple, Edward, Mr			
Temple, Justin, Mr			
Theed, William, Mr			
Theulet Luzie, Hortense, Mlle	07/05/01	06/07/01	
Thomson, James, Mr			
Thomson, James, Mr	01/09/17	30/06/19	
Tickler, Henry, Mr	01/09/62	30/06/66	
Tickler, Peter, Mr			
Timpson, Jonathon, Mr	01/09/73	30/06/78	
Tinsley, Henry, Mr			
Tipney, Benjamin, Mr	01/09/95	06/07/96	Shiplake College
Tooley, John, Sir			
Towns, Duncan, Mr	01/09/77	30/06/82	
Tran, Leila, Miss	14/10/10	07/04/11	
Trenwith, Stephen, Mr	01/04/76	30/06/80	
Trotter, Oliver, Mr	05/09/96	01/07/05	Uppingham School
Truman, Charles, Mr		30/06/62	



Tubbs, O, Mr	01/09/49	31/07/52	
Turner, David, Mr			
Turner, Guy, Mr	01/09/75	30/06/80	
Turner, Henry, Mr	01/09/05	15/12/06	
Uthwatt, Robert, Mr			
Van de Pol, Jan, Capt.			
Vasey, Jeremy, Mr			
Vicat, Felix, Mr		06/07/96	
Wagstaff, Jeremy, Mr	01/09/70	30/06/75	
Wagstaff, Robert, Mr			
Walker, Mark, Mr	01/09/66	30/06/71	
Walker, Thomas, Mr	01/09/68	30/06/73	
Walton, James, Mr	01/09/88	30/06/92	Rugby School
Walton, Lucy, Miss	26/02/01	01/07/02	Carrus School
Walton, Sophie, Miss	01/01/02	01/07/02	
Warburton, Katherine, Miss	04/09/97	07/07/00	
Warburton, Thomas, Mr	04/09/97	07/07/00	
Ward, P.G., Mr	01/09/78	30/12/83	
Ward-Lucey, Charles, Mr	01/09/05	11/07/08	
Warner, Michael, Mr	01/09/02	01/07/04	Stowe School
Warren, David, Mr	01/09/64	30/06/69	
Warren, Jasper, Mr	01/09/75	30/12/80	St Peter's High School
Warren, Mark, Mr	01/09/70	30/12/75	
Warren, Philip, Mr			
Warren, Quentin, Mr			
Warren, Simon, Mr			
Warriner, Tim, Mr			
Webb, Daniel, Mr			
Webb, Simon, Mr			
Webster, Graham, Mr			
Webster, John, Mr			
Weldon, Henry, Mr			
Wessely, Elizabeth, Miss	04/09/95	01/07/03	Blundell's School
Wessely, William, Mr	01/01/98	31/07/03	Blundell's School
Westacott, Paul, Mr	01/09/68	30/06/73	
Westacott, Tim, Mr	01/09/65	30/06/71	
Westbrook, Kerry, Miss	01/09/84	30/06/85	Dean Close School
Westbury, Nigel, Mr			
Wetherall, Christopher, Mr			
Wetherall, Richard, Mr			

Wethey, Duncan, Mr	01/09/80	30/06/85	
Wethey, Matthew, Mr	01/09/80	30/06/83	
Wheatley, Duncan, Mr			
Wheatley, Owen, Mr			
Whitmore, Lucy, Miss	05/09/96	09/07/99	
White, G, Mr	01/09/45	30/06/51	
Whitehead, Gregory, Mr	01/09/83	30/06/88	Uppingham School
Whiteside, Timothy, Mr	01/09/70	30/06/74	
Whiting, Frances, Mr	01/09/38	30/06/40	
Wide, Adam, Mr	01/09/61	30/06/66	
Wield, Alexander, Mr	01/09/91	05/07/97	Shrewsbury School
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Wildman, James, Mr			
Williams, Christopher, Mr			
Williams, Hugh, Mr			
Williams, Matthew, Mr	01/09/89	30/06/94	Oundle School
Willmott, Gregory, Mr	01/09/75	30/06/80	
Wills, Simon, Mr			
Wilson, Alan, Mr	01/09/53	30/06/58	
Wilson, Andrew, Mr			
Wilson, John, Mr			
Winnington-Ingram, Gerald, Mr	01/09/68	30/06/73	
Winton, Charlie, Mr	01/04/02	01/07/07	Stowe School
Woodd-Walker, Paul, Mr	01/09/83	30/06/88	Uppingham School
Woodroffe, Peter, Mr			
Wright, Charlotte, Miss	23/04/01	01/07/03	
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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](mailto:emma.mcgowan@winchester-house.org).

### **CENTENARY MAY BALL**

SATURDAY 11TH MAY 2019

*Winchester House School*

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### **BRACKLEY COMMUNITY DRINKS RECEPTION**

THURSDAY 16TH MAY 2019

*Winchester House School*

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### **BRACKLEY SOAP BOX DERBY**

SUNDAY 2ND JUNE 2019

*Brackley High Street*

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### **CENTENARY CLASSIC CAR SHOW AND ALUMNI CRICKET & ROUNDERS MATCHES**

SATURDAY 8TH JUNE 2019

*Winchester House School*

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### **FIREWORKS DISPLAY**

FRIDAY 8TH NOVEMBER 2019

*Winchester House School*

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### **ADVENT FAIR**

SATURDAY 30TH NOVEMBER 2019

*Winchester House School*

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### **LONDON CAROL SERVICE & DRINKS RECEPTION**

MONDAY 9TH DECEMBER 2019

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

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