



OLD WINBURNIANS NEWSLETTER - AUTUMN 2008

I am scribbling these lines on the first day of October. World and national news is scarcely cheerful. Which bank will collapse next? How will the economic problems affect us and our loved ones? Will Newcastle FC ever find a manager? Will John Dacombe rediscover his bowling action and baffle batsmen everywhere with his Chinaman? Will this writer be accused of racism? Will Geoff Hill prove the inhabitants of the Dragons' Den mistaken by making his first million with his ladder-box? Will Wilf Palmer be the first centenarian to run the London Marathon? Such profound questions with no easy answers. But, whatever problems beset us, we have all known worse and we are still here, after all. And surely the two Bs, George and Gordon and our infinitely lovable friend, the Prince of Darkness himself, Peter M, will save us from the workhouse, won't they?

A few weeks ago David Cameron described Britain as a 'broken society' and it is true that parts of our kingdom are suffering from profound social difficulties. But this scribbler has been travelling far and wide this wonderful county since the New Year and I know Dorset certainly does not fit this description. Everywhere I have met so many splendid people doing such good works and I have seen all the old values of community responsibility and mutual support still very much intact. Time and again I have driven back to Wimborne feeling both humbled and elated having spent my day in the company of individuals selflessly helping others and working for the common good. So, whatever grim news from Wall Street or The City happens to figure on our screens, let's all remind ourselves that, no matter its faults, this England (and the other bits!) remains a wonderful land in which to live.

Therefore, as we approach the year's end, let's resolve to spend as much time as possible with good friends, remembering always dear old Sam Johnson's dictum that 'A man counts himself in nothing else so fortunate as in a soul remembering his good friends'. You will all know what is coming next. Our reunion numbers have continued to grow year on year, so let us see if we cannot make December 13 at Cobham's another record. One hundred and fifty? Records are there to be broken as Tony Gould said recently when he sat on his 78rpm copy of Lonnie Donegan's 'Does your chewing gum lose its flavour on the bedpost overnight?' I know it will prove to be a brilliant occasion so do come along - all our regulars, irregulars and those who have never been before. You will not be disappointed. And if anyone does have a replacement copy of Lonnie for Tony he will be thrilled.

We shall, as we did last year, all be raising our glasses at Cobham's and drinking a toast to 'Absent Friends' precisely at 1.30pm. So, ladies, gentlemen, fellow Winburnians, wherever you are - from John O'Groats to Lands End, from the North Pole to the South, from Dartmoor to Devil's Island, join us for we shall be thinking of you and wishing you were with us. Check sundials and chronometers, lines of longitude and latitude, shake your Rolexes if necessary to ensure they are still functioning - but join us!

All the best wishes, happy Christmases and healthy and prosperous New Years to everyone,

Your most 'umble servant,

Alan R. Bennett

FORTHCOMING REUNIONS

Saturday, 13 December 2008

Saturday, 4th July 2009

Saturday, 28th November 2009

THE SUMMER REUNION, SATURDAY, 5 JULY 2008

The following is a list of those members (their spouses and friends, where known) who attended.

Dr. Gareth Annels, Dr. Alwyn Annels, Angela Bartlett (née King), Alan Bennett, Pat Best, Les Bishop, Nick Bishop, Rex Breach, Cynthia Breach, James Brewster, Elizabeth Longman, Wendy Bundy (née Baker), Brian Bundy, Eunice Carnall (née Chadd), Robin Christopher, Michael Clift, Miss Mary Clift, Marion Cook (née Ingram), Mervyn Coombs, Rosemary Coombs, Robert Copelin, Des Cox, Peter Cox, John Dacombe, Jack Douch, Roy Dacombe, June Dacombe, John Dare, Janet Davidson (née Horsey), Pamela Dickie (née Arnold), Janet Dooleage (née Pursey), Faith Elford (née Hawes), Tony Elgar, Dianne Elgar, David Finnemore, John Froud, Maureen Froud, Gerald Froud, Rosemary Froud, Janet Gorden (née Daniels), Tony Gould, Gail Greenfield, John Guy, Lawson Hall, Dennis Hames, Bill Haskell, Len Hawker, Dorothy Hawker, Don Hibberd, Joyce Hibberd, John Hill, Geoff Hill, Zenaida Dotimus, John Hilton-King, Rodney Hurt, Caroline Jennings (née Bundy), Carolyn Kamcke (née Walking), Pat Keeping, Kenneth Moody, Ian Lace, Grace Lace, Eric Leeson, Alan Maitland, June Maitland, Maria Martin (née Limm), Carolyn Martin (née Rogers), Vic Moss, Jenny Moss, Diana Moss (née Anderson), Derek Noon, Sue O'Connor (née Froud), John Coombes, Ken Palmer, Marjorie Palmer, Wilfred Palmer, Charles Palmer, David Park, Len Pearce, Diana Pearce, Don Phillips, Brenda Phillips, Graham Powell, Christine Price (née Richmond), Terry Randall, Richard Read, Betty Read (née White), Janis Ricketts (née Perry), John Riggs, David Royce, Barbara Russell (née Morris), Raymond Scott, Anne Sweeney, Frank Shears, Elsie Shears, Roy Sheppard, John Singleton, Ken Smart, Rodney Smith, Elaine Smith, Derek Stevens, Owen Swinnerton, Helen Swinnerton, Cynthia Tanner (née Streets), Ken Taylor, John Taylor, Monica Vacher (née Brown), Margaret Vye (née Vincent), Norman Waterman, Margaret Waterman), John Webley, Stanley White, Greta White, Roger Whittaker, Rob Williamson, Eddie Wood, Jose Wood, Beryl Wythers (née Moreton).

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

(Received by David Finnemore)

Thank you for your invite. Unfortunately cannot make the July reunion but would love to come in December. Will keep in touch. Kind regards **Helen White (née Filcher) 1955-60**

Having left QE Grammar in December 1943 I would be surprised to find a fellow ex 5th or 6th former. However, you never know. I'm not going to be able to join the reunion. My last trip to Wimborne was two years ago and probably my last. I live in a suburb of Melbourne Oz. **Don Lambourne**

Sorry - have got a big event on that day, so will not be available. Have a great time. **Roz Trübger**

Many thanks for the invite - would love to attend but have the same travel problem - the one downside of living in Australia!

Hope to hear from one or two of the 'attendees' and regards to any who may remember me. Please drink a toast for all of us who are unable to be with you. Regards, **Marion Wimsett (née Hardy)**

Thanks for the notification but I won't be making the July reunion. Airfares from the US are just too expensive this time of the year. Give my regards to those who remember me. Best regards **Tony Leigh**

I am living in Portugal and won't make the reunion. **Bev Grainger**

Much as I would love to attend it is not possible as I live in Australia. Kind regards to anyone who remembers me. (1959 - 62) **Sandra Birch**

Sorry David, as I live in Spain I will not be able to come on that date but will be over in September if another reunion is arranged. **Mary Channell (née Fooks) from Corfe Mullen**

I shall not be able to surmount the 5000-odd miles this year. Best wishes to all. **Dave Singleton**

Dear David,

Thank you for the e-mail. However, I already have another engagement on that date. Yours **Norman Edsall**

So, Friends Reunited has proved its worth, unfortunately I will be at my 'other home' in Ireland on 5th July. Maybe next time. Weren't we in the same year, David? **Peter Hiron**

What a great idea but regrettably I will be in Turkey then. **Paul Sinfield**

ABRIDGED MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Only 18 Members attended

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT : 2007 - 2008 (Circulated) (Mrs C. Kamcke -Chairman)

The previous AGM was held during the Summer Reunion of 2007. Now, at the end of the first full year, she was pleased to report that it has been a successful one and a new project has been started.

Alan Bennett has produced two interesting and informative newsletters and, from the feedback, they have been very well received. Many members, particularly those who live overseas, now choose to receive their copies by e-mail. Also, more members are choosing to renew their membership by standing order, thus ensuring the continued receipt of the newsletters which help to bind us together.

The two social gatherings of 2007 were both held at Cobham's Sports & Social Club. The Summer Reunion was a buffet style meal and the one in December was a more formal , served lunch. Due to the leadership of Pat Keeping, on both occasions there was a spirited rendering of the School Song and Alan Bennett entertained the company with a short but amusing speech. During both Reunions a raffle was held and the combined proceeds of the two raffles were divided between the Bournemouth Talking Newspaper and Julia's House, each of whom received £200.

The Chairman expressed her gratitude to all of the committee for their work for the OW and particularly for supporting her throughout the past year.

David Finnemore and Derek Stevens are not seeking re-election. During his time on the committee, David, by using his computing skills, has dragged the OW into the 21st century, by introducing up-to-date technology and office practice to speed up the despatch of the newsletter. Derek has worked tirelessly for the OW from its revival during 1996, in time for the Quincentennial Celebration of WGS the following year. He has been Chairman and, in many ways, has made a significant contribution toward bringing the OW to the success it now enjoys and he has devoted a substantial amount of time to pursuing memorabilia of our old school. Whilst Derek is retiring from the committee, he is going to continue to mount the displays which evoke so many memories at reunions.

The placement of a memorial in the Minster to Lady Meg is the biggest OW undertaking so far. It is managed by herself as Chairman & L. Pearce, the Secretary, assisted by co-opted members G. Powell & D. Williams. The details were submitted to the Salisbury Diocese in June but since then the proposal has been refused. The reasons were fatuous and a forceful letter of objection to the rejection was sent from The Minster on our behalf. At the meeting The Chairman [Mrs. C .Kamcke] updated her Report which had been circulated, by advising the members that just prior to the meeting, the Sec had been given the unofficial news that the Diocesan Advisory Committee had now given consent to the proposed Memorial to Lady Margaret Beaufort. However, they had attached a condition concerning the lettering. It is proposed that the Memorial should be dedicated at a Commemoration Service in July 2009 prior to the Summer Reunion. The Rector is entirely behind our efforts and, like us, is disappointed that the Bishop of Sherborne cannot now officiate as, by that time, he will have taken up his new post as Bishop of Truro.

The sub-committee has done its stuff. Now it is up to the membership, the former pupils of WGS. A special account to fund the project has been opened and members are invited to contribute toward this permanent memorial in the Minster, via the Treasurer Alan Maitland.

The Chairman felt that we could look forward to the coming year, confident that the committee will build on the work which has already been done, and that, although the passage of time will reduce our numbers, the OW will carry on for many years to come.

ADOPTION OF ANNUAL ACCOUNTS. (Circulated)

The Treasurer [A. Maitland] went through the audited Accounts and Balance Sheet in some detail, comparing & contrasting the year ending at the 30th of June with the previous year. He also explained he was opening a Memorial Fund into which donations toward the Memorial to Lady Margaret Beaufort would be placed.

The Treasurer advised the meeting that he had expressed his willingness to take over as Membership Secretary, in addition to his duties as Treasurer. He had been notified by David Finnemore, the former Secretary, that there were 289 active members in the UK & 33 abroad and that there had been 4665 'hits' on the web site.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS & COMMITTEE FOR 2008 / 09.

OFFICERS

Chairman. Mrs. C. Kamcke. Vice Chairman D. Phillips.
Treasurer. A. Maitland. Secretary. L. Pearce.

COMMITTEE

T. Gould & K. Moody were elected and since only two members of the retiring committee had not sought re-election, the remainder were re-elected en bloc, namely A. Bennett, T. Bletsoe, R. Hurt, P. Keeping, K. Nicklen, and Mrs. B. Read.

Other members would be co-opted by the committee as , deemed necessary.

RE-ELECTION of AUDITOR.

Mr. K. Newman was re-elected as Auditor by a show of hands.

DATE, TIME & LOCATION OF THE NEXT AGM.

The next AGM will be held at Cobham's Sports & Social Club on Monday the 14th of September 2009 @ 11 am.

AOB.

R. Hurt reiterated the view he had expressed on several occasions at committee meetings that attempts should be made to contact those whose membership had lapsed (for whatever reason) and invite them to rejoin.

Old Winburnians Association

Statement of Accounts From 01/07/07 To 30/06/08

<u>Income</u>	<u>2007/8</u>	<u>2006/7</u>	<u>Expenditure</u>	<u>2007/8</u>	<u>2006/7</u>
Reunions:	£4,020.00	£3,574.50	Reunions	£3,691.00	£3,242.50
Subscriptions:	£1,375.00	£1,387.00	Newsletter Costs	£1,010.44	£891.67
Raffle At Reunions	£416.00	£448.00	Raffle :		
			Julia's House	£200.00	
			Talking Newspapers	£200.00	
			Raffle Prizes	£136.33	
				£536.33	£583.54
Donations	£35.00	£39.00	Committee Meeting Costs	£131.83	£208.52
Sale of OW Ties	£41.00		Memorabilia Costs	£101.46	
Gross Interest On Reserve a/c	£22.59	£16.09	'Lady Meg' Memorial Expenses	£2.34	
			Web Site Costs	£32.74	£54.72
Total Income	£5,909.59	£5,464.59	Total Expenditure	£5,506.14	£4,980.95
			Surplus Of Income Over Expenditure	£403.45	£483.64

Balance Sheet At 30 June 2008

<u>Assets At 30 June 2007</u>		<u>Assets At 30 June 2008</u>	
NatWest Current a/c	£1,945.75	NatWest Current a/c	£2,108.95
LESS unrepresented		LESS unrepresented	
Cheques	£17.66	Cheques	£0.00
	£1,928.09		£2,108.95
NatWest Reserve a/c	£655.92	NatWest Reserve a/c	£878.51
Add Surplus Of Income Over			
Expenditure 2007/8	£403.45		
	£2,987.46		£2,987.46

I have audited the summary of accounts set out above
in my opinion the summary accounts above are consistent with the full accounts of
the Old Winburnians Association for the year ended 30th June 2008
J. T. N.
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YOUR COMMITTEE NEEDS YOU !!

In several newsletters "Your most 'umble servant" who edits the newsletter has made comments about me - polite of course !! For these references , I am very grateful, but they were unexpected . Like me, others have been members of the O.W. Committee for more than ten years and some of us have held various offices, but 'Anno Domini' is catching up on us !

There will be a short pause for some of you to think, "In that case, it's about time you quit or took a back seat !!".

However, to paraphrase the speech made by John F. Kennedy, the former President of the United States, in his Inaugural Address in Washington - on the 20th of January 1961, should you really be thinking, "What can I do for the Old Winburnians?". Earlier in the same speech he said, "The torch has been passed to a new generation of Americans". Some of us are more than willing to 'pass the torch' to a younger generation of Old Winburnians.

My reason for joining any committee has always been a desire to serve others. However, as for gratitude for doing so , my philosophy was summed up years ago by St. Ignatius of Loyolathus, in his well known prayer, which I am sure you heard during many morning assemblies in Big School, when at WGS.: -,

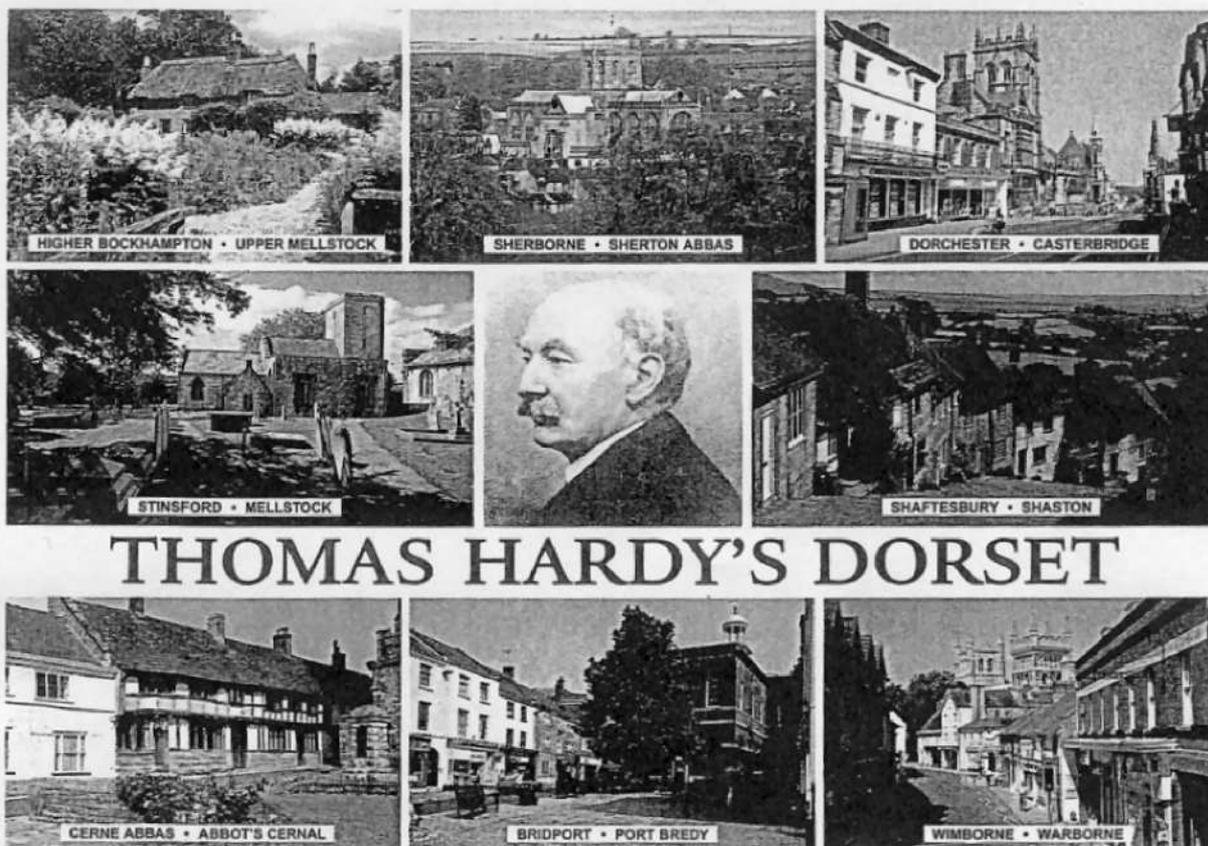
“...teach me to be generous.
Teach me to serve you as you deserve;
To give and not to count the cost;
To fight and not to heed the wound;
To toil and not to seek for rest;
To labour and not to ask for reward,
Except to know that I am doing thy will.”

It is my earnest hope that at the next A.G.M. several of the younger members of the Old Winburnians will put themselves forward for service on the committee and, with similar thoughts, take the place of some of the 'Old Brigade'.

THINK WHAT YOU COULD DO FOR THE OLD WINBURNIANS AND VOLUNTEER YOUR SERVICES

Len Pearce (36 - 41) (Years at WGS - Not a guide to my age! - But you can work it out !!!).

With another recent TV adaptation of Hardy readers may find this modern card of interest - a shame most of it was filmed outside Dorset!



LADY MARGARET BEAUFORT MEMORIAL.

In the Chairman's Report at the AGM, mention was made of a very strongly worded letter, which was sent on our behalf from The Minster, following the rejection of our application to Salisbury Cathedral, for consent to place a Memorial to Lady Margaret Beaufort in the Trinity Chapel.

In the middle of September, further information concerning the lettering was requested. However, two days later, the Chairman of the Fabric Committee wrote to the Memorial Sub-Committee to say, "...he had [that] day received approval for the memorial to be erected, subject to there being no public objection and that the lettering should be hand cut". He was of the opinion that the final approval for the Memorial should be given by the end of November. He has confirmed that the public consultation notice has been displayed and The Memorial Sub-Committee had no hesitation in expressing their willingness to comply with the condition.

The Treasurer has opened an account for the Memorial Fund and this already totals £265, which includes a donation of £100. The Master of Christ's College, Cambridge wrote in May to tell me that the College would be making a contribution toward the Memorial but I have yet to hear from the Master of St. John's College, the other of the two Colleges founded by Lady Margaret.

The changing requirements of the Advisory Committee at Salisbury Cathedral have meant that the probable cost of the memorial has increased. The latest change has come too late for a new estimate to be received from the masons and still enable the newsletter to go out on time. However, it is expected that the Old Winburnians will need to raise an amount of approximately £2000, in order to secure a lasting memorial to The Good Lady Meg. Provision for your contribution is made on the booking form for the Christmas Lunch, together with the address of the Treasurer, to whom donations may be sent.

To reach this point has been something of roller-coaster ride and the sub-committee trusts that the membership will generously support this Memorial to honour our Royal Foundress. A progress report and details of the Dedication / Commemoration Service to be held next July, at the same time as the Summer Reunion, will be published in the next Newsletter.

An impression of the memorial is shown below.



Tomb of
Lady
Margarets'
Parents

East
Window
of
Trinity
Chapel



GRAHAM POWELL (1938 - 47)

I enclose a couple of photos of Maurice and myself, taken in France just over a week ago. (June 2008)

Maurice was attending the annual ceremony of remembrance of the D-Day operations at Merville Battery and at Pegasus Bridge, in the neighbourhood of Caen.

We all know that Maurice flew a glider into the area of Pegasus Bridge the night of 5th June 1944 and safely landed a detachment of the Ox and Bucks Infantry. Later in the war he landed another glider at Arnhem with a detachment of Royal Signals and their jeep. Afterwards he was posted to India where they were getting ready to invade Japan, preparations which fortunately proved to be unnecessary.



This photo shows the two of us standing near a plaque commemorating the actions of Major Howard and his gallant men who spiked the guns at the Battery commanding the landing beaches, which prevented them from firing at a critical juncture of the operation.



This photo shows at midnight, outside the Cafe Gondree, which was famously the first place to be liberated, much to Mme Gondree's surprise, They now hold a champagne and firework reception at midnight on 5th June every year, and you can just see the tip of my champagne glass at the bottom of the picture. Also the happy looks on our faces.

'DOUGIE WILLIAMS (1942-48)

By Kevin Nash and
Nick Churchill

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BRITISH boxing enjoyed a golden era in the 1950s – nowhere more so than in the Bournemouth area.

Doug “Slasher” Williams, now 79, from Chaibury, near Wimborne, was at the forefront of the local scene.

He remembered: “The sport was very, very big back then.

“There was Freddie Mills, of course, and also people like Teddy Packham and Harry Legge.

“But at an amateur level the town was also very successful.

“In 1958, for example, we had two boys take national titles, and three were runners-up.”

Dougie was a teacher at St Peter’s, Southbourne, and West Howe County Secondary School (now Oakmead College of Technology) and also a top-class referee and coach.

He was the ref for a heavy-weight bout in an international fixture between Kenya and Uganda, when the winning boxer was one Idi Amin (“he was very good, very solid... would have taken someone like Frank Bruno to pieces”).

Recently Doug organised a reunion at Oakmead for some of the lads who fought at the club 50-plus years ago.

Roy Bolson, who fought a national schoolboys final at Brighton

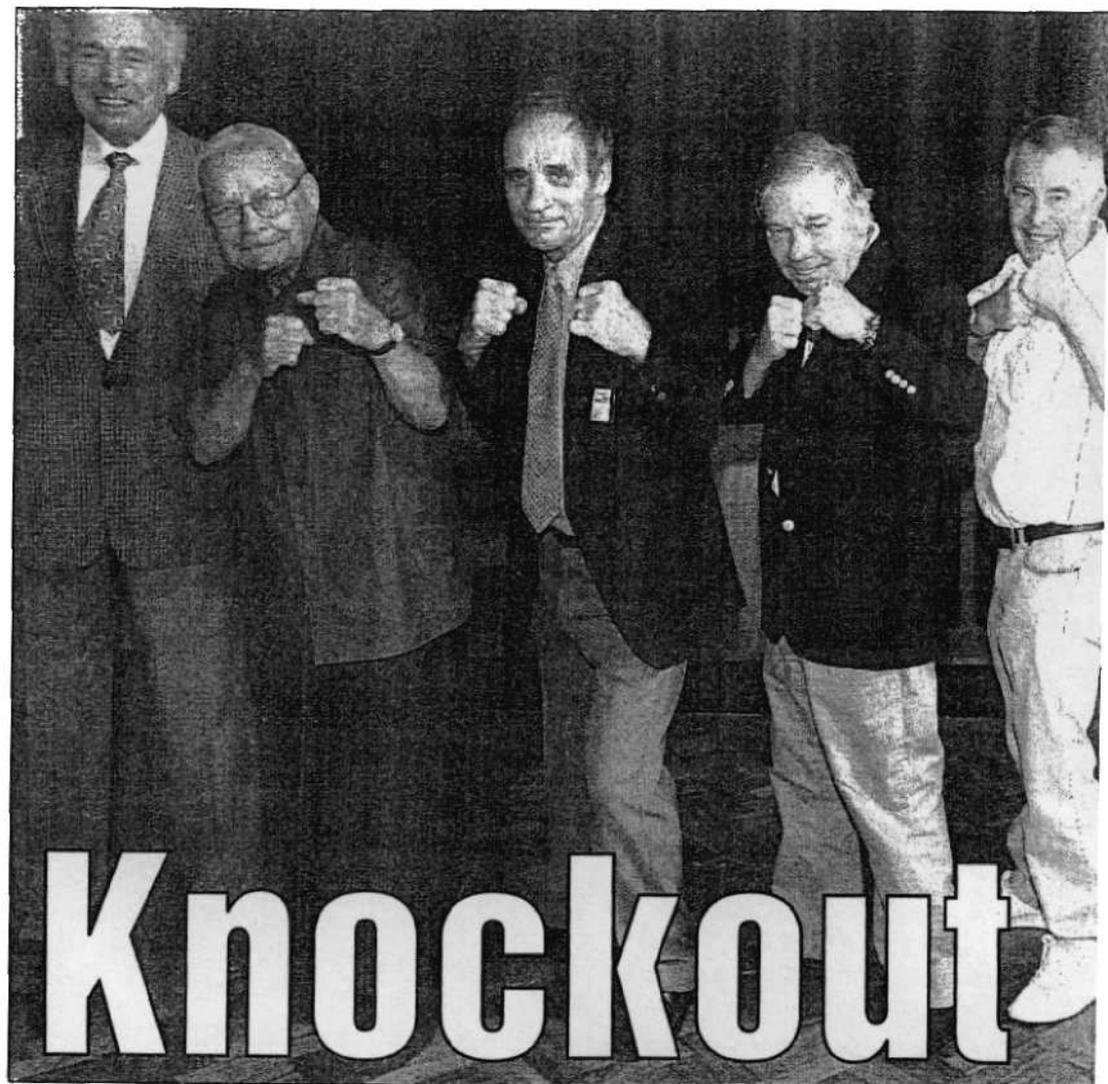
Stadium in 1958, said: “Dougie taught us to fight like gentlemen inside the ring and act like gentlemen outside it – and we did.

“I would’ve won the title if Dougie hadn’t been ill and had been there to keep an eye on me.

“Me and this other lad went out to the pictures and had lemonade and fish and chips, chocolate and all

that. I went to the weigh-in and they had to take me down to the boiler room three times to skip me to sweat the weight off.

“Anyhow, I made the weight,



but didn’t win the fight.”

Dougie said: “These were very good boys. We used to take them to other clubs to fight and when they came in, everyone would

CHAMPIONS: Norman Tubbs, back left, and Dave Goodwin, back right, and, I-r front, Barry Goodwin, unknown, Alan Norris, Dave Seaver and Keith Tubbs

whisper, ‘West Howe’s here, West Howe’s here’.

“Amateur boxing was big round here – not just in Bournemouth, but Poole, Lymington and Christchurch all had clubs. I remember Frankie Francis over at Poole – he was a ref and judge.

“The guts the kids had in those days... it was wonderful.

“Sadly I was ill with tonsillitis when two of our lads went to the National Championships at the Albert Hall in 1958 – Roy Bolson and Alan Norris, terrific boxers.

“Alan was cherubic, blond hair, blue eyes, but he came from a tough area.

“Roy was a great fighter, too. “I was strict on discipline. I would say to the lads I didn’t want to know them if they raised a hand to anyone outside the ring, and they never did.”

Seven former fighters came from far and wide to meet up with Dougie, former science teacher and referee Alan Hill (who now lives in Salisbury) and youth club leader Ken Braithwaite, now living in Dawlish, Devon.

Ray Tubbs, there with his brothers Keith and Bev, said: “I expect we’re a bit more passive these days, but the teachers haven’t changed a bit.”

Another set of three brothers – David, Barry and Clive Goodwin – also made the reunion. Barry fought at the Albert Hall and was an All-England semi-finalist in 1954 (at the age of 14) before turning professional.

Alan Hill boxed a bit in his day as well – fighting at 10 stone

AND HIS BATTLING BRUISERS'

LORDS OF THE RING: l-r, Ken Braithwaite, David, Barry and Clive Goodwin, Roy Bolson, Douglas Williams, Norman (Bev), Keith and Ray Tubbs and Alan Hill

Picture: Hattie Miles ID: 7175687



times...

Keith said: "These boys were great, a pleasure to know.

"They were some very stylish fighters, but they could mix it as well - Roy had a left hook that was just deadly.

"But I wouldn't want you to think this school only produced fighters - we had some excellent scholars as well who went on to achieve great things in their field. It was a terrific school."

Dougie Williams is rightly proud of what the lads achieved and how they were viewed both inside and outside school.

"Their parents entrusted the boys to us and we took them all over the place - Salisbury, Swindon, even Norwich and Coventry - some rough, tough places. They had respect for us as well as each other - and they knew if they misbehaved I'd wallop them with a gym shoe - you couldn't do it now, but back then it was accepted and that was the end of the matter."

Roy Bolson acknowledged the part played by boxing throughout his life: "The discipline was good and the interest in fitness.

"None of us smoked then, and even those that took it up later have stopped. Well, I might have the odd one now and then!

"West Howe has had a bad name with some, but this area has produced some top people who have been very successful.

"It has always had good, honest, decent people - it's just the few that let it down, but you can get that anywhere."



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JUST LIKE OLD TIMES: Roy Bolson, left, and Clive Goodwin

seven when he started, finishing up at 13 stone.

"I ended up banging about with a few heavyweights, but it

was great encouraging these lads," he says. "Of course, in those days we had the world champion Freddie Mills who



was a Bournemouth boy. His trainer used to come down and help out with these lads, which all made boxing popular."

PROUD: Head teacher Mr Clift, centre, with Douglas Williams, centre right, and Mr Nippard, centre left, with boxing pupils



CROWD: Special meeting of the EDDC planning committee at the Allendale Centre, Wimborne

Picture: Hattie Miles 7418967

The Wait is over

Councillors vote 8-2 in favour of supermarket on town cricket pitch

AFTER five years of work, Waitrose has been given the green light to bring a controversial new store to Wimborne.

More than 300 people packed a special meeting of East Dorset District Council's planning committee yesterday at the town's Allendale Community Centre, with organisers having to turn people away when the hall reached capacity.

Having heard five hours' worth of details about the scheme and speakers for and against the retail giant's plans for the Hanhams cricket pitch, councillors voted in favour of the scheme by eight votes to two.

The proposals have split the town almost evenly and each person that spoke both for and against yesterday received vigorous applause.

Most of the councillors agreed that the move would benefit the town, a viewpoint put across by chairman of the Chamber of Trade, Malcolm Angel.

After the decision, he said: "I'm



VICTORY: Waitrose MD Mark Price

By Steven Smith

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pleased on behalf of the members of the Chamber of Trade that our vision for the future has been accepted by the district council.

"We can now move ahead and hopefully in a short time see a new injection of life into our town."

The council's head of planning, Mike Hirsh, was recommending refusal of the scheme in his 156-page report, citing concerns ranging from car parking to bio-diversity, but committee members decided to go against that, stressing that they were agreeing to the store in principle and further discussions to iron out problems were needed.

One of the main opposition groups has been Keep Wimborne Town Green, and chairman, Phil Atlay, said yesterday: "Obviously Keep Wimborne Town Green is very disappointed with the outcome.

"It's not perhaps the end of the story, because this decision will have to be reviewed by the Government Office for the South West, to whom we shall be talking tomorrow."

Part of the deal will see the cricket club relocated to The Leaze and given a host of new facilities and



GREEN: Reg Carden and Alan Stephenson are given KWTG stickers to wear to show their opposition to the scheme by Juliet Beardsley

president, David Laws, spoke in favour yesterday.

Waitrose has also committed to building a riverside park alongside the store.

Company spokesman, James Armstrong, said: "We're absolutely delighted. This is a big step forward.

"Obviously there's a lot of work to be done and we will continue to work alongside the local authority and community as we have done in the last five years."

WIMBORNE LOSES ITS CRICKET PITCH AT HANHAM'S BUT GAINS WAITROSE

(Bournemouth Echo, September 2008)

Re WILLIAM COX (1746-1837)

I was grateful for the publicity you gave my booklet in the summer Newsletter and wish to thank those members who purchased the booklet at the re-union. All the proceeds are being donated to Cancer Research UK.

There has been some success in the town where the sales from **Gullivers Bookshop, 47 High Street, Wimborne** have been steady. No doubt many of the customers have been Old Winburnians and the co-proprietor believes that the booklet will sell well as a 'stocking filler' this Christmas. This is a limited publication of 100 copies "so when they're gone they're gone."

Anyone wishing to purchase from me direct may do so by sending a cheque for **£5.30** made payable to **Eric Leeson, £3.99** of which will be donated to Cancer Research UK and **£1.31** is the actual cost of a padded envelope and 1st class postage stamp.

I will be bringing any remaining copies along to the Christmas Reunion.

As a footnote, Michael Riggs, friend and former classmate, telephoned recently to say that the booklet he placed in The Library at Bathurst is in constant demand, satisfying in that more Aussies will get to know about our School but that doesn't raise any money for Cancer Research UK.

Eric Leeson (1943-47)

AS YOU LIKE IT - 1942



Cast members identified:

(Back row) Peter Witterick, A.H. Hilliam, Lionel Jefferies, Dennis Hames
(Front Row) Joe Mottram, Bob Douch, M.M. Humphries

HOCKEY XI - 1930



Mr. J. White Mr. T. W. Tapping Mr. J. C. Airey Mr. J. C. B. Carter J. C. Gutheridge F. E. F. Davidge
J. King A. E. Warren I. T. Lucas D. J. C. Britton C. H. Corlett

RUGBY - 1961-2



J. Macgregor, A. Denham, P. Watts, D. Melville

Mr. T. R. Hoare, I. Osborne, E. King, P. Warren, F. Fulcher, R. Warner, K. Bernthal

B. Longman, O. Swinnerton (V. Capt.), K. Rose (Capt.), V. Moss, D. Lewis

Absent: D. Beck I. Wettstein C. Lewis

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A. Bennett, T. Bletsoe, T. Gould, R. Hurt, P. Keeping, K. Moody, K. Nicklen, Mrs B. Read

APPOINTMENTS BY THE COMMITTEE

A. Bennett	Newsletter	11 Hawk Close, Pilford Heath, Colehill, Wimborne BH21 2NW
A. Maitland	Membership Secretary	Coles Farm, Milborne St Andrews, Blandford DT11 0JL
Mrs B. Read	Publicity	15 Allenvie Road, Wimborne BH21 1AT
D. Finnemore	Web Site (Co-opted)	4 Purbeck Gardens, Poole BH14 0QS
G. Powell	Memorial Sub Comm.	(Co-opted)
D. Williams	Memorial Sub Comm.	(Co-opted)
G. Richards	Liaison with Cobhams	(Co-opted)
D. Stevens	Memorabilia (Co-opted)	'Gunards' Mornington Drive, Winchester, Hants SO22 5LR

A TRIBUTE FROM THE EDITOR TO RETIRING COMMITTEE MEMBERS, DEREK STEVENS AND DAVID FINNEMORE

For their different reasons Derek and David have decided to step down from the Committee and I felt it appropriate to express my own particular thanks to both of them for their sterling service.

Glance through the Newsletter and you will readily appreciate yet again the huge debt we all owe to Derek for his extraordinary devotion to the task of collecting OW memorabilia. Fortunately he will continue to mount his displays at our reunions and provide me with photographs from the vast store he has collected on our behalf. Unfailingly helpful and co-operative I know I speak on behalf of all our members in thanking him for his work on the Committee.

As for David he has placed the OW on a new footing. We weren't exactly stuck in the Stone Age but, with his acute grasp of new technologies, he single-handedly revolutionised the organisation making it infinitely more efficient and accessible to members, nationally and internationally.

Both Derek and David have spent hundreds of unpaid hours working on our behalf and I will miss their presence on the Committee. Thanks again, gentlemen, for everything you have done.

ALAN PETER CHALMERS

It is with great sadness that we report the death of Alan on 23 June 2008. Having been largely incapacitated by a stroke in 2000, he finally succumbed to an infection after a short stay in hospital.

He chose to be interred in a Natural Burial Ground sheltering under Edge Hill in Warwickshire. The funeral service was conducted by Alex Parker, an Old Winburnian contemporary with Alan and a Church of England Reader in the Diocese of Coventry.

(With thanks to Alec Parker 1942-49)
Eulogy to follow for next edition!

NEWS OF OLD WINBURNIANS

11/01/2008

I have just been advised that Peter Hayter passed away on 23rd November 2007.

I last saw him a year ago and at that time he was house bound, in a pretty bad way, and not enjoying life.

As I explained in a previous note I first met Peter some 40 years ago when we were both M.D's of companies in the same line of business and we had remained friends ever since. He was my proposer into the Public Schools club where we used to lunch together once a month.

Regards **David Searle** (1941-5)

11/11/2007

An interesting Newsletter just received. I particularly enjoyed the warts-and-all contributions.

It was said of Mr. Airey that when his wife (the battleaxe) gave him (the gridstone) a rough time he would call for one of the boarders who he knew would have been smoking, then bum them (beat them), after which he would feel "better". Is it generally known and appreciated that he was supported by the Governors but fined £20 (?) in about 1944 for excessive violence to Seldon (I think) ? He never caned again and the prefects no longer used the leather straps that the train prefects used to cut off the windows (when they weren't trashing the carriage by taking all the bulbs and fittings out and throwing them out of the window).

I may yet write my account of the truth of what I remember and how it seemed to me. I can't say I did badly out of it in the long run (I was a "foundation scholar" of '48 together with Derek Stevens, Alan Parker, Doug Frewer and Michael Habgood and got to University) but it was petrified misery for a lot of the time. When did "Fortnightly Reports", each pored over by Mr. Airey with his red pen, end?

Best wishes, **A. Stephen J. Farrow** (42 - 49)

24/12/2007

I had a great time at the old Winburnians reunion meeting up with all my old school mates. After I knew who you all were I could pick out the features I remembered. Last time I saw you all was in 1954 when I was 16. It's a shame we all have to grow old, isn't it?

Any way I hope it won't be as long again before I get to another reunion. It would be a pretty noteworthy experience if we could manage it.

I noticed a lot of members wearing the Old Winburnians tie and I wondered how I get one. Could you please let me know. Here's wishing you a very merry Christmas and a happy new year.

Best Regards **Tony Leigh** (*Write to Derek Stevens, Tony*)



This postcard is a modern one. An unchanging scene. Old school building just discernible.

OBITUARIES

ERIC J. PARKE

In the last newsletter I recorded the death of 'Beau' Parke and, early in August, there was a mini reunion, in Lytchett Matravers, when several of his contemporaries at WGS, joined others in the village Church, prior to his ashes being placed in the churchyard, to be with those of Vi, his wife.

The Church was full and tributes were paid by Clive McDonald, the brother of the late Angus and Mark Wilson of the Football Club. Beau's grand-daughter, Miranda, read from Matthew Chap 7 and Nita, his sister read the last poem written by her brother, which was found a few days after he had been taken to hospital.

TOWARDS SUCCESS.

Keep aiming for the stars, my friends,
Keep aiming for the stars.
Keep aiming for the ultimate,
Neptune, Pluto, Mars.
Don't consider second grade,
Strive to make the top,
Make sure you keep on running
When all the others stop;
Don't allow defeatist talk
To infiltrate your mind,
Grip your knuckles, walk the walk
And leave the bums behind.
Keep aiming for the stars, my friends,
Your concentration scores.
A sweated brow's well worth it now.
The ultimate is yours !

E.J.P. Jan'08.

On an occasion such as this memories are awakened and we were surprised to learn that when Eric was born his brother Roy, who was only 15 months his senior and eventually preceded him to WGS, called him "Bo-Bo". This must have led to the name "Beau" by which we knew him and was the name by which he was always known, even by his wife.

Beau's father was injured in a motorcycle accident when the two boys were at WGS and, as there was no money coming into the house, their uniforms were paid for by the "Cecil Trust". However, they were both chosen to play for the 1st XI soccer team but the Headmaster (J. C. Airey) refused to let them play unless they wore the school-coloured football socks which cost 7/6d (37p) and the ordinary grey ones were 1/6d (7.5p). The 7/6 pair were financed by their grandmother. Later, the Head threatened to ban them from playing cricket unless they wore 'whites'. Again their grand-mother came to the rescue and produced one white outfit which they shared between them!!

The Lytchett Matravers Parish Magazine recorded earlier in this year, at the time of Beau's death, that he was one of nature's gentlemen, kindly courteous, sensitive and highly intelligent. He loved football, writing poetry and most of all, he loved Lytchett, which was a love he shared with his life long friend, the late Angus McDonald. Those of us who knew him will long remember him.

Len Pearce

Cutting from the New Milton Advertiser & Lymington Times re Howard Barker, a teacher at W.G.S. during the war. See newsletters Autumn 2005 & Summer 2006.

DEATHS

Barker, Howard — passed away peacefully on June 9th aged 102. A much loved uncle, great-uncle and great-great-uncle. The family would like to thank all staff at Linden House and Solent Mead for their wonderful care and support.

Cutting kindly sent in by Richard Ferguson (1942-49)



Christmas at Wimborne Minster



*Lady Margaret Beaufort
(1443 - 1509)*

