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OLD WHITGIFTIAN NEWS 2013-2014

"Quod et hunc in annum vivat et plures"

FROM THE EDITOR...

THIS is the eighth edition of *Old Whitgiftian News* and it takes us through the Whitgiftian Association and School years from the early part of 2013 to the first quarter of 2014. OWs with an interest in regular information on the School's progress should also look at the magazine *Whitgift Life*, which is available on the School website (www.whitgift.co.uk).

As we approach the centenary of the start of the First World War it is worth pausing to remember the sacrifice of our predecessors in two world wars. In the First World War, our School, with no great military tradition, lost some 250 old boys, a death rate of about 18% which was typical of public school losses. In a recent ceremony at Ypres, a plaque to OWs who died in the Ypres salient was dedicated alongside those of other schools at a ceremony attended by OWs and present members of the School. On 11 November 2013 a copy of that memorial plaque was placed in South Entrance and dedicated by Canon Colin Boswell during the annual Remembrance service. The next School Remembrance service on Tuesday 11th November 2014 will mark the 100th anniversary of the outbreak of the First World War. We look forward to seeing many OWs at this service.

At the same time, the recent death of **Group Captain Arthur Montagu-Smith** (1926-32) is a reminder that we are only a year from the seventieth anniversary of the end of the Second World War. Montagu-Smith was the last surviving OW Battle of Britain pilot and one of the many celebrated airmen produced by Whitgift. There were no less than nine OW pilots in the Battle of Britain and all, survived it, although several were later killed in action. Our most famous airman, Tedder, served through both world conflicts.

A recently published book, *Public Schools and the Great War - the Generation Lost* by Anthony Seldon (former member of staff and current Master of Wellington College) and David Walsh, emphasises the deeply held sense of duty of young men of a century ago; some historians have suggested that the more sceptical approach to patriotism of



later generations would have prevented worldwide conflict.

That is not a discussion to be had here; it is, however, salutary to read the inscription from the grave of **Richard Coppin** (1910-14), a Captain in the Queen's Royal West Surrey Regiment, killed at Arras on 12 April 1917, two days before his 20th birthday: "*Nobly he passed, the great surrender made; into the light that nevermore shall fade*".

The year has seen further development in the WA with two administrators now located in the office at the School. This has been most helpful in making progress with the website to provide more news and information. It is proving more efficient to organise dinners, reunions and other events from the new office. Once again the thanks of all OWs is due to the small number of people who have ensured that change has been successfully implemented. It remains our aim to provide an alumni organisation which can meet the requirements of the 21st century without diluting the strengths of the OWA developed over a century and more.

OW News reports on the many successes of OWs in public life and notes also the lives of some of those now sadly deceased. Although the internet makes following up the activities of OWs less of a challenge than in the past and social networking sites help OWs keep in touch with each other, there remains a place for traditional communication.

Remember many OWs are fascinated to hear news of the careers and other activities of OWs, whether or not they are contemporaries. This is particularly the case after many years of silence. Readers, please do not hesitate to make contact and let us know what you have been doing for the last ten (or sixty) years. OWs may also send letters and messages directly to the WA office at the School or to the Clubhouse either by traditional or electronic means to:

office@whitgiftianassociation.co.uk or to clubhouse@owa.org. **Terry Brown** (1959-64) also continues the role of Overseas Correspondent and can be contacted at t.brwn@blueyonder.co.uk.
Nigel Platts

WA OFFICIALS 2013-2014

President: S Woodrow, *Senior Vice-President and President for 2014:* D Stranack *Chairman:* P Burley,

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Editor of WA Newsletter: R C Blundell, *Editor of OW News:* N L Platts

PRESIDENTS

STUART WOODROW & DAVID STRANACK

THE President for 2013 was **Stuart Woodrow** (1968 - 1975). He has been a most active President in a year which saw the establishment of the new WA office at Haling Park and many other new innovations. The Whitgiftian Association owes a debt to Stuart for his enthusiastic and hard working presidency and his close involvement in all aspects of the new arrangements. Stuart has been a great ambassador for the WA and has presided at an increasing number of events, not least a highly successful Annual Dinner at the Army and Navy Club. During all this, he has managed to find time to continue as Chairman of the OW Cricket Club a role to which he was elected in 2005, following in his father's footsteps.

Stuart's successor for 2014 is **David Stranack** (1949-55). The following gives an indication of David's involvement over the years to matters Whitgiftian, but modestly understates the immense effort and talent he has brought to whatever job he has been asked to do. David years at Whitgift were 1949 to 1955. He previously attended Cumnor House preparatory school. His first job was with Barclays Bank where he soon became involved with the bank's early computer systems, and this set the pattern for the rest of his working life. In 1968 he joined an embryonic computer services company called Centre-file and over the next 26 years helped to grow it to an £80m business. Croham Road and OW affairs have always been a significant part of David's life. He played rugby for the OWRFC for twenty years and has filled numerous different roles for both the Rugby Club and the OWA. He has also been on the committee of the Whitgiftian Benevolent Society for many years, and is a past Secretary and Chairman of the Society. David is married to Ann, who went to Croydon High School. They have one daughter, who also went to the High School and who is married to an Old Whitgiftian, and three sons - one Old Whitgiftian and two Old Emanuels. Eight grandchildren complete the family. More recently, David has become an author and charity worker. His book, *Schools at War*, features the experiences of many schools, including Whitgift, during the second world war. He has for many years been closely involved with the international charity SOS Children, which looks after 78,000 orphans around the world.



REUNIONS



The Army and Navy Club

WA Annual Dinner

The 2013 Annual Dinner, which was again fully subscribed, was held at the Army and Navy Club ("The RAG"). There were speeches from **Captain John Jacobsen** (1941-48), former President of both the WA and the RAG, from **General Sir Peter Wall** (1965-73), from the Headmaster and from the President of the WA, **Stuart Woodrow**. Diners were amused by John's introduction to the club and by Peter's reminiscences of life at School and in the army, interested by Stuart's lively words about the pleasures of being President of the WA and staggered by the Headmaster's summary of successes and plans for the School. Once again, it was a pleasure to see a very wide range of ages amongst the diners.

OW Army Dinner

In September 2013 an OW Army Dinner was held at the Rifles Club in Davies Street, W1. This remarkable event, held to celebrate General Sir Peter Wall's term as Chief of the General Staff, attracted nearly eighty current and former OW officers. It was hailed by all as a resounding success.



Stuart Woodrow, Jon Bunn, Keith Hopkins and Nick Somers

Vice Presidents' Dinner

On 8 November 2013, a Vice Presidents' Dinner was hosted at School by Stuart Woodrow, President of the WA. The dinner was attended by forty OWs, including nine Past Presidents, twenty four Vice Presidents and members of the WA Main Committee with the Headmaster, Dr Christopher Barnett, as Guest of Honour.

After drinks in the Founder's Room, the party made its way to the familiar surroundings of the Old Library where they enjoyed a first class four course dinner. Entertainment was provided by seventeen year old Dan-Julian Drutac, who played Ysaye's "Ballade" for solo violin with all the panache that might be expected from the winner of the School's International Music Competition. Afterwards, the President welcomed OW author Peter Cox who, with a little help from WA Chairman, Pip Burley, amused diners with a series of extracts from his book *Memories of Whitgift – the Boys' Own Tales*. This was followed by a short update on WA matters by the Chairman who concluded with a toast to the School and Headmaster. Dr Barnett responded by congratulating the Whitgiftian Association on its recent re-launch and welcomed the greater engagement with sixth formers, together with

careers advice and mentoring. He went on to summarise recent developments at the School, including the opening of the Boarding House by HRH Prince Andrew, and referred to the rôle that he hoped OWs might play in the School's further development.

1948 Prefects



Back row (l to r): John Lindblom, John Foster, Tony Black, Prof Bryan Harrison CBE, Alan Forrest. Front row (l to r): Bryan Stokes, Paul Price, Dr Christopher Barnett (Headmaster), Ian Beer CBE, Roy Lewis CBE, Raman Subba Row CBE

Old Whitgiftians who were Prefects in 1948 have met for lunch for the last time at Whitgift School. The group of gentlemen has met regularly since the first reunion in 1958, a testament to the bonds that were built at Whitgift more than 65 years ago. Roy Lewis, organiser of the reunions from the start and WA Past-President said, "There were 27 prefects appointed during the year and nearly all were at our original reunion in 1958. That number has dwindled now to 18. We've got to the stage where we don't know who may or may not turn up! Some of us travel a considerable distance to attend and that gets harder as the years go by. There comes a time when you know to call it a day. Still, we are extremely proud of our record." The group of ten ex-prefects and their wives attended the final reunion lunch at the School at the Headmaster's invitation. They joined Headmaster, Dr Christopher Barnett, for drinks prior to making their way to the Old Library for lunch, some short speeches, and a healthy helping of nostalgia.

Prefects 1962-63



Back row (l to r): Peter Kelly, Humphrey Claxton, Bob Justice, Paul Champness, David Sweet, Michael Bussell, Roger Bibby, Nick Wagner, Ian McCall, Alastair Lack, Chris Jenkins. Front row: Brian Councell, Mike Smith, Peter Cox, Brian Allison, Ken Ellis, Robin Holt.

The Prefects from 1962/3 continued the recent tradition of fiftieth anniversary lunches at the charming Horse and Groom

in Belgravia, usually closed on Saturdays but opened specially by the engaging publican Aiden Ganley. We had the pub to ourselves for a lunch that the redoubtable Ma Henry would have been pleased to call her own, even if there was no semolina. Seventeen made it in the end, fewer than in recent years – there are quite a few who live abroad or who've slipped off the WA radar - while one, John Knightley, school captain in 1964/5, was undergoing some tough chemo. Brian Allison, school captain 1962/3, spoke after Peter Cox explained what had been happening at the WA and recalled items from his book, *Memories of Whitgift*, including the infamous Desk Swap in which participants of the equivalent reunion a few years back were heavily involved, from the School Captain himself downwards...

Upper Fifth 1952-53 reunion

We have discovered a real goodie from amidst the electronic wonderland (aka nightmare?) of 21st century technology. Courtesy of Skype, Alan and Miriam Stocks were able to join us at this year's Upper Fifth (1952-53) reunion on 13 November 2013. It was a pleasure to see those from Down

Under in good form as were Messrs: Ron Bernard, Roger Brasier, David Brewster, Ian Brown, John David, Brian Halfacre, John Hamilton, Kenneth Rokison, John Sutcliffe, John Webb and your scribe and to



receive news from all our absent, extant colleagues: Messrs Hartley, Haywood, Hilton, Howard, Kennedy, Parkinson, Ryde, Tisdall and Trott. We were all delighted to join together and celebrate another year without loss. Conversation was plentiful, well fuelled by our resident hostess, Angela Warren, to whom everyone extended thanks once again for her generous hospitality.

God willing we shall soldier on toward our 62nd anniversary next autumn.

Peter Warren (1947-56) per pro Superior Quinti 1952-53

OWs in the City



On 20th February, 2013, nearly 40 OWs met at the Market Porter, Borough Market, for another evening of networking and reminiscing about Whitgift, all helped along with a pint or two. Ages ranged from 20 to 58 and new friendships were formed and hopefully career opportunities may follow. The format is simple: we meet near London Bridge Station after work; create a whip and the youngest there fetches the drinks. All OWs are welcome to attend these quarterly events – look out on Facebook and LinkedIn for the details. *Nick Somers*

Sportsman's Lunch



This year's Sportsman's Lunch in November 2013 saw over fifty OWs, staff and parents (in a colourful array of club blazers) gather for the WA's annual for pre-lunch drinks in the School's splendid new 6th Form Centre where Adrian Norris talked about the 1st XV's successful tour to Hong Kong, New Zealand and Cook Islands as well as their season thus far.

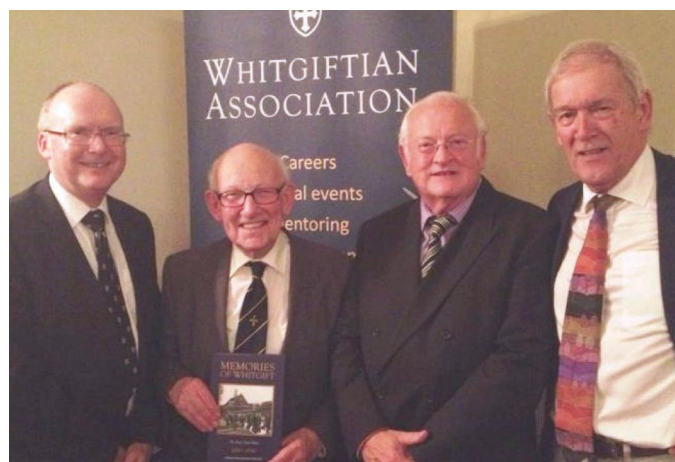
There was also an update from Phil Fladgate on the numerous OW successes in professional rugby. A superb meal in the Old Library accompanied by generous amounts of wine, a slug of port and a rousing performance of "Carmen", left diners in excellent spirits to move to Big Side and cheer on the 1st XV against Dulwich and relish a deserved and exciting win (15-8) against the old enemy.

Founder's Day in New Zealand

A Founder's Day 2014 get together in New Zealand was organised by **Philip Holdway-Davis** (1971-76). A small group (six OWs, a former member of staff and an OMW) met in a pub. The others present were **Dr Oliver Ball** (1974-82), **Robin Ball** (Staff 1969-88), **Tim Forbes** (1955-60), **Nick Lowe** (1969-76), **Ian Lucas** (1943-51), **Simon Kennedy** (1980-88) and Dr Alan Mitson (OMW). Philip writes "thank you all for turning up and making it such an enjoyable and memorable evening. Good that (young) Simon Kennedy popped along too after spotting the poster in the pub. Nice to see that Messrs Ball and Forbes were mentioned in the 1973 and 1978 Whitgiftian magazines that I brought along. Good to see Alan representing Trinity. Need some of the Old Palace ladies to come along next time also! Great to see that we lead the world (time-wise) in our celebrations, especially since Princess Anne joined us at the Founder's Day service 'up-over' in Croydon". Philip is now planning a lunch for Founder's Day 2015.

Other Reunions

Howard Bairstow (1958-66) writes of a get together of 1966 leavers that took place on 27 February 2013. **John Bowerman Davies** (1958-66), **David Munns** (1959-66), **Chris Palmer** (1959-66) and Howard met for the first time for nearly forty years. John was visiting the UK from Kentucky where he now lives, David travelled from Suffolk, Chris came up from Devon and Howard arranged for the meeting at Newbury where he lives. It was a wonderful meeting of old friends and though the years have flown by the camaraderie and affection of old friends lived on.



Stuart Woodrow with past Headmaster, David Raeburn, Pip Burley and Peter Cox at the Cambridge dinner.

Regional Dinners

There were well attended 2013 dinners in Tiverton (June) and Cambridge (October), organised impeccably by, respectively, **David Stranack** and **John Humphries** (1948-56).

1963 1st XI at Lords

Whitgiftians who played in the 1963 1st XI gathered at Lord's on Wednesday 23rd October 2013, to mark the 50th Anniversary of the team. Tim McCann sent apologies and contact details for three others - David Sharp, Duncan Gibson and Richard Powell - are sadly not known. Alas, Ian Penfold has died.

The day began with a group photo of the 1963 team alongside WG Grace in the Coronation Garden at Lord's, followed by short tour of the Pavilion, with visits to the Long Room, the Committee Room and the Bowlers Bar.

An excellent lunch was taken in the MCC Committee Dining Room, with short but eloquent speeches from Jeffrey James, the 1963 captain and John Branston, who in particular recalled Eddie Watts. Post lunch, Whitgiftians explored the museum, the indoor school and generally soaked in the surroundings. The get-together was enormous fun, with a lively mixture of reminiscences of 1963 (in a rain affected season, the team played nine, won five, drew one and lost three) and catching up on the last fifty years. Everyone recognised everyone else and by a nice serendipity, the England team was also at Lord's for a photo, prior to flying out to Australia. Perhaps other Whitgift teams 'fifty years on' may follow suit?



From left to right: Ian McCall, Jeffrey James, Neil Tosh, John Branston, Chris Teasdale, Alastair Lack, Roger Bibby (WG Grace), Peter Cox, John Rawlings, David Earl, Bob Schad, David Jordan, Brian Allison, Stephen Dillon.

OWs should remember that small group reunions are well worthwhile. The WA will always be happy to help with contact addresses.

OW Connections in Cumbria and a Tragedy a Hundred and Ten Years on

The Editor writes:

During a recent visit to our house in the Lake District, my wife Anne and I made an expedition to St Olaf's Church, Wasdale. The reason, other than it is a tiny and beautiful church in a wonderful location near where I was born, is that our daughter Hannah had previously noticed that one of the climbers whose graves are in the churchyard was from Croydon. Anne speculated that he might have been an OW. I have now checked and confirmed that he was an OW, **Harry Jupp** (1886-91) (he was number 1433 on the register). He was the son of Charles Jupp, brother of at least three other OWs and lived at Whitgift Lodge, Wellesley Road. He died, aged 29, with three other climbers in 1903, almost exactly 110 years prior to our visit. The climbers were roped together and

one slipped, leading to all four being killed. One, a master at Fettes College in Edinburgh, came from Windermere and is buried there; the other three are buried at St Olaf's. It was the worst recorded climbing accident in England up until 1954. Prior to 1977 St Olaf's was a church without dedication to a saint. The then vicar of Eskdale determined that there should be a dedication and suggested St Olaf because of the significant Viking influence on the Western Lake District. That vicar was **Rev Raymond Bowers** (1927-33) who had been a missionary in Kenya but returned to England for his children's education: his son Bob was at school from 1961-64 and played in the 1st XV.

During the Second World War, Raymond Bowers was padre to the 1st Airborne Division and parachuted into Arnhem as part of Operation Market Garden. In 1994, on the 50th anniversary, he again parachuted into Arnhem!

It would be a splendid gesture for a school expedition to go to the Lake District to lay a Whitgiftian tribute on Jupp's grave.

Nigel Platts

OLD WHITGIFTIANS IN THE NEWS



In the last edition we reported how **Tim Davie** (1980-85) was appointed acting Director General of the BBC following the crisis resignation of the incumbent. It seems that OWs in broadcasting are never far from controversy: **Ralph Lee** (1981-89), *left*, who has been head of Factual for Channel 4 since late 2011, was responsible for commissioning

Benefits Street, television's most talked about programme of early 2014. Ralph appeared on Newsnight and This Morning to defend the show against claims that it demonised benefits claimants.

Warren Tucker (1973-80), formerly Chief Financial Officer of Cobham plc, has been appointed Chairman of PayPoint,

the listed payment services provider which handles more than £14bn from 760m transactions a year: it is used by major high street retailers such as Sainsbury's Local and Tesco Express as well as thousands of independent outlets. The company also operates LINK cash machines and parcels delivery for customers such as Amazon, John Lewis and House of Fraser. Warren started his career with Arthur Andersen before taking senior appointments with British Airways and Cable & Wireless. In addition to his new position, he will remain a non executive director of Reckitt Benckiser and Thomas Cook.





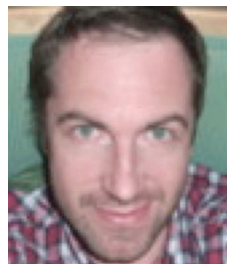
When The Times published its 2014 list of the 500 most influential people in the UK, three OWs were included - in advertising, **Jerry Buhlmann** (1973-78), Chief Executive of Aegis, in the City, **Gerry Grimstone** (1960-67), Chairman of Standard Life and of The CityUK, and in literature, **Neil Gaiman** (1974-77).



Not content with writing a massive and well received book on the history of pop music (see below), **Bob Stanley** (1976-83) provided a week-long series in The Times entitled Pop School which listed and commented on the best twenty bands, songs, lyrics and instrumentalists in the history of

pop. Of course it was subjective and many were the letters and comments to the newspaper complaining about his choices (and omissions). Bob is extraordinarily knowledgeable on his subject and his choices, although sometimes controversial, had the merit of encouraging discussion. From the viewpoint of your Editor, his choice of The Shangri Las as number 13 in the best bands of all time enhanced the credibility of his thought processes and brought back 1962/3 as nothing else could!

Nigel Walk (1984-89), who has previously appeared in OW News as the producer of a television documentary about his school contemporary **Derren Brown** (1981-89), was the producer of the documentary The Search for Alfred the Great, shown on BBC 2 in January 2014. Over the past ten years Nigel has been producer, director, or both, on several documentary programmes, including two episodes of Coast.



Neil Gaiman (1974-77) attended an unusual event when Portsmouth council invited him to a road naming ceremony. The council used Neil's link with Southsea, where he lived for some time as a child, as a reason to name a small previously unnamed road after his latest book The Ocean at the End of the Lane. The day was "Wonderful, silly, funny and nice" according to Neil. He went on to say "The majority of the people who pass this road will probably not know anything about me or my book. They will just see it and then the ocean at the end of the lane and smile."

Roger Smith, OBE (1960-66) has stepped down as director of human rights group Justice. Roger said that he intends to do more journalism and work on a book to be titled Stop Worrying and Learn to Love Human Rights. He will also be carrying out research, looking at the rôle played by websites and telephone hotlines in providing people with legal advice. The work has been triggered by the Legal Aid, Sentencing and Punishment of Offenders Act, which removes legal aid for many areas of law and proposes a mandatory telephone

gateway for anyone seeking civil legal aid. Roger says that his successor at Justice must combine two different skill sets: "ability to raise money and manage, and to be a public figure and take a policy line."

He became director of Justice 2001, before which he was director of the Legal Action Group for 10 years. After training at City firm of Allen & Overy, he worked at Camden



Community Law Centre, was successively the director of West Hampstead Law Centre, solicitor to the Child Poverty Action Group and director of legal education and training at the Law Society. He writes widely on legal matters and is a visiting professor at the University of London South Bank.

Very Reverend Graham Smith (1959-66) retired from his position as Dean of Norwich with effect from September 2013. He described his nine years at Norwich as being an enormous privilege "at the heart of a great cathedral ... with a daily rhythm of prayer and worship". Among the highlights of his time in Norwich was overseeing the Hstry and Refectory project opened by the Queen and the Duke of



The Norfolk Open Churches Classic Car Run starts off from the Norwich Cathedral. The Dean of Norwich, the Very Rev Graham Smith and his 1962 Daimler Dart

Edinburgh in 2010. Graham and his wife are retiring to Devon where he will continue to treasure the 1962 Daimler Dart left to him by his late brother Noël (1955-62).



Matt Lacey (1997-04) performed his first one man comedy show at the 2013 Edinburgh Festival. He is now the author of a regular blog site on *Huffington Post*, where he is described as "actor, writer, comedian and visionary-without-portfolio".

Working together...

As an example of how the School and WA can work together with outstanding success we should remember the performances at the Fairfield Halls and in Big School of the concert version of **Tarik O'Regan's** (1989-1996) opera *Heart of Darkness*. The drama of Tarik's music, the impressive involvement of boys from the School alongside professional musicians from the Royal Philharmonic and the compelling narration by **Pip Burley** (1953-1962) resulted in a spell binding experience for the audience.



Events of this nature will be at the forefront of the provision through the WA of a growing relationship between the alumni organisation and the School building on the traditional strengths of the OWA developed over a hundred years. So far, progress is most encouraging. Currently Tarik is working on a full-

length ballet, commissioned by the Dutch National Ballet; and large-scale new works for the Hallé Orchestra, Sydney Dance Company and the Royal Concertgebouw. Tarik's music has been described as "exquisite and delicate" (*The Washington Post*), generating "previously unheard sound worlds with astonishing effect" (*The Philadelphia Inquirer*). His work has been recognised with two Grammy nominations and two British Composer Awards.

HONOURS, AWARDS AND APPOINTMENTS

Operational Awards March 2014:

OBE - Lt Col Jonathan Swift (1983-91), Royal Regiment of Fusiliers, for services in Afghanistan

Queen's Birthday Honours 2013:

GCB - General Sir Peter Wall, KCB (1965-73), Chief of the General Staff was advanced to Knight Grand Cross of the Order of the Bath (GCB).

BEM - Graham Leeke (1948-56) has been recognised for his services to the community in the village of Bishop's Tachbrook, Warwickshire.

BEM - Colin Gooderson (1962-69) has been recognised for his services to young people and the community through his work with the Scout movement.

Hallam Carter-Pegg (1945-49) received a certificate from the Chief Scout thanking him for 60 years service to the Scout movement. The Chief Scout's 60 Years' Service Award follows the award in 1999 of the Silver Wolf, the highest award in Scouting. Hallam still works as a volunteer and serves on six local and national Scouting committees.

Whilst noting in the previous edition the Olivier award for his show '*Derren Brown: Svengali*', OW News failed previously to acknowledge the award to **Derren Brown** (1981-89) of a BAFTA and Royal Television Society Award 2012 for '*Derren Brown: the Experiments*'.

Matt Kelly (1986-94) wrote the music for *Sleeping with the Fishes*, which was awarded the BAFTA for Best British Short Animation at the awards ceremony in February 2014. He gave much credit to the strength of the Whitgift music department in starting his involvement in music production.



Ian Priest (1973-81) has been elected President of the Institute of Practitioners in Advertising for a two year period from March 2013. Ian Priest was a Founding Partner of VCCP and is now International Managing Director of Chime, where he heads up new ventures and international expansion. He is a former Chairman of the IPA Value of Advertising Group (from 2006 to 2008) and a non-executive director of a number of start-up businesses.

Andrew Whittaker (1986-94), has been appointed Deputy Director at CERT-UK, the newly established national Computer Emergency Response Team, which is dedicated to countering the threat increasingly posed to UK security by cyber incidents. Andrew has been serving in the Foreign and

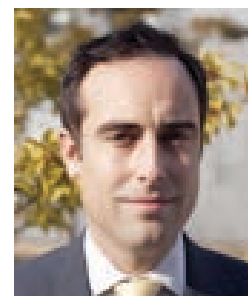
Commonwealth Office for a number of years most recently as Deputy Head, Crisis Management Department prior to which he was First Secretary in the British Embassy, Madrid.



Mark Beard (1981-89) was appointed Headmaster of University College School in Hampstead with effect from September 2013. Mark, who was School Captain at Whitgift in 1988, taught at Brighton College from 2006. He read Chemistry at Corpus Christi College, Oxford (graduating with a first class honours

degree), started his teaching career at King Edward's Birmingham and was then Head of Chemistry at St Paul's School. He has also obtained a Masters Degree in Education Management from King's College London.

Nicholas Hewlett (1991-98) has been appointed as the new Headmaster of St Dunstan's College from September 2014. Nicholas is currently the Head of Boys' School, North London Collegiate School, Jeju, South Korea. Prior to that appointment he was the Head of Geography and a Housemaster at Magdalen College School, Oxford.



He studied at King's College London, achieving a First Class Honours degree in Geography. Nicholas Hewlett is the son of Geoffrey Hewlett, who taught at Whitgift from 1978-2001 and the brother of Peter (1984-92) and the late Timothy (1986-93) who was killed while travelling in Australia, aged 18.

The appointments referred to above bring to four the number of OWs who are currently Headmasters of HMC schools - the others are **Steff Griffiths** (1982-90) at Norwich School and **Jeremy Gladwin** (1976-80) at Bishop's Stortford College. When the former members of Whitgift staff who have moved on to headships is considered (current or recent Heads at Wellington, RGS Guildford, City of London, Magdalen College School, KCS, Brentwood, King Edward's Birmingham, The Grammar School at Leeds, Ratcliffe College, Eltham College, King's Macclesfield, St Alban's) it would seem that a Whitgiftian connection is almost de rigeur for success. The recently announced appointment of current Second Master, **John Pitt**, to RGS Worcester merely reinforces this assertion.

Also on the schools' front, **Toby Griffiths** (1981-89), brother of Steff, has been appointed Head of Junior School at Dulwich College. In welcoming Toby to Dulwich, the



Master, Dr Joe Spence, said "we will be giving our new Head, Dr Toby Griffiths, a big Dulwich welcome. Dr Griffiths has been Deputy Head for over five years at Lanesborough School, an independent prep school for boys aged 3 - 13 which acts as the junior school for the Royal Grammar School in Guildford and as the choir school for Guildford Cathedral. Previously Dr Griffiths taught at Colet

Court and The Dragon School, Oxford, where he was a boarding housemaster and Head of Maths. He was educated at Whitgift and the University of Edinburgh and completed a Masters and his doctorate at Keble College, Oxford in Educational Psychology and is a music lover and sportsman - a triple hockey blue, keen golfer and a recent devotee of triathlon and cycling. He will be joined in Dulwich by his wife Vicky and their two children, a son Fred (age 9, who will join Year 5) and a daughter Eve (age 7)." He went on to say "he has a breadth of experience and knowledge that will undoubtedly benefit the Junior School enormously, and his warmth, compassion and great sense of humour will endear him to our boys". As any Whitgiftian would confirm, an OW in a senior position at Dulwich can only improve things!

Rev. Dr. Guy Collins (1984-92) is Rector of St Thomas's Episcopal Church, Hanover, New Hampshire. Guy studied for his Masters degree in Theology at St Andrews University and then obtained a PhD from the University of Cambridge for his dissertation on postmodern philosophy and theology particularly focussing on the work of the French philosopher Jacques Derrida. He was ordained within the Church of England, first working in London before moving to the US several years ago. Guy is now Episcopal Chaplain to Dartmouth College, the Ivy League university based in Hanover.

Dr James Kitchen (1995-2002) has been appointed a Senior Lecturer in War Studies at the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst. James was formerly a Lecturer in International History at UCD and was also an ERC Postdoctoral Research Fellow working on the 'Limits of Demobilisation' project. His research focuses on the demobilisation difficulties faced by



British imperial forces in Egypt after the First World War and their involvement in the suppression of the Egyptian nationalist revolt in 1919. He also works more widely on the global dimensions of the First World War and colonial conflict in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries. His DPhil thesis examined the morale and military identity of British imperial forces serving in the Sinai and Palestine campaigns of 1916-18. He has published articles on the Indian Army in Palestine and crusading rhetoric amongst British imperial soldiers serving in the Middle East during the First World War.

Dr Chris Fludger (1986-93) spoke at a major conference on Optical Networking that took place in San Francisco in March 2014. Chris received master's and doctorate degrees in electronic engineering from Cambridge. He subsequently joined Nortel Networks where he worked on electronic signal processing, advanced modulation techniques and Raman amplification. He currently works at Cisco Optical in Germany developing next generation optical transceivers. His numerous scientific publications have been cited by over 800 other authors. Chris showed early promise in computing while still at school when he and his brother Stuart developed and marketed a number of games for early home computers. These included Carnage Inc. and Pandora's Box. **Stuart Fludger** (1986-91) read medicine at St Andrew's University, specialised in anaesthetics and is now a consultant in the Wirral University Teaching Hospital NHS Foundation Trust.

City Livery Companies



There are currently no less than three OWs in the position of master or its equivalent in their liveries.

Adrian Oliver, FRICS BSc (Est. Man.)(1967-75) is Prime Warden of the Blacksmiths Company, **Alan Longhurst**, BSc BArch RIBA (1965-73) is Master of the Worshipful Company of Constructors for 2013-14 and **Simon Fleet** (1950-57) is Master of the Worshipful Company of Farriers for 2013-14.

THE SERVICES



Brigadier Neil Sexton (1978-85), previously Joint Helicopter Commander Joint Aviation Group (COMJAG) at Camp Bastion, Afghanistan, was appointed Deputy Commander, Joint Helicopter Command with effect from July 2013. Neil is now professional head of the Army Air Corps.

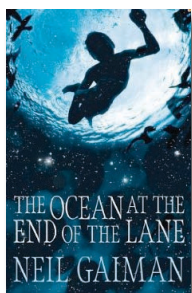
Keith Smith, who joined the staff at Whitgift in 1985, has been awarded an MBE for services to the School's Combined



Cadet Force. Mr Smith is the Contingent Commander of the thriving Whitgift CCF that currently has over 400 boys across its three sections, including two other schools, in partnership

Brigadier Duncan Francis, OBE (1969-77), formerly Defence Attaché at the British Embassy in Beijing, has been appointed Defence Attaché at the British High Commission in Nairobi.

PUBLICATIONS WITH A WHITGIFTIAN INTEREST



The latest novel from **Neil Gaiman** (1974-77) 'The Ocean at the End of the Lane', not only went straight to number one in the New York Times best seller list, but was also voted Book of the Year in the British National Book Awards for 2013. Neil continues to astonish with his penchant for writing one highly successful book after another.

Retirement from his position as Professor of History and Head of the Department of History at Leicester University would appear not to have lessened the industry and range of interests of **Rev Professor Richard Bonney** (1957-65). His publications over the past five years have included False Prophets: the Clash of Civilisations and the War on Global Terror; The Nazi War on Christianity: the Kulturkampf Newsletters 1936-39; and Warriors After War. Indian and Pakistani Retired Military Leaders Reflect on Relations between the Two Countries, Past, Present and Future. Richard Bonney made his name as a historian of France in the seventeenth century and was the founder of the Society for the Study of French History and founding editor of its journal. He was honoured by the French Government as a Chevalier dans l'Ordre des Palmes Académiques for services to French culture. Latterly, however, he has mainly focused on aspects of religious pluralism and inter faith understanding.

Mike Upton (1953-61) In the previous edition of OW News it was reported that Mike's ninth novel would be published in 2013. As promised, 'The Last Change' was published in 2013. A tenth novel will appear in 2014.

Bob Stanley (1976-83), well known as a columnist in The Times, principally on architectural and pop music, has written Yeah, Yeah, Yeah - The Story of Modern Pop. This monumental book (over 700 pages) is a comprehensive history of pop music from the early 1950s to the present. It has received lavish praise from those in the know and has been described as "audacious and addictive". The reviewer in the New Statesman went further: "There are many candidates for the title of the last man to have known everything: Leibniz, John Stuart Mill, Archimedes, take your pick. It's entirely possible that the last person to have listened to everything - everything in pop, at least - is Bob Stanley... For readability and appreciation of scale, sweep and drama, Stanley is the Antony Beevor of pop... This book will change the way you think about a protean form of music that you have known all your life and I stand in awe of it."



Dr James Kitchen (1995-2002) has published The British Imperial Army in the Middle East: 'Morale and Military Identity in the Sinai and Palestine Campaigns, 1916-18'. James's book focuses on the relatively neglected Middle Eastern theatres of combat and uses personal testimonies, official documentation and detailed research from a diverse range of archives to explore the experiences of soldiers. The campaigns in Egypt and Palestine are considered in the wider context of an empire mobilised to fight a total and global war.

SPORT



After his Olympic summer in 2012, **Lawrence Okoye** (2003-10) has moved on to a new challenge (almost certainly unique in OW history) - American Football. After extensive training sessions and impressing observers with his remarkable size and athleticism, Lawrence was signed by San Francisco 49ers. His first season was marred by injury and critics remain doubtful about his ability to make up for a background without any previous participation in the game.

There are, however, numerous sports writers who believe he can make a successful transition to his new sport.

Following hard on the heels of **Victor Moses** (2004-07) as our first international footballer, **Bertrand Traoré** (2011-13), an international for Burkina Faso, has been signed by Chelsea and is on loan to Vitesse Arnhem in the Netherlands. Victor has spent season 2013-14 on loan to Liverpool.

Dudley Tredger (1997-99 and member of staff) (épée), **Greg Allen** (1982-90) (épée) and **Maiyuran Ratneswaran** (2000-08) (sabre) were part of the England fencing team that won the 5 Nations Competition held in Edinburgh.

Luke Taylor (2009-13) and **Rob Farrington** (2008-12) were part of the England U21 hockey team that enjoyed a series win over Malaysia. These two were joined in the England team at the Hockey Junior World Cup in New Delhi, India by **Jonty Griffiths** (2009-13).

OW News has reported a number of successes in Modern Pentathlon in recent years. There have been several international representatives and the School has been a dominant force. The latest OW success is **Tom Lees** (2005-

12) who, in his first year at Oxford, where he is reading geography, was named Oxford University Sportsman of the Year after winning the individual title in the annual Varsity match. He has cemented his place as one of the top performers in the country and is currently ranked 4th in GB, despite being only 19 years old. Tom is the second OW in recent years to become Oxford University Sportsman of the Year: **Tim Catling** (1997-05) won the award in 2009 after his remarkable hat trick of tries in the 2008 Varsity rugby match.

Wing Chan (2004-09), of Trinity College, not only captained the Cambridge University table tennis team to victory over Oxford but also achieved the top first class degree of the year in his subject.

Yang-fan Zhou (2005-12), a freshman at Churchill College and already an International Master, played first board for Cambridge in the 2014 chess match against Oxford.

Marland Yarde (2008-10) marked his full international début with two tries against Argentina on the summer 2013 England tour. He also played against Australia, but injury prevented his appearance in the other autumn internationals and in the 2014 Six Nations tournament. During his lay off, however, he negotiated a lucrative move to Harlequins on completion of his contract with London Irish. Marland and **Elliott Daly** (2006-11) were on opposite sides when England played the Barbarians in a special match prior to the England tour to Argentina - they both scored scintillating tries during the match. Elliott subsequently played for the Barbarians in a match against the British and Irish Lions touring team held in Hong Kong as the Lions travelled to their tour of Australia.

The perennial **Andrew Stracey** (1965-72) is pictured receiving the trophy after winning the Welsh Senior Open Golf Championship for the second successive year. The competition was held at Abergele GC in June 2013.



There is significant OW interest in the inaugural Concession Cup golf competition in April/May 2014 in Florida. This competition features leading mid and senior amateur golfers from Great Britain & Ireland and the US in a Ryder Cup style event. The Concession Cup is named in honour of the concession by Jack Nicklaus to Tony Jacklin in the final match of the 1969 Ryder Cup, resulting in a halved match, and the new competition is played on a course jointly designed by the two of them. The GB and NI - UK team will include Andrew Stracey, a Senior 55-65, and **Peter Hedges**

(1958-65), a Super Senior over 65. Peter was a Walker Cup team member (1973 and 1975), an Eisenhower Trophy team member (1974), and winner of numerous major amateur tournaments, including the English Stroke Play Championship (1976) and the Berkshire Trophy in 1973, 1976 and 1978.

Elliott Daly of London Wasps, has again played for England Saxons and was joined in the match against Scotland A by **Adam Thompstone** (1999-2006) of Leicester Tigers. **Danny Cipriani** (2001-07) has been playing for Sale Sharks in the Premiership and showing welcome signs of a return to his best form. Former England coach, Sir Clive Woodward has been notable in his praise and recommended his early return to the England team. Danny was the Aviva Premiership Player of the Month for March 2014.

Richard Thorpe (1998-2003) is now with championship club London Welsh, where he is in the first team with **Will Robinson** (2004-09). They have been key members of the team as it attempts to regain Premiership status after relegation at the end of the 2012-13 season.



Neville Edwards (1999-2006), previously a great try scorer for Rosslyn Park and their player of the year 2011-12, has moved to Bedford Blues in the Championship. Also in the Championship, **Harry Williams** (2002-10) has been playing for Nottingham, **Mark Foster** (2000-02) for Jersey and **George Merrick** (2009-11) for Ealing Trailfinders (on loan from Harlequins for whom he has also made his Premiership début).

Recent school leavers **Frankie Taggart** (2011-13) and **Lorcan Dow** (2011-13) are both playing rugby in Ulster. Frankie is with Belfast Harlequins and Lorcan plays for Queen's University. Both are in the Ulster provincial under 20 team. Frankie has played against England for Ireland under 20 and Lorcan for Ireland's under 19 side.

The 2013 season was, without doubt, the most remarkable one in the history of the game for OW cricketers. If the headlines were scooped by a Present Whitgiftian,

Dominic Sibley, with his extraordinary and record-breaking first class innings of 242 for Surrey against Yorkshire, other OWs were not far behind. **Rory Burns** (2001-06) continued the good work of the previous year for Surrey and at the end of the season was voted LV=County Championship Breakthrough Player of the Year following in the footsteps of the winner from 2012, the England player Joe Root. The award aims to recognise the most promising talent in the



domestic competition under the age of 24. **Laurie Evans** (1998-2004) had a breakthrough season for Warwickshire: despite missing part of the season with a broken finger, he finished with just short of 1,000 County Championship runs at an average in excess of 50 and was voted Warwickshire's player of the year. **Jason Roy** (2004-08) played regularly for Surrey as did **Matthew Spriegel** (1998-2005) for Northamptonshire. **Freddie van den Bergh** (2003-10) recorded his first century for Durham University (of which he

is Captain for 2014) against Derbyshire. What is remarkable is that this innings came with Freddie batting at number 9 and included 12 fours and 5 sixes, with one of which he reached his century! **Tom Lancefield** (2001-07), formerly of Surrey, scored heavily against first class opposition for the Unicorns, a team of aspiring first class cricketers currently without county contracts. During the winter, Dominic Sibley was joined by **Jack Winslade** (2006-13) in the England Under 19 squad for the World Cups in Australia.

OW SPORTS CLUBS

Rugby

It has to be reported that once again the rugby club failed to achieve promotion but both the 1st and Wanderers XVs finished the 2012-13 season in respectable league positions. Promotion from Surrey 1 is a very demanding challenge. With season 2013-14 now drawing to a close it can be reported that once again (repeat the formula from last year). A highlight of 2013-14 was the Boxing Day clash with the Old Alleynians, a hundred years on from the first such fixture. On a sunny day in Dulwich the OWs were triumphant by 27 points to 10. Junior rugby continues to be very successful.

Hockey and Football

The hockey and football clubs continue to have mixed results on the playing field but the football club, in particular, has attracted more players and has made promising progress.

Cricket

In cricket, the 1st XI maintained their position in Division 1 of the Surrey Championship, while the 2nd XI, after relegation in 2012, bounced back to be promoted as runners up. The 3rd XI had a good season in the top half of the table. Junior cricket continues to attract vast numbers and several competitions were won. For the Whitgift Mitres, the 2013 Cricketer Cup, came to an abrupt end at Eton in the first round. We were short of most of our county players and had the misfortune to have a plumb LBW not given to the first ball of the match (the reprieved

batsman went on to score a hundred). As with the Halford Hewitt golf, this is a competition that we have the resources to win - if we can get them all on the field at the same time!

Golf

In the Halford Hewitt competition for 2013, we started well with a comfortable victory 4-1 against St Paul's but then came unstuck in the second round against Repton. The OW Golf Society continues to thrive with a mixture of golf days, friendly matches and serious competitions for the numerous talented players. We shall win the Halford Hewitt one day.

Shooting

The Veterans Rifle Club, now well into its second century of life, continues to prosper and increase in membership as the School has a revival of shooting.

Fives

The Fives Club too continues on its accustomed way with matches and tours on a regular basis.

Chess

The 21st annual chess match against the School saw two evenly matched teams of 9 boards battle for over two hours of hard fought chess, with the eventual result being the first ever draw at 41/2 points each. So the Old Boys retain the Leonard Barden Trophy thanks to last year's 5-3 victory and now lead the series 151/2 to 51/2.

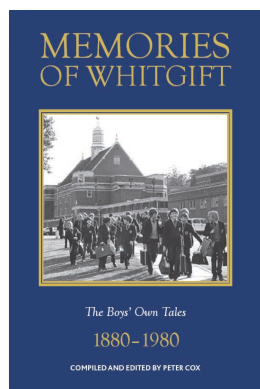
MISCELLANEOUS

The highly entertaining book by **Peter Cox** (1955-64), *Memories of Whitgift - The Boys' Own Tales 1880- 1980*, which was formally launched at the 2013 WA Dinner, continues to elicit orders from all over the world (as it should - no OW home should be without one - Ed). **Dr John Atherton** (1948-56) wrote to the author from his home in Samoa as follows:

"Dear Peter,

This mail is just to let you know how much I am enjoying your book 'Memories of Whitgift'. It arrived yesterday. In the evening I decided with some apprehension to take a peek as I did not know what to expect. I was still totally absorbed four hours later.

When I left school in 1956 I had no desire to join the OW Association or to maintain contact with the school, but I was advised that later in life my attitude would probably change. And so it has. I thought I had a fairly good recall of those



early years, but the contributions so artfully selected and edited have been a revelation and have filled in many gaps. Some of them are very funny. (Many of the anecdotes would make good material for comedians such as John Cleese and Michael Palin; but they no doubt have their own funds of comic experiences).

It will be a pity if everyone who went to Whitgift does not get to see this book. I hope the circulation is wide. It deserves to be. But as one of the masters once commented: 'I hope you do not look back on your schooldays as the best years of your life. If you do, then we would consider that schooling failed you'

(or words to that effect).

I remember 'Bob' Schad once asking me if I was really as unhappy as I looked. (I was not). And on another occasion, 'Snips' Parsons said: 'Atherton! I have just worked out what is wrong with you. You have a superiority complex'. Whether he was right, I cannot say; but if I did, I think I've got over it!

(continued overleaf)

One final observation: 'Spud' Russell used to get us to sit perfectly still for two minutes at the end of a class with our bags or satchels on the desk in front of us. I think it was supposed to be an exercise in self-discipline. But if anyone giggled or fidgeted, with one swipe of his arm he would knock their bag to the floor. We couldn't make him out. At times we thought he was going loopy. Did you or any other contributor ever witness this?

Thank you once again for a very skilfully assembled mass of information. It is a delight.

John Atherton
Samoa

As a postscript to this letter, the Editor contacted John and asked whether he would write a short memoir of his career with particular reference to how he finished up in Samoa, a location not swarming with OWs. John nobly agreed and the result will be placed in the School's archives. In a future edition of OW News there will be edited highlights!

The previous edition of OW News included a short piece about **Bernard Willson** (1930-37) and his involvement with the wartime work of Bletchley Park. Further investigation has revealed that he was the first person to decrypt output from the Italian Navy Hagelin C-38 code machine. On entering World War II in June 1940, the Italian military were using book codes for most of their military messages. The exception was the Italian Navy which, which early in 1941 started using the C-38 version of the Hagelin rotor based cipher machine, which they used to route their navy and merchant marine convoys to the conflict in North Africa. Willson was recruited in 1941 by JRM Butler, his former tutor at Trinity College, Cambridge, to join a team with two others in Hut 4 at Bletchley Park, the Italian subsection. The team worked in partnership with Brigadier Edgar Williams, who was based in Cairo and who reported directly to General Montgomery. In June 1941, Willson became the first of the team to decode the Hagelin system, thus enabling military commanders to direct attacks on enemy ships carrying supplies from Europe to Rommel's Afrika Korps. As a result, shipping losses rose so that between May and September 1941 the stock of fuel for the Luftwaffe in North Africa was reduced by 90%. The cracking of the Hagelin code is considered to have been "hugely significant". Churchill visited Hut 4 during a visit to Bletchley Park to thank the team for their endeavours.

After an intensive language course, in March 1944 Willson switched to Japanese language based codes. Exactly what Willson did and, more importantly, how he did it, remains top secret.

In 1946 Bernard Willson returned to civilian life as an academic, rising to become Dean of the Faculty of Arts at the University of Leicester. Like many of those who served at Bletchley Park, he was never awarded a medal, and never discussed his work.

The Old Gaffers Association (OGA) was formed in the United Kingdom in 1963 and today has members throughout the world with the aim of preserving interest in and encouraging development of the Gaff Rig and other traditional rigs, and to participate in the maintenance of our Maritime Heritage. Membership of the Association is open to all who are interested in sailing, building; restoring or simply admiring gaff rigged and other traditionally rigged

craft. **Alistair Randall** (1963-70) took part in two main events in his boat *Witch*, a gaff-rigged cutter built in 1898. The first was the Round Britain Challenge when a fleet of 38 boats undertook a circumnavigation of Britain. Whilst the.



larger boats took the harder route over the top of Scotland, smaller boats, including *Witch*, used the Caledonian Canal. The trip took four months, starting in the third week of April and finishing in mid August at Cowes for the second event, the famous 'Cowes Party' attended by boats from all over Britain and abroad. During the Round Britain Challenge Alistair kept a daily blog which you can read on the *Witch* website www.witch1898.co.uk

In the previous edition of OW News there was reference to two people whose newspaper obituaries attributed to them a Whitgift education. Information was requested since the School archives had failed to identify these gentlemen. A letter from his solicitor, an OW, confirmed that Bob Graves, the co founder with **Sir Peter Michael** (1949-57) of Quantel, was an old boy of Trinity School, so not one of ours. On the other hand, **Chris Wrigglesworth** (1953-59) successfully identified Professor Dafydd Stephens, who died in July 2012, as **S D G Stephens** (1952-60). Dafydd Stephens' obituary is accordingly reprinted in the edition.

John Ewart (1947-55) and his family visited the School during a rare visit to the UK (they live in Spain and the UAE). John and **Ian Anderson** (1950-56) were Public School Fives doubles champions in 1955, the only time that a Whitgift pair has won this event. John wrote to Bill Wood, Archivist, to thank him for a guided tour of the School. "For me it was a very nostalgic visit: for the boys exciting- 'So this is where the old man learned his three 'r's. Wow!' They were very impressed with the size of the school, 'Big School' in particular: lots of photos for the Ewart archives. I would add a fourth 'r' viz: Rugby fives in which sport I earned a UK Public Schools' cup, a "half-blue" (at Cambridge) some years later, and a BUSA singles title. The 'Memoirs' make no reference to these monuments of Whitgiftian triumph - heinous omissions. After leaving the school, I followed a path familiar to many others of my generation viz: army service, university, a bit of teaching in Sweden. And then, for me, came the big decision - UK or not? I decided 'Not' so in 1965 went to Libya where Ino and I met and married (1969). For the next twenty years we

worked in North Africa and the Middle East- to misquote Keats:

...much have we travelled in the realms of oil and many goodly shaykdoms have we seen...

Those years we always refer to as the years of 'light luggage': the boys, with their luggage, arrived on the scene later. We travelled on to the Gulf for ten more years and, eventually, of the countries we knew, we decided that for education, a multi-national environment, safety and the opportunity to learn Arabic we would make the UAE our base. Home itself is in Spain, and with annual holidays there the boys now have a good command of three very useful languages which adds a little weight to a cv.

We shall soon celebrate 50 years in North Africa, the Mid East and the Gulf: since 'self-determination' in the late 60's and early 70's so many of these countries have descended into a sorry state of destruction and become progressively more dangerous to travel in. The massive restructuring required will take time but let us hope not too long, as we like to think that our two sons will be able to travel as far and as freely as we did in more tranquil years. In early 1966 I drove from Beirut to Baghdad, following the 'Nairn' bus route (Google will inform), and crossed three borders without so much as a 'whimper' - happy and sunny days.

Again, many thanks to you and to Donna: also please extend thanks to the very helpful receptionist who opened 'Big School' for us. I enclose a small contribution - perhaps towards something for the library??

Lastly: I have a 'scroll' photo of the Whitgift staff and pupils of 1947: are you interested in adding it to the archives? If so, please let me know and I will give it to Edward when he returns to UK after Christmas."

SCHOOL VISITS

For those OWs who have not visited the School for a long time it can be quite daunting to return - suffice to say there

will be a warm welcome. Contact the Whitgift Association office at the School, visit and be amazed!

WHITGIFTIAN ASSOCIATION CLARET



This year saw the official launch of the Whitgiftian Association Claret, selected by a panel of thirty OWs and their wives in the Founder's Room at the School. During the blind tasting, price was not a consideration and the winner, an oak-matured 2009 Maison Sichel, chosen from six clarets supplied by Ellis of Richmond, represents good value for money. 2009-2010 were excellent years for Bordeaux wines, unlike the following three years when the weather did not favour good harvests. Consequently, experts are predicting a shortage of fine claret for some years to come. This WA Claret is ready for drinking now but is likely to improve with laying down.

It is available to all members and registered OWs (Visit www.whitgiftianassociation.co.uk/shop to place your order - £65 (half case) or £125 (full case).

DEATHS

We have, with regret, to record the deaths of the following OWs reported since the previous edition of OW News:

ASHWOOD – In 2013, Peter Frederick (1930-36), aged 92

BACON – On 21 August 2013, Peter John (1954-61), aged 69

BARTLETT – On 3 August 2013, John Reginald (1934-38), aged 92

BISHOPP – On 25 October 2013, Albert Richard (1938-45), aged 85

BOËTIUS – On 8 November 2013, David Richard (1949-58), aged 75

BOTTING – On 14 January 2014, Brian Paul (1943-49), aged 81

CASEY – In 2013, Michael John (1957-65), aged 66

CLARK – On 5 March 2014, John Paul (1989-92), aged 35

COATES – On 30 May 2013, John Dudley Stuart (1943-51), aged 80, father of A S (1973-80) and Lt Col J A (1981-88)

CORNELL – On 12 May 2013, Ian Herbert James (1944-50), aged 79

EVE – On 10 March 2014, Maurice Anthony (1966-73), aged 59, father of B R A (1998-2006)

FULCHER – On 6 August 2013, Harry (1966-73), aged 57

HAKEN – On 8 April 2014, Paul Brian (1969-76), aged 55

HANCOCK – On 5 September 2013, Sir David John Stowell, KCB (1944-52), aged 79, President OWA 2000-2001

HOLMES – On 12 November 2013, Brian Robert Latham (1943-48), aged 82

HUGILL – On 28 August 2013, Michael James (Headmaster 1961-70), aged 95, President OWA 1963-64

HUNTER – On 3 December 2013, Colonel Neville Stuart (1952-60), aged 71

HUNTLEY – On 25 November 2013, Brian Victor Anthony (1940-46), aged 85

HYLAND – On 3 March 2014, Professor Anthony David Charles (1946-53), aged 78

LEES – On 1 January 2014, Brian Harvey (1941-47), aged 83

LEWIS – On 24 November 2013, Dalton Lake (Member of Staff 1957-95), aged 80

MARTIN – On 19 June 2013, John Barry (1946-52), aged 77

MEAD – On 30 October 2013, Colin Graham (1946-53), aged 77, President OWA 1997-98

MILLAR – On 8 December 2013, James Graham (1944-52), aged 80

MINETT – In 2013, Nigel Paul (1968-76), aged 55

MONTAGU-SMITH – On 18 January 2014, Group Captain Arthur, DL (1926-32), aged 98, brother of the late Second Lieutenant A G (1930-36), died of wounds at Dunkirk 1940

NEW – On 8 August 2013, Ronald Wickham (1954-60), aged 71, brother of Dr J W (1957-65)

PARSONS – On 12 March 2013, Justin Gregory (1955-60), aged 70

PHILLIPS – On 20 May 2013, Ian (1948-55), aged 74, brother of R (1945-53) and brother in law of A P Stoner (1950-57)

PHILLIPS – On 22 February 2014, Zane Anthony (1985-92), aged 41

RICHARDS – On 20 December 2013, David (1966-73), aged 57

ROBINSON – On 13 September 2013, John Nicholas (1971-78), aged 53

ROSE – On 5 July 2013, Donald Peter (Member of Staff 1963-91), aged 82, father of T D (1974-82)

SAMUEL – On 20 March 2007, Ivor George (1936-40), aged 83

SELWOOD – On 15 November 2013, Nicholas Bruce (1947-52), aged 77

SHRIMPTON – On 2 January 2014, Stuart Arthur Stephen (1937-40), aged 87, brother of G J (1935-40)

SIMMS – On 18 September 2013, John Hewett (1937-43), aged 88

SMIDDY – In October 2013, John (1941-47), aged 84

SMITH – On 27 February 2014, Dr Robert Gladstone (1933-38), aged 94, brother of Dr I D (1933-41), father of D G (1960-66), grandfather of J L G (1991-95) and brother in law of G B Wright (1934-42)

STEPHENS – On 2 July 2012, Professor Simon Dafydd Glyn (1952-60), aged 70

WHITEHEAD – In March 2013, David (1947-55), aged 76

WILLIAMS – On a date unknown, Donald John (1942-47)

WILLIS – On 8 September 2013, Major Michael (1956-64), aged 68

OBITUARIES



Sir David Hancock, KCB (1944-52)
President OWA 2000-01

Outstanding civil servant who helped to negotiate Britain's EEC budget rebate and masterminded widespread education reforms

The Education Reform Act of 1988 made dramatic and far-reaching changes to education in England, Wales and Northern Ireland, many of which are still in place today. It introduced the national curriculum, standardising what was taught across the country so as to enable the setting and assessment of clear educational objectives for all pupils. It provided for a new degree of parental choice in the selection of schools. It established grant-maintained schools and launched City Technology Colleges. It removed polytechnics from local authority control, paving the way for their transformation into universities. It abolished tenure in higher education for newly appointed academic staff. None of these reforms was uncontested. There was stiff opposition from the local authorities whose grip on the system was being undermined. Alarm at what seemed an out-and-out assault on the core values of state education was felt far beyond the teaching unions and the education establishment. Sir David Hancock, as Permanent Secretary of the Department of Education and Science (DES), was in the thick of the battles that ensued. His professionalism and thoroughness in

preparing the legislation and supporting its passage through Parliament may well have been the difference between success and failure of the Act. It was certainly Hancock who had persuaded reluctant civil servants to embrace the full range of proposed reforms. The merits of what was intended were clear to him. Soon after his appointment to the DES, on one of a series of visits to local education authorities, his host had driven him up a hill, looked around and exclaimed, "That's odd. I was sure we had a school up here somewhere." Hancock's recollection was wry: "It made me realise how big were the responsibilities of a chief executive of a local education authority."

His attention to detail and calmness under pressure greatly impressed Kenneth Baker (now Lord Baker of Dorking), the Education Secretary behind the Act. The successful introduction of training days for teachers - a particular enthusiasm of the minister's, and still known as "Baker days" owed much to Hancock's efforts and drafting skills. Baker came to regard Hancock as "one of the most outstanding civil servants of his generation". That view was widely shared. Hancock was admired by his peers, who thought him exceptionally able. He was also much liked, not least for his agreeably dry sense of humour. He could, however, seem aloof, and he was not always patient with those whose minds worked less quickly or clearly than his own. He was once accused of treating the MPs of the Public Accounts Committee like "a group of schoolboys".

The 1988 Education Act was by no means Hancock's first experience of steering radical legislation through the fierce heat of political controversy. Earlier in the 1980s, under another reforming Conservative Education Secretary, Sir Keith Joseph, he was heavily involved in the bitter fight between government and teachers over pay and conditions. With the unions mounting a damaging series of strikes, and the Government determined to face them down, Hancock played a fundamental role in resolving the dispute. Earlier still, Hancock had been involved in negotiations which must have made arguments over education seem fairly tame. As financial and economic counsellor at the Office of the UK Permanent Representative to the European Communities, he was at the heart of discussions around

Britain's entry to the EEC in 1973. Then, as head of the European Secretariat in the early 1980s, Hancock had to supervise the European budget negotiations, which meant briefing Margaret Thatcher for European summits and accompanying her to what were called "Meetings of Heads of State or Government" ("Heads of State" had originally been put in to pacify De Gaulle, Hancock believed. The French President would not countenance the idea that he was merely the head of a government.) Hancock felt that he had come to know Mrs Thatcher quite well on these occasions. "She paid close attention to what I said. She opened the famous handbag, took out a felt pen and made succinct notes." In this, he later realised, he had been fortunate. Successors told him that she had ceased to listen to advice. Her mind was made up and the position was clear. As she was heard to remark on emerging from a European budget meeting: "They say it's their money and I say it's our money." Mrs Thatcher's inclination to act on that belief was never easily suppressed. Hancock's grasp of financial detail and his imaginative negotiating skills may have helped, in the Prime Minister's earlier years in office, to keep it in check. Certainly, in the five-year struggle which secured Britain's much-vaunted budget rebate, his patience and perseverance were vital assets. Appointment as Permanent Secretary at the DES in 1983 was in many ways a reward for the groundwork he had done. Hancock, a Treasury and Cabinet Office man, had caught the Prime Minister's eye as someone who would be able to "sort out" a department about which she - as a former Education Secretary - had grave misgivings.

David John Stowell Hancock was born in a terraced house in Beckenham, Kent, in 1934 (three bedrooms, kitchen, bathroom, sitting room - and "a lounge, which was never used in peacetime"). An abiding memory was of the small back garden. It was on a slope, with a step dividing it into two parts - an arrangement which spelt doom for a boy's attempts to perfect his spin bowling. He was educated at Whitgift School, and then, after National Service in the Royal Tank Regiment, at Balliol College, Oxford. He was to recall his tutors fondly: Zbigniew Pelczynski, who had hidden from the Nazi occupiers of Poland by living in the Warsaw sewers; the brilliant but eccentric Tommy Balogh, who was later economic adviser to Harold Wilson; and for one term the great left-wing historian E. H. Carr. It all made for "a most stimulating three years".

He left Oxford with a first in PPE and joined the Board of Trade in 1957. There he learnt how to draft a memo ("never a word too many, and every word used to best effect") and grappled with the drama which arose from a misguided attempt to create a British market for apples from Lebanon. The Lebanese farmers had overdone their precautions against insects, and the apples were found to be coated with enough arsenic and lead to kill a regiment. By the time that minor crisis was resolved, Hancock had moved to the Treasury. As Private Secretary to the Chancellor, Roy Jenkins, from 1968 to 1970, he coped with the aftermath of the sterling crisis of November 1967, when Harold Wilson made his much-mocked assertion that "the pound in your pocket" had not changed in value. Barely a year later, Hancock had to deal with a further sterling crisis. Jenkins admired his intelligence and competence; in turn Hancock thought Jenkins "a fascinating character and a delight to work for". He also admired Jenkins's Conservative successor, Iain Macleod, "a very able man", whose early death was "a tragedy for the UK economy because his successor, Tony Barber, was not in the same class and allowed the economy to get out of control".

Professionally discreet, he kept such critical thoughts for the memoir he wrote for private circulation in later life. Hancock was appointed assistant secretary at the Treasury in 1970 and under secretary in 1975. In 1979 he was instrumental in persuading the incoming Chancellor of the Exchequer, Geoffrey Howe, to lift exchange controls. It was a bold move which took the Commons - and almost everyone else - quite by surprise. Charles Moore, in his biography of Margaret Thatcher, records the influence on Howe's thinking of a paper written by Hancock that had advocated "going all the way".

Hancock advanced to deputy secretary in 1980, when he was also chosen as the British director of the European Investment Bank. In 1982 he was seconded to the Cabinet Office as a deputy secretary and head of the European Secretariat, co-ordinating British dealings with the community. Hancock was tipped to succeed Sir Douglas Wass as Permanent Secretary at the Treasury on the latter's retirement in 1983 but in the event was pipped to the post by his fellow deputy secretary Peter Middleton. Offered the choice of second permanent secretary at the Treasury or the top job at the DES, he chose the latter. It was the one Whitehall department with which his Treasury and Cabinet Office career had never brought him into contact. There, in Sir Keith Joseph, he found a Secretary of State who shared his belief that education should meet the needs of industry. The pair were soon making waves, as they set about reforming a system whose priorities seemed very different from their own. Hancock, as ever, combined attention to detail with clarity of purpose. He accused the Open University of Marxist bias in some of its courses and demanded that the vice-chancellor introduce more balance. He suggested that teachers should be subject to formal and annual appraisal in the same way as civil servants. He warned University College Cardiff that the next instalment of its grant would be withheld if the authorities there did not act quickly to bring spending under control. A major challenge came with the decision to abolish the Burnham Committee, which for decades had decided teachers' pay and conditions. The ensuing dispute turned into a trial of strength between unions and government. Hancock was instrumental in achieving a resolution, drawing on his knowledge of the Treasury to keep that department onside once a settlement had been agreed. His skill in negotiating Whitehall's tricky interdepartmental waters on such occasions might justify the Financial Times' description of him as "every inch a traditional civil servant". Time and again, however, he showed that he was more than that. The passage of the 1988 Act marked the culmination of his Whitehall career. The following year, aged 55, he left the Civil Service for investment banking, joining Hambros Bank.

A compassionate and socially committed man, Hancock used his influence at the DES to support schools that needed special help, among them the Lilian Baylis School in Kennington, and the Windmill, the special school in Lambeth which his handicapped daughter attended. When schools inspectors criticised the Windmill School's end-of-term play, he wrote a letter of support, championing the work of the teachers there. He was a keen supporter of the London Schools Symphony Orchestra and was appointed KCB in 1985. He is survived by his wife, Gill, whom he married in 1966, and by a son and a daughter.

Sir David Hancock, KCB, civil servant, was born on March 27, 1934. He died on September 5, 2013, aged 79
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John Robinson (1971-78)

John Robinson, who has died at the early age of 53, had a most successful career in fund management as witnessed by his prominent position in The Sunday Times Rich List. He was much involved with the Mary Rose Trust and played a critical rôle in bringing the splendid exhibition of Tudor artifacts to the School. He was a great supporter of his old university, Nottingham, where he read mediaeval and modern history. He served on Council - the University of Nottingham's governing body - from 2008-2012, was a member of the Nottingham University Business School Advisory Board and was a board member for 'Impact: the Nottingham Campaign', a five-year project aiming to raise £150m for the institution. Only a few days before John's death he made a further donation of £500,000 to the University. This is to be used to create an endowment which will support John Robinson PhD Scholarships in History. Professor David Greenaway, Vice-Chancellor of The University of Nottingham, said: "John's passing was a real shock and is a great sadness. He was a wonderful friend of the University. Many members of our community got to know him well through the service he gave and he was liked as well as respected. John's warmth, wise counsel and friendship will be missed, but his legacy in supporting future generations of graduate students in History will be an enduring one."

John Mills, President of Council, said: "John valued his time at Nottingham but no more so than we've valued his contribution, not just his time on Council but his wider role in taking the University forward. There's a sadness that we won't share that future with him, and we will miss him."

John Robinson was brought up in Croydon and educated at Whitgift School. He went to Nottingham as an undergraduate in 1978 and after graduation joined the accountancy firm of Arthur Andersen & Co. He spent four years in London qualifying as a Chartered Accountant, and gaining Associate status of the Institute of Taxation.

Andersen then sent him to Hong Kong, where he first started in fund management. In 1986 he joined the Thornton Group, and spent time working in San Francisco, Sydney and London. He subsequently joined Tyndalls, a financial institution which was bought in 1989 by Jupiter Asset Management. He then managed Jupiter's overseas business, travelling regularly to Bermuda, Thailand and the Philippines.

Following the conclusion of a deal with Commerzbank in 1999, John set up his own property company, N&R Properties, to turn dilapidated London buildings into desirable residences.

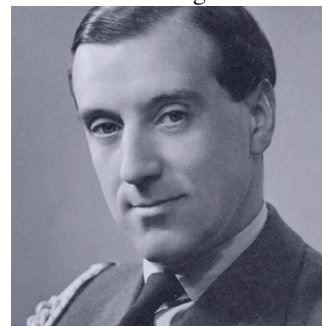
He was also keen to put something back into society, becoming a trustee of the Mary Rose, an Ambassador of the Royal Albert Hall, and a member of the Worshipful Company of Plasterers. In recognition of his support for the University of Nottingham, John Robinson was admitted to

the College of Benefactors in 2006 and was awarded an honorary doctorate.

Group Captain Arthur Montagu-Smith (1926-32)

Last surviving OW Battle of Britain pilot

Pilot of enormous versatility who flew fighters in the Battle of Britain and bombers for Coastal Command. Arthur Montagu-Smith was drawn to flying from an early age. As a child growing up in London during the First World War, he remembered calling his mother into the garden during a raid by German airships to watch "the big black birds" otherwise known as Zeppelins. A fascination with flight remained with him all his life.



At the outbreak of the Second World War, after four years in the Royal Air Force, he could fly almost anything with a joystick and propeller. He gave the greatest demonstration of his versatility as a pilot after a long lunch at Beni-Ounif in Algeria during the first winter of the war. Attached to an experimental warfare unit, he had been sent overseas in November 1939 to work with the French. The posting also gave him an insight into Gallic attitudes to alcohol and aviation.

Instead of a siesta after lunch, Montagu-Smith was invited by French officers to fly one of their aircraft, a Spad 510, with the expectation that the British officer would run into trouble. Hesitating for a moment, he kept his wits and came to terms with the controls, realising that the throttles were reversed, and gave a flying display that lasted 50 minutes. The aircraft was one of 52 types flown by him in many different theatres of war.

In September 1939, he was flying bombers on some of the first missions of the war. A year later he was flying fighters in the Battle of Britain, he was one of last survivors of "Churchill's Few", and then switched to Coastal Command for the battle against the U-boats.

Arthur Montagu-Smith, known as "Monty" all his life, was born plain Arthur Smith in Blackheath. He disliked his name. He kept his surname until he met his wife. Thinking she deserved a more heavyweight identity, he took his middle name, Montagu, and added a hyphen. Montagu-Smith grew up in Croydon as part of a tightly knit family. At holiday time, they would descend en masse on the North Devon coast where they would turn a hotel into a family park. They always had a terrific time. His father, who was an insurance broker and Lloyd's name, sent Montagu-Smith and his younger brother, Alan, to Whitgift, an independent school in Croydon that produced a number of distinguished airmen. He was still receiving old boys' news near the end of his life.

Montagu-Smith briefly considered following his father into business, but it was the RAF that caught his imagination, flying and beer, he thought, in that order. After joining up in 1935, he learnt to fly cumbersome biplanes, but he was then among the first pilots in 1938 to fly the new Wellington bombers, which had been designed by the engineer and inventor Barnes Wallis, as well as taking part in the highly popular Hendon air displays.

When war broke out, he was already a veteran pilot with No 99 Squadron. Initially, the squadron dropped propaganda leaflets on Germany, but later that autumn Montagu-Smith, flying with an experienced crew, attempted an attack on

German shipping in the Heligoland Bight. Shortly afterwards, he was posted to North Africa. His former crew was killed a few days later. Another casualty was his brother, Alan, who had joined the Army and was killed at Dunkirk. On his return to Britain, Montagu-Smith was sent to the Central Gunnery School before being posted to 264 Squadron as the Battle of Britain reached its climax. "The campaign clasp awarded to all aircrew involved in that epic phase was a source of great, quiet pride," said his son David. The squadron's aircraft, Boulton Paul Defiants, were modern single-engine fighters with a design flaw. Equipped with a rear-facing turret with four machineguns, the Defiants had no forward armament and were mauled by the Luftwaffe in daylight. The squadron was re-formed as a night fighter unit, but kills were rare. The aircraft did not have radar. He left 264 Squadron in December 1940 after being made Squadron Leader and spent the next three years with Coastal Command, initially with the Wellingtons of 221 Squadron, which were engaged in long-range anti-submarine operations. His logbook records events. On May 15, 1941, his aircraft attacked an Italian submarine during a nine-hour patrol. On August 5, "U-Boat attacked on the surface, Bay of Biscay. Large oil patch and wreckage observed." And on September 11, "U-Boat attacked with bombs and depth charges. Result unknown." Montagu-Smith was mentioned in despatches and promoted to Wing Commander.

He met his wife, who was working in signals, while directing training at Pitreavie. According to his logbook, one passenger, Flight Lieutenant Elizabeth Alexander, a striking Scot with an enigmatic smile, appears to have flown with him on several occasions as he embarked on an aerial courtship over northern Scotland. According to their son, "She could count the crabs on the beaches he flew so low." They were married after four months, but Montagu-Smith was never again posted to Scotland.

He took command of the Beaufighters of 248 Squadron operating from the Lizard in Cornwall. It was perhaps the high point of his career, leading a group of impossibly rumbustious Canadians, Australians and New Zealanders intent on living at full throttle. At first, Montagu-Smith found them difficult to manage, but he admired the gutsy crews from the Dominions. At times there were battles with the authorities. A flare was dropped down a chimney. The next day, just as he was about to fly, Montagu-Smith was disinvented from the station commander's wedding. Under his leadership, the squadron attacked German submarines and shipping and harried the Luftwaffe in the Bay of Biscay and the Western Approaches, destroying 25 enemy aircraft during the spring and summer of 1943. His daughter, Davina, was born in the same year and David three years later.

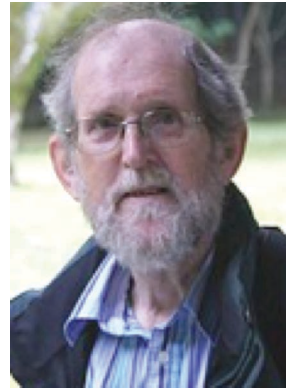
Montagu-Smith left the RAF in 1946 but then returned to take up a number of diplomatic jobs, including his last posting as air attaché in Budapest in 1960. "The secret police followed us everywhere," said David, who was 14 at the time. "Whenever we were near Hungarian air bases, he would drive and I would count the aircraft. They were challenging times." After leaving the RAF in 1961, Montagu-Smith once again embraced Scotland, particularly Morayshire. He spent 18 years with the Scottish Country Industries Development Trust, working with small businesses. He was Deputy Lieutenant of Morayshire for 20 years.

His daughter Davina is a retired school teacher, while David is an oil company executive. Both survive him. Their mother Elizabeth died in 2005 in the house in Elgin where she was born and where she lived with her husband for 63 years.

Montagu-Smith's last flight was in a Chipmunk trainer. In all he flew 2,257 hours. Often, he would pretend his car was an aeroplane, checking the buttons and levers just as if he were in a cockpit, sometimes turning the headlights off on a bright night as if he were still flying a Wellington under a "Bomber's Moon".

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In 'Lives Remembered' a Times reader recalled an anecdote of Cecil Lewis, the celebrated WW1 pilot and author, who stated that A M-S was the most gifted pilot he had ever met - in the early part of the War his job was to train new pilots, in particular on Spitfires. According to Lewis after a convivial lunch M-S took up a trainer Spitfire, had the hang of it in a few minutes and finished his twenty minutes in the air with a roll!



Professor Dafydd Stephens (1952-59)

Simon Dafydd Glyn Stephens ("Dai") brought both compassion and academic authority to the previously neglected discipline of adult auditory rehabilitation. As an international authority and outspoken advocate for people with impaired hearing, he spearheaded the development, nationally and internationally, of

improved care for adults with hearing impairments. He was instrumental in establishing a new medical specialty, audiovestibular medicine, and contributed to the training of virtually every consultant physician in specialty in the UK. Stephens was born in Caerfyrddin. Both his parents were teachers, and he developed the academic fascination and rigour that formed the cornerstone of his career. As a young child he spent much time in the company of a district nurse, travelling the countryside in her car. They spoke Welsh together, and from her and a Welsh couple to whom he became very close after the family moved to London, Stephens acquired the lifelong hallmark of his strong Welsh identity and passion for the Welsh language.

He attended Whitgift School in Croydon from 1952 to 1959 and then entered Charing Cross Hospital Medical School, where he won the Huxley Prize. His interest in audiology was sparked when, after graduating with a first degree in physiology from London University, he spent a summer vacation as a research Fellow at the University of Iowa in 1962. There he met Professor Ronald Hinchcliffe, a co-founder of audiological medicine, who remained a firm friend and colleague until his death in 2011. On returning to Charing Cross Hospital Medical School, to complete clinical training, his interest in audiology led him to undertake part-time work as an audiometrician in the Department for Ear, Nose, and Throat Medicine.

He held house jobs at Charing Cross Hospital and in the Professorial medical unit at Fulham Hospital, before starting research in the Medical Research Council's applied psychology unit at Cambridge and the National Physical Laboratory, Teddington. From there he moved, as a clinical research fellow, to the Institute of Sound and Vibration Research at the University of Southampton and was appointed consultant in audiological medicine and head of the Department of Audiological Medicine at the Royal

National Throat Nose and Ear Hospital in London in 1976. At the time of his appointment, Dai requested secondment to Odense, in Denmark, which was considered the centre of excellence in auditory rehabilitation. This was the start of Stephens's many and varied international contacts and collaborations, which spanned psychoacoustics, psychology of hearing, balance disorders, genetics, drug trials, a paradigm for optimal auditory rehabilitation, central auditory processing, hearing loss in systemic disease, specific inner ear disorders (including Menière's disease), ototoxicity, and presbycusis.

Ahead of his time, striving to ensure national equity of access to excellent auditory rehabilitation for all adults, Stephens was successful in assisting in creating several positions for consultant audiological physicians throughout the UK. In 1986, he was appointed director of the MRC Welsh Hearing Institute at the University Hospital of Wales in Cardiff, a position in which he continued to support the many professional disciplines allied to the provision of excellent audiological care and developed an outstanding research programme, while undertaking outreach clinics to the Welsh valleys, in addition to the sophisticated clinical service he headed at the University Hospital of Wales in Cardiff. Stephens had no time for self promotion, arrogance, or bureaucracy, and his reputation as an enthusiastic and approachable teacher, a compassionate clinician, and an internationally recognised researcher rapidly spread. He was sought by junior staff, whose career development he promoted and directed; overseas fellows keen to obtain the unique multidisciplinary training he offered, and senior colleagues, who valued his clinical advice and research collaboration. His opinion was sought nationally by the Department of Health, the Medical Research Council, the Department of Health and Social Security, the British Standards Institute, the Hearing Aid Council, and all the relevant professional medical bodies in the UK. Internationally he trained innumerable research fellows from Australia to Brazil, taught and examined postgraduate students across the globe from Canada to Thailand, and established research collaborations, in virtually every centre he visited.

Stephens was a prolific editor of all the major national and international audiological journals and author or editor of seminal books on auditory disorders and auditory genetics and English language texts in numerous major ENT and audiological medicine books. He contributed more than 400 original papers over his career, and, although he retired from clinical practice in 2005, this did not reduce his prodigious and unique contribution to research and publications. Stephens commanded national and international professional respect being elected chairman or president of the British Association of Audiological Physicians, the International Association of Audiological Physicians, the International Society of Audiology, and consultant to UNICEF on community rehabilitation programmes. He was an international trustee of the Amplifon Foundation in Italy, president of the International Collegium of Rehabilitative Audiology, and served as President of the Wales Council for Deaf People. He was feted with innumerable honours throughout his career, being awarded travelling fellowships to Poland, France, Italy, and the USA, and prizes by the University of London, the Copernicus Medal of the University of Ferrara, and an honorary diploma of the Polish Society of Audiology and Phoniatrics. He was a guest lecturer at virtually every major audiological conference between 1978 and 2006 and was visiting professor at

Gothenburg University and Bristol universities and a faculty member of the Ida Institute in Denmark.

However, this exceptional academic career did not overshadow many other talents and interests. In his youth, he was a keen cyclist and cross country runner, being awarded colours by the United Hospitals Hare and Hounds team. As a student, his fiercely Welsh patriotism led him to promote the Welsh cause for independence, resulting in many weekends spent painting out English language signs with green paint. His political enthusiasm did not escape the notice of the authorities, and he was banned from Wales during the investiture of the Prince of Wales at Caernarfon Castle. The formation of the Welsh Assembly was a source of immense pride for Stephens, who served as a councillor for the Llanmaes community council from 1987 and was chair of Plaid Cymru Llanilltud Fawr and Y Bontfaen from 1986 until his death.

In later life, Stephens was an acknowledged master of the history of ENT medicine and was honorary secretary of the Society for the History of Otolaryngology. He was passionately interested in the environment, both locally in Wales, but also worldwide and, with birdwatching colleagues, was instrumental in the formation of the World Land Trust, leaving a project to preserve the biodiversity in Mexico as a legacy. At a personal level, he was environmentally friendly long before it became fashionable, growing produce and maintaining a veritable farmyard of animals on his welcoming home in Llanmaes.

Stephens' interests spanned Celtic history, language, and culture, and he met his Breton wife, Janig Bodiou, on a ferry after attending a meeting of the Celtic community. Their marriage, in 1970, led to an extremely happy and fulfilling family life, with visitors struggling to keep track of Breton, Welsh, French, and English, which were all interchangeably used in the family home with his children, Morwena, Erwin, and Rhiannon.

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David Richards (1966-1973)

David Richards, who has died at the age of 57 after a long illness, had a remarkable career as record producer, engineer and musician. In the Mountain Studios in Montreux, originally owned by the rock band Queen and later purchased by David, and in Attalens he engineered and produced many albums by Queen, David Bowie, Iggy Pop, Duran Duran and other artists. Richards also played keyboards on some records. He also dealt with live music recording in such events as Montreux Jazz Festival. Among the albums produced by David Richards were the last four albums by Queen and three by David Bowie as well as Barcelona with Freddie Mercury and Monserrat Caballé. He won a Juno award in 1978 for Best Jazz Recording and at one point in



1994 David was Billboard Magazine's Producer of the Month with three Number One records. There were warm tributes to David on Queen's website.

The following appreciation is from Jill Franco, David's sister:

David Richards, legendary sound engineer and music producer, friend and father passed away on December 20, 2013 at age 57 after a long illness. David leaves a long legacy of music produced and recorded throughout his career. His warm smile, quick wit and musical talent will be truly missed.

David attended Whitgift from 1966 through 1973. Not always fond of his studies nor sports, David found favor in the music department when the then Deputy Head of Music, Phil Bird, provided David piano instruction. As rebellious and adventuresome as he may have been during his years at the school, David always spoke proudly and fondly of his years at Whitgift.

David struck out from Whitgift to pursue a career in music, both as a performer with his band "Natural Smoke" and as a young sound technician at Chappell Studio in London where he assisted famed sound engineer John Timperley with recordings for artists such as Ella Fitzgerald and Bing Crosby. Later, David would find himself in Montreux, Switzerland as Sound Engineer for the young Mountain Studios at the Casino in Montreux.

Montreux would prove to be a magical place for David as he found friendships and helped musicians to make great music. Names such as Duran Duran, David Bowie, Chris Rea, Iggy Pop, and Freddy Mercury and the band Queen all find frequent mention in the inventory of his life's work. David was always proud of the work he did and camaraderie he found from working with the many talented artists. Ultimately, he moved the studio to the bucolic setting of his home in Attalens outside of Montreux where he continued his work until his death.

David was predeceased by his father Bobby Richards, as well as his first wife, Collette Richards. He is survived by his mother, Doreen (Tom) Richards-Makielski, sister Jill (Philip) Franco, wife Vivi Richards, daughter Wendy Richards, Wendy's son Liam, and son Christopher (Arlinda) Richards along with their children Kaylee and Sean.



Brian Holmes (1943-48)

Brian was born in Thornton Heath on 23rd August 1931 the younger son of Arthur and Ethel Holmes and died peacefully in Haywards Heath Hospital on 12th November 2013 aged 82 years. The family moved to Croydon where Brian attended Whitgift School which gave him a lifelong sense of pride. At school he developed into a fine rugby

player and was Vice-Captain of the 1st XV. In 1948 he won the Cross Country race by a considerable margin and also the Mile on Sports Day. He was Captain of Smith's House and a member of the 1948-49 School Prefects. Later on he played for the OWRFC 1st XV and attended the Prefects' Reunions. Like many of his contemporaries on leaving school Brian did not go to university but, in his case, chose direct entry into the accountancy profession. He joined Miller Mills and Bantock and, on completion of five year articles, qualified as a Chartered Accountant in 1954. National Service in the army at Devizes followed for two years during which he attended Mons Officer Cadet School, was commissioned into the RAPC and posted to RPO REME.

On completion of his military service Brian began his business career with Lombard Banking as Assistant Secretary. As his career progressed with increasing responsibilities he held senior appointments with Caxton Book Company and East Coast Personal Finance. In 1973 he joined N M Rothschild in Sydney, Australia for a year with the task of restructuring the finance company there and this he accomplished successfully. On returning to the UK he was appointed Managing Director of Gresham Life.

The highlight of Brian's career was in 1980 when he became Chief Executive of the Provincial Building Society in Bradford with a network of branches nationwide. He merged the Society with the Burnley Building Society and was appointed Chief Executive of the newly named National and Provincial Building Society. His appointment as Director of the Building Societies Association duly followed.

Brian was an ambitious man with a likeable personality whose leadership skills and quiet determination were the hallmarks of the success he enjoyed in his chosen career. His outside interests included current affairs, rugby football, soccer and gardening. He possessed a strong sense of family loyalty and will be sadly missed by all who knew him.

He is survived by his wife Angela whom he married in 1954, three sons, Paul, Andrew and Mark and four grandchildren.

This appreciation comes from John Lindblom (1945-48) and Andrew Holmes, Brian Holmes' second son.



D R (Dick) Boëtius (1949-58)

It is with great sadness that we report the death of one of Whitgift's great characters. Dick passed away in the early hours of Sunday 10th November in Whitgift House, where he had been a resident since August 21st 2009, having suffered a stroke on Christmas Day 2007.

Dick was, by repute, the oldest pupil ever to leave the School (aged 19 years and 6 months) and some might say, with a degree of accuracy, that he was a perpetual student for many years thereafter. On leaving Whitgift in 1956, Dick entered the London Hospital as a dental student where he remained until taking his degree, thereafter working for the professor of bacteriology for a further 6 years. During his time there, Dick played for the Hospital 1st XV and the OWRFC and also represented Surrey, Sussex and the United Hospitals. He was regarded as an uncompromising prop forward with whom one should not take liberties although, over the years, he sustained injuries that eventually led to him being unable to practice as a dentist (failing the practical, though gaining 100% in the theory). His colleagues and friends might well say this was something of a blessing for the patient! In his post medical career Dick became an expert on trees, both in cultivation and in felling and was on the staff of the Whitgift Foundation, mostly at Trinity School, where he made many lifelong friends. There are a number of OWs, the writer included, who have cause to thank Dick for cutting down trees that were long past their best and it was extremely difficult to persuade him to take any payment for the service he provided. The most popular arrangement was to purchase climbing rope and associated equipment that would be used by the wide number of young people from diverse backgrounds, many of them with impaired sight, whom Dick would take climbing or potholing.

Dick had a vision whereby the proceeds of the sale of the Addiscombe Road house (a remarkable and historic relic of

the East India Company's Military College) in which he had lived with his parents would, after his death, be used to purchase a property in the Brecon Beacons with the intention of creating a centre where young people would be able to participate in the 'Great Outdoors'. After several false starts, a suitable property has been identified earlier this year and the purchase is almost complete. Sadly, he will not see his dream become reality but his friends, many of them Old Mid Whitgiftians, are committed to making it happen.

Dick was different, sometimes downright difficult and always devoted to things that he believed in, no matter what others might say or think. Compromise was not on his agenda! Those who knew him well accepted him on his terms and were happy to do so.

For much of the past six years Dick had been confined to bed which he found enormously frustrating. A few trips out in a converted vehicle "The Dickmobile" relieved the boredom to a degree but eventually his health declined and he rather lost interest. Who wouldn't?

Dick's stepbrother Chris has been a tower of strength and has provided regular updates for those OWs and others who were able to make regular visits to Whitgift House and who, until very recently, enjoyed conversing on a range of topics, including, of course, the fate of English Rugby.

This appreciation was written by Alan Cowing (1953-59)

Nick Selwood (1947-52)



The Whitgiftian Association has lost one of its most loyal and colourful personalities. Nick Selwood passed away in Cyprus on Friday 15th November 2013 after a long illness. Born in Coulsdon, Nick's health was a challenge from the start as he suffered from polio, but he pushed that inconvenience aside and became a dominant and popular character with a wide circle of friends.

A Whitgift classmate in the late 1940s, Brian Kay, recalls that Nick always had a ready and quick wit, an example of which was when there had been a delicate problem with one of the Junior School masters! The Headmaster interviewed a number of boys in 3B2, including Nick, "Well look here, Selwood, is there anything that you wouldn't like your mother to know about?" Nick thought for a moment and said, "Yes, Sir, there is". The Headmaster brightened up and said, "What is it then?" And Nick replied, "My End of Term report, Sir!"

After leaving School, his substantial presence was regularly on display with the OWRFC lower sides on the rugby field as a battering ram that tested the courage of the opposition and the stability of the OW scrum! During the OWRFC halcyon years of the 60s/70s and the 1st XV was particularly outstanding, we often fielded six teams and the bar benefited financially and musically after matches with Pat Pegg's sausages as the only interlude to raucous singing! Nick played his part, also with a spell as Bar 'Convenor' and he helped Gerry Bowthorpe in the Coaching of young players, who were no doubt intrigued by his proud Beatles' hairstyle! During this period, many rugby clubs ran "Stag evenings" and Nick and I arranged three financially invigorating events... I particularly remember his exchanges with the then relatively unknown Mike Read, who was a very popular if frightening MC!

Most of Nick's and June's business years were spent as genial hosts at several hostelrys in Central London and the Croydon fringes, after which they formed a building company, which handled the substantial redevelopment of the entrance area of the OW Clubhouse. During the demanding project, he must have shed a tear with the necessary dismembering of our famous plunge bath, where his rumbustious arrival after rugby often threatened to drown the relaxing participants! As the years passed pleasantly by, a group of we friends enjoyed regular visits to Beckenham and Twickenham for the Middlesex Sevens and occasional trips, always enjoyed, to Paris for the rugby internationals. Showing his capacity for more cultural pursuits, Nick and I occasionally crossed the Channel to Amsterdam where I often had to drag him away from his apparent admiration of the "Step Gables" in the Bloemgracht!

Nick and June's last few years have been spent in Cyprus where they moved to enjoy the fabulous weather and welcomed many friends to join them for vacation. June's cooking was legendary, although on the occasions when they did return to "Blighty", their first dinner outing was invariably to enjoy Nick's one-and-a-half portion of chicken vindaloo at an Indian restaurant!

We have lost a very special friend and pass our condolences to June, Tim, Deborah and the family for the years ahead.

This appreciation was written by Paul Hooper (1954-61)



Dudley Coates (1943-51)

John Dudley Stuart Coates was born in Bristol on 3 November 1932 and his family moved to Purley in the early 1940s, prior to him attending Whitgift. He perhaps had good reason to be good natured and uncomplaining after an early brush with mortality when the last Doodle Bug of the War fell on the hotel next to the family

home in Dale Road, Purley with many casualties. As Dudley's home was also badly damaged the family had to leave immediately and a school friend calling at the house was told 'they have gone'. By the time he arrived at school later that day, he was met with disbelief as a collection had already been started for a wreath; a lucky miss.

At Whitgift, Dudley showed early promise in the sciences, excelling at cricket and rugby, and also finding the time to join the cadet force, the Corps of Drums and be a school prefect. He always talked about his time at Whitgift with great affection and the experience undoubtedly developed his disciplined mind and the sheer breadth of his subsequent interests. Whitgift was to become a frequent point of return in his life.

On leaving school, science came to the fore and he joined the Distillers Company as a Laboratory Assistant whilst studying part time for a science degree. In 1957 he transferred to BRP in London. It was here that he played an active role in the development of a material we all now take for granted, a new plastic product called RIGIDEX. During this period he travelled extensively in the UK, Norway and Germany and contributed to a major breakthrough which saw plastics replacing more traditional materials worldwide.

Staying with what was now British Petroleum, his career took a major change of direction in the early 1980s, and he ultimately took responsibility for BP's Corporate Arts

Sponsorship programme. In 1987 he received from the Prince of Wales the Daily Telegraph's Award to BP for 'Outstanding Sponsorship of the Arts'. It was the perfect job for him, combining his loyalty to BP with his passion for music and the wider arts and he was able to provide a real boost to a wide range of projects including the Regent's Park Open Air Theatre. Dudley retired from BP in 1991 and enjoyed 22 years of retirement but he retained a broad interest in the arts. Continuing to advise on arts sponsorship, he was Director of Arts Research Limited and was also patron of the Voluntary Arts Network remaining active in the musical life of Croydon.

Dudley met Joan while he was working at Distillers in Burgh Heath. They were married at St Peters Church, Walton-on-the-Hill on 20 June 1959 and moved to Coulsdon, raising a family of three boys, two of whom followed Dudley to Whitgift. Dudley was devoted to repairing, maintaining and expanding the house, to singing, to cars and to his family. In his 40s he started commuting to London on a Honda C70 and continued for many years on a series of bigger and bigger bikes. He used to give his eldest son Andrew a lift to school on one of these bikes and on one frosty morning they had their only incident when they hit some black ice and slid down a side-road in Purley. They were unhurt and the bike was undamaged. As they struggled to pull the bike upright he grinned at Andrew and said "Don't tell your mother". Music was always an important part of Dudley's life. From an early age he sang with his father in the choir of St James' Riddlesdown. Dudley took lessons from the baritone Fabian Smith and by 1955 he was singing leading tenor roles in the Croydon Operatic and Dramatic Association's Gilbert & Sullivan productions where Joan also sang in the chorus. Dudley specialised in romantic, swashbuckling leads - one of his best performances being in a production at the Fairfield Halls where he was Count Danilo Danilovitch in 'The Merry Widow'. In 1972, Dudley was instrumental in founding the CODA Singers to perform recitals and concerts. He started as business manager and later was elected chairman. He stayed with the CODA Singers for 40 years and together they put on some memorable concerts, including the Christmas concerts at BP's headquarters in London.

Dudley had a successful heart bypass operation in 2010 but two years later his general health deteriorated, mainly due to complications with diabetes. He spent long periods in hospital and, although he was able to enjoy a great family party at home to celebrate his 80th birthday, he died on 30 May 2013 shortly after being admitted to Whitgift House nursing home. It was poignant that he ended his days not in hospital but in the leafy grounds of the school he loved so much as a boy and which had made such an impact on his early life.

Dudley was a wonderful and multi-faceted character. Indeed, the measure of the man was that, when he was at his most vulnerable as his health was gradually deteriorating, his enduring strengths shone through. What struck all who met him - including his fellow patients and hospital staff - was that he remained throughout that charming, tolerant, resilient and gracious gentle man, who loved music, his friends and most of all his family.

This appreciation is based on the eulogy given at Dudley's funeral by his son Lt Col James Coates (1981-88)

Colin Mead (1946-53), President OWA 1997

Colin joined Whitgift in the first forms in September 1946 when living in South Croydon. When his father took over as Manager of Barclays Bank in Banstead a couple of years later

he became a regular commuter from Banstead Station until he left Whitgift in 1953. In his youth he was very tall with little weight and so did not have the physique to appear in the school rugby teams but was an enthusiastic player in the competitive atmosphere of house league competitions where he learnt the art of overcoming the superior skill of the opposition by the tactical appreciation of their weaknesses. This held him in good stead in his future life.

Following school he had to do National Service. He had been in the CCF and reached the rank of L/Sgt in the Drums but chose the RAF and was involved in Radar at RAF Chenies in Buckinghamshire. After National Service he began working for National Benzole until he joined Ind Coope and developed his expertise in the alcohol industry. As Colin put it, he gave up one form of lubrication to take up another!! He gained a broad and deep knowledge of brewing, distilling and wine making, as well as business acumen which when coupled with Margaret's culinary and business skills, resulted in the great success of the Red Lion where they moved in 1972.

Colin started playing for the Rugby Club in the lower sides in 1956 and such was his enthusiasm for the club and Whitgift he was appointed to the committee for the 1958/59 season. It was during this time that he made contact with the School Coach, Gerwyn Williams, and encouraged him to point rugby players in the direction of the OWRFC. The fruit of his work before and during his captaincy can be seen in the results in the sixties and early seventies. Colin's rugby playing developed and he took over as 1st XV Captain in season 1959/60. His first Saturday match was on the 19th September 1959 against the Old Edwardians in Birmingham and it did not go well. We lost 6-3 and his dry sense of humour came to the fore. 'Well we don't have to worry about our unbeaten record in the future'.

It was, however, a happy day for Colin as it was that evening he met Margaret, a union that lasted 52 years as they were married on the 17th March 1961, a Friday so that he did not upset team arrangements for the Saturday match.

Colin was captain for two years but only made 118 1st XV appearances in all. Living at Tylers Green in Buckinghamshire after marriage and with two small children around (Andrew born in 1962 and Iain in 1965) rather curtailed 1st XV appearances but he had been the catalyst to set the rugby club on its way.

Colin took over the Red Lion in January 1972, an intimidating project after the years of neglect under the previous landlord. However, with his customary enthusiasm he soon had everything operational. For three decades Colin & Margaret 'were' the Red Lion, Steeple Aston and Colin was the very public face of a hostelry that was renowned across Oxfordshire, the surrounding counties, and indeed the whole country. There are people across the world who know Steeple Aston because of the Red Lion and the affable, gregarious and larger than life landlord whose bonhomie was matched by wit and erudition. The excellence of Colin and Margaret's work at the Red Lion was acknowledged by the award of the Good Pub Guide Landlord of the Year in 1997. Colin was rightly very proud of this accolade, as he was of other people's achievements and public recognition.

Colin was also immensely proud of being an Old Whitgiftian. He maintained close links with the School and was an active member of the OWA, becoming its President in 1997.

In recent years his health began to trouble him, mainly as a consequence of a rugby injury in his playing days. This led to a troublesome and very painful right foot, which eventually led to the below-knee amputation of his right leg from which

he recovered well. Again his humour was to the fore over this.

Colin died in hospital following an investigation of an irregular heartbeat, on the 29th October 2013, aged 77

This appreciation was written by David Straw (1941-47), Colin's friend, contemporary, team-mate and fellow Past President of the OWA.

Ian Cornell (1944-50)

I first met Ian 69 years ago when we were both taking the entrance exam to Whitgift School. It was July 1944 and as we sat writing the air raid siren sounded to warn that a V1 flying bomb was approaching. The master invigilating this exam told these aspirant Whitgiftians that exams do not stop because of an air raid warning. If the bomb comes close we were to take our exam papers and continue writing under the desks! The Whitgiftian ethos had a profound influence on Ian for he remained in close contact with the school and the OW Association throughout his life. For many years he was the Southern African correspondent keeping in touch with OWs in the region and with the overseas secretary in England. I shall not dwell on Ian's academic activities at school but he was a keen member of the CCF and the Corps of Drums where to the delight of small boys watching he played the big bass drum.

On parade Ian was always impeccably turned out and the shine on his boots was the envy of us all. In the latter part of his school career Ian went on army courses and he became a fully qualified steam locomotive operator to army standards by the time he left school. One of our contemporaries has recounted how he and Ian used to miss school to go train spotting; he maintains to this day that it was Ian who fostered his spirit of independence. Certainly Ian was devoted to trains from an early age.

An early memory of Ian was during the very cold winter of 1947. We were sitting in a classroom being taught by a new young master who believed in fresh air being good for the soul. He had all the windows open, despite the fact it was snowing outside. Ian was sitting in front of me and occasionally one or two snowflakes would come floating down between Ian and me. I took it as a personal challenge to see how many snowflakes I could re-direct down Ian's neck by gently blowing. Unfortunately, I was so engrossed in this delicate manoeuvre that I failed to notice that the master was now standing behind me. Needless to say his cane and the sea of my pants came into close contact. That master and I worked closely together in later years training people to shoot rifles.

In 1950 Ian was called up for National Service. He spent his two years in the Royal Army Service Corps. Those of us who were doing a recognised course of study were able to defer National Service - it was at this time that I lost touch with Ian.

In 1976 I had to return to England for family reasons and I decided to visit Whitgift prior to getting my flight back to South Africa. The only master who was free to see me on that fleeting visit was the same man who caned me some 29 years earlier. Some weeks after my return, I got a phone call from Ian who had received a call from the OWA overseas secretary who had been advised by this master that I, one of the long lost sheep, was now believed to be living in Johannesburg. So, after that long period Ian and I were reunited.

Ian's career was not clearly defined in his earlier years but he eventually found his niche in the airfreight business, firstly

with BOAC. He emigrated to South Africa in 1969 where he joined a company now called Renfreight. While working at Renfreight, Ian developed a speciality - he was becoming a specialist in airfreighting wild animals to other parts of the world and he built up a long business relationship with the De Wildt Cheetah Park near Johannesburg.

Ian had many hobbies; in his earlier years it was cars, particularly performance cars, rallying and marshalling at F1 events. His love of railways re emerged and he equipped a fully functional workshop at his home where he could make working model steam locomotives to a 5inch gauge, capable of towing him and some children around a track. The craftsmanship and attention to detail in these working models were unbelievable. In his latter years, when building working models was no longer possible, he built a railway layout in his garage, 00 gauge, replicating Newton Abbott Station in Devon. Again his craftsmanship and attention to detail was astounding, despite infirmity. Photographs have been taken and it is hard to tell the difference between the model and the real thing!

Running through all of Ian's life has been his love of his old school and his love of social interaction, especially the braai. Whenever there was an OW passing through Johannesburg, Ian would call all us OWs together to meet this traveller (whom we might or might not know), and introduce him to our South African braai and all that goes with it. On one occasion an OW was due in Johannesburg en route to Zambia. Both Ian and I knew him very well but I hadn't seen this chap for about 25 years. Ian suggested that I went to pick him up from his hotel in the guise of a hired driver and take him to his lunch appointment but not to identify myself. During the journey I asked this OW if I might call him by his Christian name as I had done when we were at school together! Needless to say the reunion was toasted with due solemnity.

Ian retired on grounds of ill-health in 1991 when he was 57, but he remained as a consultant on airfreighting of wild animals for another 8 years.

Ian will be remembered in many different ways by different people but they will all remember him for his wide range of interests which included his love of machinery, his love of a good party and his sense of humour. His support for Manchester United FC was very vocal and started long before Sir Alex Ferguson became involved.

For Ann there is the loss of a lifelong partner, for Dawn and Judith and their respective families, there is the loss of a father and grandfather, and for all the friends here today a light has gone out. *'Hamba Kahle', old friend.*

This appreciation is based on the eulogy given at Ian's funeral by his friend John Whybrow (1944-52)

Brief Lives...

Ian Phillips (1948-55)

Ian Phillips, who has died at the age of 74, had a distinguished career as a chartered accountant. After ten years in the profession, Ian moved to the commercial sector, initially with the John Lewis Partnership and then with the London Transport Executive, where he was appointed Director of Corporate Planning in 1969. He became Chief Business Planning Officer in 1975 and then Group Planning Director in 1978. From 1980 to 1984 he was a member of the Board of LTE, subsequently London Regional Transport. In 1985 he moved to British Rail Board as Director of Finance and Planning. The culmination of his successful business life

was appointment in 1988 as Finance Director of the BBC, a position which he held for five years. He combined that rôle with Chairmanship of BBC Pension Services and of BBC Enterprises. After his time with the BBC, Ian took on the chairmanship of a number of major pension funds, principally those of Oxford University Press and Severn Trent. He was Chairman of the Investment Advisory Committee of Pan European Property Unit Trust, a director of M&G Equity Investment Trust and, a resident of Cirencester, was a board member of Gloucestershire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust.

Ian was the brother of Robin (1945-53) and was married for over fifty years to Fay, sister of Alan Stoner (1950-57). Ian and Fay had two sons.

Brian Botting (1943-49)

Brian Botting died on 14 January 2014 at the age of 81. After Whitgift he took articles with a firm of chartered surveyors before deferred National Service in the Royal Engineers from 1956-58. On his return to civilian life he progressed as a senior surveyor, latterly with Weatherall Green Smith before being appointed a partner in the City firm of Garrett White & Poland. He remained there until retirement in 1995 and was Senior Partner for a number of years. Brian was a Fellow of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors, of the Chartered Auctioneers & Estate Agents Institute and the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators. To these professional qualifications he added, in 2000, a degree in history from the Open University.

Brian took an active part in the life of the City and was for over forty years a Liveryman of the Worshipful Company of Painter-Stainers (Master in 2003-04). He was Chairman of the Queenhithe Ward Club (1979) and Treasurer (1980-94). Outside the City, Brian was the first Chairman of the Friends of Battersea Park and sat on the committee from 1990-99. He was also a member of Wandsworth Council Conservation Areas Advisory Committee for over twenty years.



Brian Botting pictured during his year as Master Painter-Stainer

Brian listed his recreations as rugby, skiing, tennis and sailing and his interests as reading, history, theatre and opera, gardening, English glass and Freemasonry. As can be seen he was a man of broad talent and wide interests but it is to the Freemasonry that particular reference should be made. Brian followed a family tradition by being for fifty years an active member of the Villiers Lodge, formed in Isleworth in 1867 and one of the oldest Masonic lodges in Middlesex. Brian's father was Master of the Lodge in 1932-33 and Brian was Master in 1972. **James Thomas** (1945-52), a former Master of two City Livery Companies, adds some memories: "Brian was a couple of years ahead of me at Whitgift and I did not know him then. We met through the social network of the

City. We (and my wife Anne) were in the same Ward Club (Queenhithe). He was Treasurer and then an excellent and hardworking Chairman. He and I were Livery Company Masters in the same year, 2004. He was by profession a Chartered Surveyor and Arbitrator and a partner in his firm. The Thanksgiving Service for his life was on Tuesday, 18th March at St. James' Garlickhythe and was very well attended. Alderman Gordon Haines, of Queenhithe Ward Club and Past Master of the Painter Stainers led the Eulogies, and others paid tribute to his life as a very senior Freemason (Villiers Lodge) and his long service as Chairman of the Battersea Park Conservation Committee. The Old Whitgiftians were represented. Brian was very proud of Whitgift and one of her finest sons. All who met him admired his integrity and compassion to all whom he met in business and society. He had a warm and generous personality. He did a great deal of charity work. He was not married but was for many years the partner of the late Kate, Lady Barrow, whose daughter arranged the service. The reception afterwards was at Painter Stainers' Hall. All who knew him will miss him and his cheerfulness and generous nature."

Colonel Neville Hunter (1952-60)

Neville Hunter has died at the age of 71 after a long battle with Parkinson's disease. He was an enthusiastic and efficient senior NCO in the CCF at School and moved, as expected, into a full time army career. He was commissioned from Sandhurst into the Queens Own Buffs Regiment which then became The Queens Regiment and latterly The Princess of Wales Royal Regiment. After tours of Regimental Duty culminating in being a Company Commander and then Training Major of the TA Battalion 5th Queens(V) he moved to the technical side of equipment procurement where he specialised for the rest of his Army career. He commanded as a Lieutenant Colonel The Infantry Trials & Development Unit and became a highly respected technical officer.

Paul Leonard Fisher (1951-58)

Paul Fisher, whose death was reported in OW News issue 4, went up to King's College, Cambridge in 1958, was a teacher of mathematics who spent over thirty years at Sevenoaks School, twelve of them as an excellent Head of Maths. Born in Croydon on 17 April 1940, Paul attended Whitgift School before coming up to King's to read Mathematics. He spent four years teaching at University College School before moving to Sevenoaks in 1966. That same year he married Jean Rose, although the marriage was later dissolved. Paul was meticulous with numbers and served as the school's sports timekeeper for twenty years. Aside from teaching, his other great love was music, especially opera, and in addition to singing with the Bach Choir he produced *Newton - The Musical* under the auspices of the Maths Department. Other interests included steam trains, old buses and walking. Paul is remembered as a quiet man with great personal charm, always ready to help and support colleagues and friends. He died unexpectedly on 5 October 2006 from a heart attack following an operation, survived by his wife Lynette and his daughter Daphne.

Dr Robert Smith (1933-38)

Although born in Maxwellton near Glasgow, Robert Smith moved early to Wallington, where in later life he was a well known and greatly respected GP. He went to Wallington County Grammar School before transferring to Whitgift at 13. He was a studious boy, who had offers of places from

both Oxford and Cambridge but chose initially to study economics at the LSE. It was only after the War that he became a medical student at King's College Hospital. During the War, Robert served as a radio officer in the Merchant Navy, a time which included surviving the sinking of his ship by a Japanese submarine. After the War, Robert trained as a doctor and married while still a student - his first job after qualification was as a casualty officer and then he became a houseman at King's. He soon came to think that working as a hospital doctor was not practical for a married man with a young family and joined a practice in Wallington where he continued until retirement. He qualified additionally in obstetrics and gynaecology and also in anaesthesia; sometimes he worked alongside his brother Ian, also a King's trained doctor. The family links were strong because Robert and Ian married twin sisters.

Robert's great loves were his family and golf: he had four children, eight grandchildren and five great grandchildren - Walton Heath Golf Club was the haven to which he repaired.

This appreciation is based on the eulogy given at Robert Smith's funeral on 11 March 2014 and is reprinted from the Annual Report 2008 of King's College, Cambridge. It was brought to our attention by Colin McKinnon (1964-72)



Professor Tony Hyland (1946-53)

Anthony David Charles Hyland was in Cross's House and in the Scouts. He was at Whitgift from 1946-53. He played the lead part of Crichton in 'The Admirable Crichton' in the Spring Term of 1952, and was in the chorus of the various Gilbert and Sullivan operettas of that time.

Tony Hyland was exceptionally clever and was fast-tracked by the A1 route to the Sixth Form. In 1953 he was awarded the Bartlett Exhibition to the Bartlett School of Architecture, UCL, London and a State Scholarship. Whilst there, he won 'The Builder Prize' for Freehand Drawing. He exhibited his freehand drawings widely. He was an outstanding student and very active in College Life, living in Hall. He was a devout Christian throughout his life.

In his work as an architect and academic he worked mostly abroad in Ghana, as Professor of Architecture at Accra University, and later as a Professor in Cyprus and then in Zimbabwe. In Ghana he designed a Cathedral. He was one of the most knowledgeable people about the history of African architecture and contributed learned papers at conferences throughout the world and to the architects' 'Bible', Banister Fletcher. He later returned to England and was a Senior Lecturer at Durham University.

Tony's funeral on 10th March in Birmingham was attended by John Straw and by Tony's fellow thespians, Brian Macdonald- Milne and Charles Stallard from 'The Admirable Crichton'. (Only the death of a close relative prevented James Thomas, also in that cast, from attending).

Tony is survived by his wife Vivien, his two sons, and his sisters Mary and Sue.

This appreciation is written by James Thomas (1945-52)

Mike Willis (1956-64)

Mike Willis has died at the age of 68 after being taken ill on his way home from training with Scarborough Athletics Club where he was a dedicated and highly respected member. At

school, Mike was a talented cross country runner and a keen member of the CCF. He left school and entered Sandhurst from where he was commissioned into the Royal Engineers. He left the army as a major and subsequently ran a consultancy which specialised in enabling businesses to improve competitiveness, productivity and performance by means of partnership between a business and an academic institution (such as university, further education college or research and technology organisation) thereby enabling access to skills and expertise. Mike's continued dedication to running is witnessed by the many tributes to him from the world of athletics. Northern Athletics magazine noted his death with great sadness and praised him for his efforts in helping Scarborough AC to obtain the Clubmark. Fellow athletes described Mike as commanding and inspirational; in 2013, he was awarded the Services to Sport Award, sponsored by North Yorkshire Sport, for his long service as endurance coach to Scarborough AC.



Members of Staff

Michael Hugill (Headmaster 1961-70), President OWA 1963-64)



Michael Hugill, Headmaster 1961-1970, who died on 28 August 2013 at the age of 95, was educated at Oundle and King's College, Cambridge. A mathematician and, after his time at Whitgift, author of a well regarded text book on statistics, he was a sharp contrast to his predecessor Geoffrey Marlar. Pupils used to the

Marlar style "more like Macmillan than the man himself" were surprised: "We all waited with bated breath for the first morning Assembly in September 1961 of the new headmaster. In came this slightly stooped figure in glasses, carrying a modest file. At the end of the formal part of Assembly, he carefully opened the file and began reading announcements in a rather dull monotone. I'm afraid it was not very inspiring, particularly after years of Assembly under Marlar, a cross between an Old Testament prophet and a seasoned actor". Hugill brought significant teaching experience to Whitgift from his time at Stratford Grammar School and Bedford Modern and from his four years as headmaster at Preston Grammar School. He found at Whitgift a school described by one boy as follows "To a bright but utterly unsporting boy, Marlar's Whitgift could seem rather a philistine place; his successor Hugill was more evidently sympathetic to cultural activities and to those engaged in them. To be invited to participate in a musical evening at the Headmaster's House and to see a copy of Richard Crossman's Plato Today meant something".

There is no question that the School changed during Hugill's time, although, as it coincided with the beginnings of worldwide youthful rebellion, this is hardly surprising. According to the School's chronicler, Freddie Percy, "When he left he could look back with satisfaction at much progress in liberating those cultural subjects in which he was chiefly interested, and which - music, painting, drama and literature - he could express himself as a critic of experience and respected authority". It was not an easy time, however, as one of his School Captains has commented "When I was School Captain he was kind and supportive. In my view he was wrongly impugned by many, for whom the contrast with dear old Uncle Geoffrey was just too great. I suspect that the antediluvian Chairman of the Governors became a particularly nasty opponent".

After some ten years at Whitgift, Michael Hugill left, initially to join the Institute of Education at Keele University and later to return to his mathematical roots as an assistant master at Westminster. The tribute offered when he left Whitgift has a remarkable similarity to that which followed his retirement from Westminster sixteen years later:

"He was the most charming guest imaginable at a dinner or a party, witty, endlessly varied in topics of conversation, superb with children. His greatest gift, it seems to me, was for informal public speaking, especially those cameos he would produce with apparent nonchalance when saying goodbye to members of staff. He would perform twice, once in Big School and again in the Common Room. I remember one summer end of term when six colleagues had to be thanked and applauded. Every one of the twelve speeches was exactly appropriate, spiced with wit and quotation and anecdote, all perfectly level with the two different audiences, and with never the slightest hint of repetition or redundancy" - *from The Whitgiftian*.

"When 14 years ago a new appointee to the mathematics department had to withdraw at the last moment and by chance Michael Hugill wrote to John Rae about a vacancy, the Head Master must have thought himself very lucky to fill the post so quickly. It could not have been difficult for him to foresee the unique contribution that Michael would make to the way of life at Westminster: his skill in the classroom and his catholic interest in the arts combine in him to produce a rare talent. When Michael joined Westminster there had been a number of changes in the mathematics department; it lacked the stability essential for consistent success. With his experience as Headmaster and mathematics teacher over 25 years Westminster was fortunate indeed to enlist his services. It is in no small part the result of his endeavours that in his years at Westminster the number taking mathematics 'A' level has trebled. His sense of fun - no arid subject any that interested him - has communicated itself to generations of mathematicians. How many of his pupils will be able to eat a 'sticky bun' without it inspiring a memory of Michael engaged in some mathematical analysis, with a careful consumption of the evidence at the end of a lesson; Michael's influence will linger for some time: we are fortunate beneficiaries of his successful endeavours over the last few years in publishing his 'Advanced Statistics'.

But a man of so many talents has contributed in many other areas, not least in the pages of this magazine, which he edited for some years. He has an amusing reputation for not having sat out a school play or concert in its entirety and yet with all the skill of a professional journalist has been able to pen many perceptive reviews. The Art Department too has benefited; with his breadth of knowledge of European art he helped the teaching of the history of art when the department

was growing. His erudition and tremendous sense of fun will be sorely missed by his colleagues in the Common Room. We shall miss his impromptu lieder recitals with Richard Stokes when they meet by the pigeon holes, his warning notices of Vivaldi operas on the radio and schemes for their avoidance. We shall miss the benefit of his advice on Parisian Hotels, Baroque churches and Byzantine mosaics. The mathematics department will particularly miss his advice on holiday books, from Byron's Collected Letters to *A Dance to the Music of Time*; they have been compulsory reading. We shall miss his anecdotes, his guffaws and the scent of his pipe smoke. We wish him many long years of retirement to pursue all his interests and since Westminster cannot be the same without him we fervently hope that he visits often." - *The Elizabethan, the magazine of Westminster School*.

So we see the difference between the self effacing headmaster with the "somewhat severe and detached manner he thought appropriate for a headmaster" (according to Percy) and the lively private individual. It is the latter that was emphasised at his funeral. Chris Jenkins, a prefect appointed by Michael Hugill, was present at the funeral as representative of the Whitgiftian Association and recalls some stories told by members of the family - a nephew said that he remembered being with Michael on a very wet holiday in a leaky villa in Tuscany and performing the Dance of the Sugar Plum Fairy with him at 3.00 am in the morning; another nephew recalled that Michael had an old Morris Minor, which he used for years. It was his belief that the car was little more than an ashtray for the Hugill pipe, there was so much used tobacco in it! Certainly, Michael Hugill was an inveterate pipe smoker and his nephews also told how during wartime service in the Royal Navy (he was the son of a Rear Admiral) he was on the bridge talking to someone with his pipe in his mouth. It dropped out and fell into the sea. Devastated, he wrote to Dunhill to order a replacement. Much to his surprise, he received a new one from them, but they refused to make a charge, in honour of the service he was giving to the country.

In many ways this final story sums up Michael Hugill, a man who offered a life of service to his country in war and to education in peace - quiet, civilised and learned but surprised when good fortune favoured him. Chris Jenkins adds that Michael was headmaster in his last two years at Whitgift, "I found him a very intelligent, thoughtful and quiet man, but someone with a good sense of humour who did not treat life too seriously. I suspect that his years at Whitgift were not the happiest in his career. He may not have been at ease with the big personalities amongst the masters at the time".

This appreciation is written by Nigel Platts with acknowledgements to Peter Cox, Chris Jenkins and unnamed contributors to Peter Cox's book Memories of Whitgift.

D L (Dai) Lewis (Master 1957-1995)

It is with great sadness that we heard of the passing of Dalton (Dai) Lake Lewis, Whitgift Master for 38 years 1957-1995, on 24th November 2013. In the 1950's, Geoffrey Marlar was engaged in modernising the school. Wishing to introduce Crafts as a serious, examined subject, he appointed Dai Lewis. There were doubters in the Common Room, but Dai won them over with his whole-hearted approach. It helped, of course, that he fitted neatly into the Welsh Rugby Mafia, running the second XV between Ken Nicholas on the



Colts and Gerwyn Williams on the first XV. He also became a stalwart of the CCF and Lieut. Col. and Commanding Officer from 1997-81. His assimilation was complete when he succeeded Bill Edge as Housemaster of Tate's. Playing for the Domini, he had the simplest of batting methods, using Blodwen, a venerable and very heavy bat. This method consisted of swinging Blodwen in as wide an arc as possible. On the rare occasions when bat met ball, it

would disappear to any point in the arc from third man to square leg. Later, in the pub, you would see the essential Dai, pint in hand, puffing contentedly on his pipe: a lovely man and a valued colleague. All our sympathies go to Margaret and Ian.

This appreciation is written by John Branston, Whitgift Master 1956-1997.

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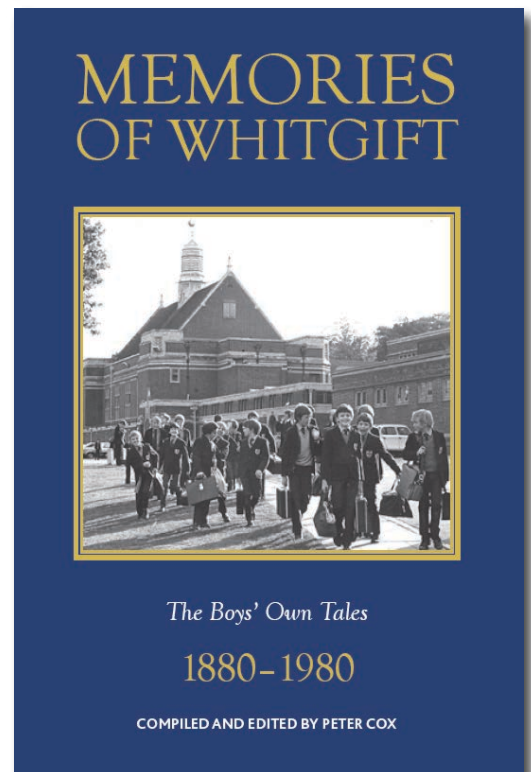
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We have an active website and state-of-the-art database for the benefit of Members only. The annual 'OW News' is dispatched to all Members via e-mail, together with the 'WA Newsletter' (bi-

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We maintain strong links with the Whitgift Sports Club in Croham Road where its principal sports continue to be rugby, cricket, football, hockey and water polo/swimming (at the School). Tennis is also available at the nearby courts of Old Palace Primary School, just across the road.



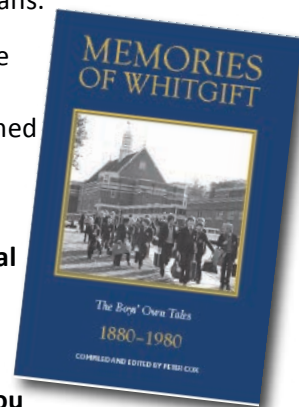
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