



OLD WINBURNIANS NEWSLETTER - SUMMER 2009

First of all, I would like to express the hope that my readers - and fellow Winburnians - are all in the best of health and spirits, notwithstanding the tribulations that the advancing years bring in their wake. At least the spring months of 2009 will be remembered for their many days of warm and welcome sunshine with the most spectacular display of flowers in gardens and the countryside. After two disappointing years of weather and the gloom engendered by our economic and financial problems, I think the English nation in general deserves some cheer. There are, of course, certain exceptions we would all be happy to make, like many of our bankers and politicians - and Jonathan Ross and other foul-mouthed, unfunny, overpaid `celebs' and footballers. But since the Old Winburnians Association contains absolutely no one who fits any one of these descriptions, let us concentrate on the positives.

The Newsletter is, I acknowledge, not one of the most entertaining I have produced. Sadly, it contains a larger than usual number of obituaries. To every bereaved member of our Association, or their spouse, and to all close to them, we send our heartfelt sympathy and love and best wishes. There are some fulsome tributes to certain individuals. There are instances where I have no further information to hand other than the bare facts. If anyone would care to send in a few more words relating to any particular individual, please do so and I will include them in the next issue.

That this edition of The Newsletter is over-laden with sad news and/or mere information cannot, alas, be helped. As some of you will also be aware I have, for the past 18 months, been engaged in a major literary venture in which I have been travelling across and around the county. I am presently working a 12 hour day in order to meet the deadline for publication by this autumn, so I am desperately short of time. However, I do promise to make good with a bumper, fun-packed, rip-roaring Christmas Newsletter including all the scandals/affairs of the boudoir/ sporting triumphs /gastronomic and drinking feats, etc I can unearth relating to our most distinguished membership. Certain individuals will already be shaking in their boots with good reason but, at this stage, absolutely no names, no pack-drill except to advise a certain John Dacombe to have his passport in his wallet ready for a speedy exit from the UK.

There are important notices for you to read - relating to the Service in the Minster on the day of our next Reunion, Committee resignations and elections, the AGM and so on. Please read them carefully because they may affect travel plans, especially the timings of certain events. In the meanwhile, once again I offer my apologies for my failings. I know I have carried over some pieces you may have expected to be included but there are only so many hours in the day.

I look forward to meeting many old friends in July. To those who are unable to come along, we send all our best wishes. If not in July, then perhaps you will be with us for our winter Reunion. And, if you are far away, remember we will be thinking of you.

Compliments Alan R Bennett

FORTHCOMING REUNIONS

Saturday, 28th November 2009

Saturday, 10th July 2010 (*Provisional*
Saturday, 11th December 2010 *dates*)

THE WINTER RENUNION 2008

The following is a list of those members (their spouses and friends, where known) who attended. Where possible, I have included the maiden names of our lady members.

Morgan Antell, Ann Antell, Alan Bennett, Pat Best (nee Matthews), Nick Bishop, Isobel Siroy, guest of Nick Bishop, Reginald Booth, Alice Booth, Jim Brewster, Denise Brewster, Wendy Bundy (nee Baker), Brian Bundy, Cliff Butler, Eunice Carnall (nee Chadd), Roderic Cheese, Mervyn Coombs, Rosemary Coombs, A Cooper (nee Hallett), Brian Cooper, Robert Copelin, Peter Cox, Janet Coy (nee Dowd), John Dacombe, June Dacombe, John Dare, Pamela Dickie (nee Arnold), Peter Douch, Jack Douch, Joyce Downton, Faith Elford (nee Hawes), John Elford, Anthony Elgar, Peter Eyres, Mervyn Frampton, Susan Frampton, Edgar Francis, John Froud, Gerald Froud, Rosemary Froud, Brian Glover, Tony Gould, Dr John Guy, Lawson Hall, Bill Haskell, Sue Hatherley (nee Bush), Len Hawker and guests Stephen Hawker, Susan Burton and Dorothy Hawker, Maurice Herridge, Kate Herridge, Donald Hibberd, Joyce Hibberd, Geoff Hill, Zen Dotimas, John Horsey, Rod Hurt, Carolyn Kamcke (nee Walking), Patrick Keeping, Anne King (nee Wall), Susan Lawrence, Eric Leeson, Elizabeth Longman (nee Brewster), Alan Maitland, June Maitland, Patricia Marshall (nee Unsworth), Carolyn Martin (nee Rodgers), Lorna Miles (nee Woodall), Victor Moss, Jenny Moss, Diana Moss (nee Anderson), Kenneth Palmer, Marjorie Palmer, Wilfred Palmer, Charles Palmer, Peter Pardy, David Park, Brian Pearce, Len Pearce, Diana Pearce, Donald Phillips, Brenda Phillips, Christine Price (nee Richmond), Terry Randall, Richard Read, Betty Read (nee White), Brian Richmond, Ann Richmond (nee Mitchell), Janis Ricketts (nee Perry), David Roberts, Raymond Scott and guests Hilary Noble and Anne Sweeney, Frank Shears, Elsie Shears, Roy Sheppard and guest Gerald Crowther, John Singleton, Carol Singleton, Kenneth Smart, Rodney Smith, Derek Stevens, Cynthia Tanner (nee Streets), Ken Taylor, John Taylor, Jill Taylor, Monica Vacher (nee Brown), Dr Norman Waterman, Margaret Waterman, Geoffrey Welch, Stanley White, Greta White, Prof Bob White, Helen White (nee Filcher), Roger Whittaker, Douglas Williams, Robert Williamson, Beryl Wythers (nee Moreton).

LADY MARGARET BEAUFORT MEMORIAL.

In the progress report in the Autumn Newsletter there was a notification that the Treasurer had opened a Memorial Fund and mention was also made of the changing requirements of the various committees from which consent was necessary before the memorial could be commissioned. In the last six months the approval of the Diocesan Advisory Committee of Salisbury Cathedral has been received and this allowed your Memorial Sub-committee to give the go-ahead to the masons to produce the memorial.

The Sub-committee was confident that adequate support would be forthcoming and their belief in the membership of the OW has been justified. The Treasurer was able to tell the committee at their last meeting that, in his opinion, he now held funds which were sufficient to pay for the memorial and the incidental expenses which it generated.

The committee is grateful to all of the members who have sent donations and some have been extremely generous. As mentioned in the last Newsletter, Christ's College and St. John's College were contacted and gifts from both of them have boosted the fund, as did a liberal contribution from Q.E. School at Pamphill.

The Memorial to Lady Margaret has been completed and the Sub-committee is pleased to report that this has

been achieved both in good time and under the budget. It is their hope that the membership will approve of their efforts when it is dedicated, in the Trinity Chapel, during the Commemoration Service, at Wimborne Minster, on the 4th of July.

This year it is 500 years since Lady Margaret died and a year or two ago, the committee of the Old Winburnians became aware that there was no evidence in The Minster that in 1497 she was the Royal Foundress of Wimborne Grammar School.



Wimborne
Minster
The Crypt

Following negotiations and fund raising, a Memorial has been commissioned and it will be dedicated by The Venerable Barney Hopkinson, a former Rector of The Minster, on the 4th of July 2009. The Dedication will take place in the Trinity Chapel, the site of her Chantry, during a Commemoration Service which will commence at 11-30am this will be preceded by the traditional processional singing of 'Onward Christian Soldiers'.

GUIDANCE NOTES re COMMEMORATION / DEDICATION SERVICE & REUNION

CAR PARKING

There are many car parks in Wimborne. For a plan of the town showing their location, please send a S.A.E. (27cms x 11 cms), when returning the booking form. **PLEASE DO NOT USE THE MINSTER CAR PARK.**

REFRESHMENT & COMFORT STOPS

The "Kings Head Hotel" and the Methodist Church, King Street via footpath at the East end of the Minster, together with varying quality Cafes and Snack Bars, exist in the town. There are toilet facilities in the car park, off Hanham Road toward Somerfield's Supermarket and also approximately 100m from the North door of the Minster.

THE MINSTER

On arrival in the locality of the Minster, OWs and their guests should make their way to the area by the West Tower. It is in this area that at 11:20am, only the former pupils of WGS will be marshalled, ready for the traditional procession into church. If wet, OWs & their guests should go directly into the Church.

The Church will be open from 9:30am but some organ tuition will be taking place until after 11am and members are invited to escort their guests into the Minster and establish their seating arrangements.

The Memorial to Lady Margaret Beaufort will already be in situ in Trinity Chapel, which is behind the organ and OWs, together with their guests, should use the opportunity to inspect it prior to the service. The Rector

has suggested that members might wish to bring with them a Red Rose to lay on the altar in the Chapel, to acknowledge that our Good Lady Meg was a Lancastrian .

At 11:15am, OWs will be invited to return to the area by the West Tower to form the procession which will proceed down the Central Aisle and allow OWs to break off to rejoin their guests, for the Service at 11:30. Trinity Chapel cannot accommodate all the OWs, who might wish to be present at the brief Dedication of the Memorial to Lady Margaret Beaufort. In an effort to overcome this, it is requested that when the Clergy, accompanied by the Memorial Sub-Committee, move toward Trinity Chapel, ONE OLD WINBURNIAN from EACH PEW in the Centre Aisle should also join them, in order to achieve a random selection of our members. Arrangements have been made for the Dedication to be put on a CCTV link, so that those in Nave will be able to watch the short ceremony. This will be followed immediately by the School Song, during which those who were in the Trinity Chapel, will make their way back to their original seats.



Wimborne Minster

Above - Uvedale Tomb - Below - Beaufort Tomb

At the close of the service there will be a retiring collection for The Minster Funds.

Ushers will be present, both outside and inside the Minster to assist members and, at the close of the service, direct them to Cobhams. There is a one-way traffic system round Wimborne and members should follow signs for Poole. Approximately a quarter of a mile beyond the “Willett Arms”, a right turn into Merley Park Road and almost immediately a half-right turn between the brick pillars, will enable members to reach the Reunion venue at Cobham’s Sports & Social Club.

COBHAMS

Members are requested to book in at the OW reception table and collect their identity labels. The Bar will be open and Memorabilia will be on display as at former Reunions.

At 1-30pm your selected lunch menu will be served to the tables allocated to your group. However, if it happens that you are unable to book a place for the Reunion Lunch, please do not hesitate to come to Cobhams by about 3-30pm, to catch up with the OWs already there and renew old acquaintances.

On this occasion there will some VIPs but every endeavour will be made to cut the speeches to a minimum. Lady Margaret will be remembered in a toast which will be followed by the School Song. Your personal reunions, which sometimes continue elsewhere, can remain on the site and into the evening, as the OWs have the use of the hall for the rest of the day, when bar refreshments are expected to be made available.

NOTICE OF THE 2009 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
OF
THE OLD WINBURNIANS.

TO BE HELD AT COBHAM'S SPORTS AND SOCIAL CLUB, MERLEY, WIMBORNE.

at 11 am on MONDAY 14th SEPTEMBER 2009.

Note. After this meeting , a committee meeting will be held and those members attending the AGM are invited to remain as observers.

Light refreshments will be available from the bar.

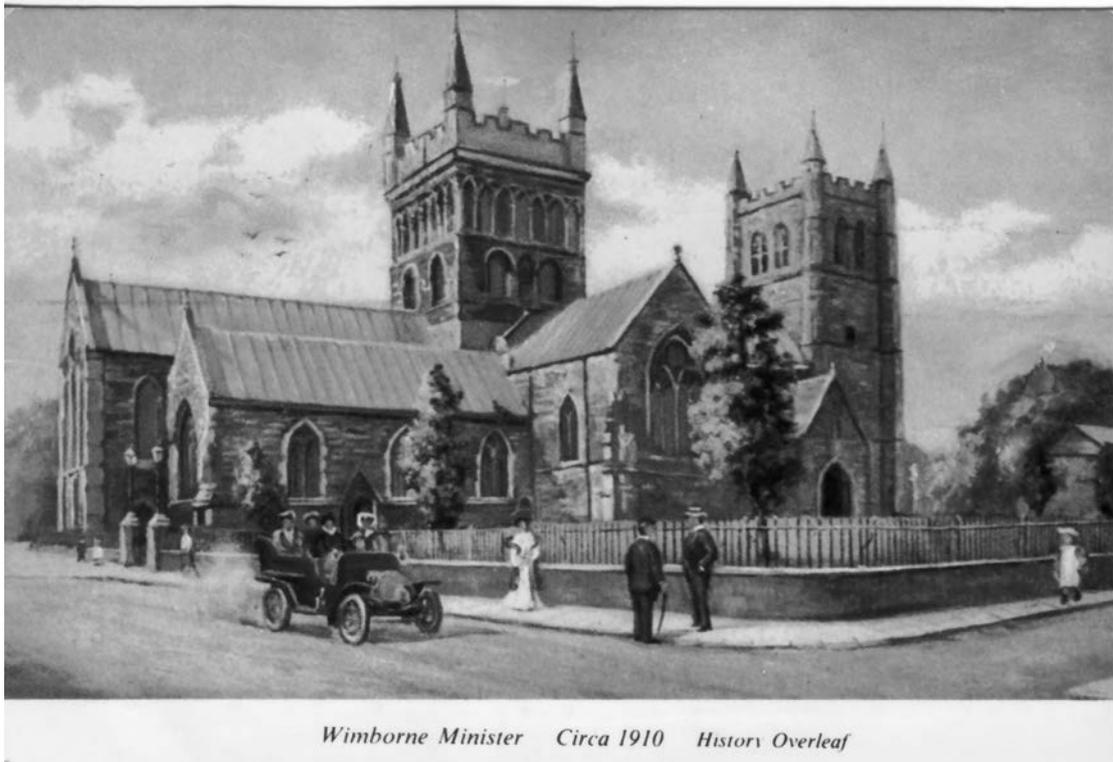
YOUR COMMITTEE NEEDS YOU !!

Do you remember reading this headline in the Autumn Newsletter? and in particular this sentence toward the end of the article., ?. “ 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.” *Well, what did you do about it. ?*

I have been told that at the Christmas Reunion, at least two members expressed their interest in putting their names forward but I am also aware that some of the committee will not be seeking re-election to office, although they would be willing to remain as ordinary members. Their posts will probably be filled by members of the existing committee in a sort of a “reshuffle” but what is really needed are new committee members, with fresh ideas and the willingness to implement them thus ensuring that our association will continue for some years to come.

It has always been understood that the present Old Winburnians has a limited existence but it would be your loss if it suffered a premature end, due to a lack of members being willing to join the organising committee. To make certain that it does not happen, I would urge you again to: -

**THINK WHAT YOU COULD DO FOR THE OLD WINBURNIANS
AND PUT YOUR NAME FORWARD FOR ELECTION TO THE COMMITTEE**



At AGM - MEMORIAL FUND WILL BE CLOSED & Memorial Sub- committee disbanded.

The Chairman Mrs C. Kamcke, the Secretary L. Pearce & D. Phillips (Vice Chairman) will be retiring from office but offer themselves for election to the Committee

OLD WINBURNIANS
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - 14th SEPTEMBER 2009.
COBHAM'S SPORTS AND SOCIAL CLUB, MERLEY, WIMBORNE.

AGENDA
(Circulated)

1. Apologies for Absence.
2. Minutes of the AGM - 15th of September 2008. (Circulated)
3. Matters Arising.
4. Chairman's Report. (Circulated)
5. Adoption of Annual Accounts. (Circulated)
6. Close Memorial Fund & Disband Memorial Sub-committee.
7. Election of Officers and Committee for 2008 / 09.
 - (a) Chairman.
 - (b) Vice Chairman.
 - (c) Treasurer.
 - (d) Secretary.

Plus a Minimum of 4 and a Maximum of 8 additional members.

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8. Re-election of Auditor. (Mr. K. Newman)
9. Date, Time and Location of the Next AGM.
10. Any Other Business.

The Retiring Committee

** Carolyn Kamcke	Chairman
** Don Phillips	Vice Chairman
Alan Maitland	Treasurer
** Len Pearce	Secretary
Alan Bennett	Newsletter
Betty Read	Publicity
Tony Bletsoe	Member
Tony Gould	Member
Rodney Hurt	Member
Patrick Keeping	Member
Kenneth Moody	Member
Ken Nicklen	
** <i>NOT SEEKING RE-ELECTION to OFFICE - But standing for election to the committee.</i>	

Co-opted Members

D. Finnemore	Web Site.
D. Stevens	Memorabilia.
G. Richards	-Liaison with Cobhams .

EARLY DAYS - 1959

Blue, brown and green covered primers, bought from W H Smiths had preceded the event. Time now to see if all the cramming would pay off. The brown and beige Bere Regis and District coach was waiting at the school gate. We all climbed on. Some excited, some in trepidation, and a few who were not quite sure as to why this was necessary. We were off to Wimborne, to the Grammar School, to sit the 11+ examination.

There were a few gipsy children who had not quite mastered the art of reading and writing despite the valiant attempts of the primary school teaching staff. The headmaster had petitioned the Educational Authorities to obtain exemption for these children but permission had been withheld. They had to go and sit the exam. Bureaucracy at its worst.

The coach made its way to Wimborne and deposited its cargo in the playground outside Big School. We stood around in our various school groups, not talking much, just watching as other coaches arrived, slowly increasing the numbers of candidates who then also stood around watching everyone else.

After some consultation by those in charge we were directed to a red brick building opposite the Big School. There was a musty smell of raffia and damp. It was the Gym. Ancient desks had been set out in rows, their surfaces pitted and worn from years of use. Had these been here since the school was founded? We were sat at the allocated space and a roll call was then taken by a balding gingery-haired chap with a strange accent. I later learned that this was Mr Streets, renowned Physics master. The roll call progressed until Bill got to 'Michael Sheehan'. There was no reply. Again, 'Sheehan?', this time in a slightly irritated manner. 'He's not here', ventured one brave soul. 'I can see that', says Bill. 'Where is he?'.

'He's in Hong Kong', came the bold reply.

'What's he doing there?', said Bill in a tone that did not really indicate the need for an explanation but was much more a 'Why the hell isn't he here!'

The explanation was, in fact, quite simple. Michael Sheehan came from an Army family and his father had recently been posted to Hong Kong. The whole family had moved to the Far East but the Education Authority had not been able to revise its list in time. According to them, and Bill, he should have been sitting at an ancient desk in the Gym at QEGS.



The explanation was accepted and the exam started more or less on time. I cannot remember any of it, but time seemed to go very quickly.

Then it was lunch time. After a much needed visit to the cloakrooms in New Building, we were ushered into Big School to sit on benches at tables that had been set up for the meal. It was very noisy. After several hours of forced concentration and absolute silence, we all had a lot to say! Food was consumed and the dishes cleared away. There was an announcement from the platform at the head of the long, T shaped hall. We were to be entertained.

There were at least three of them. A chap with blond tight curly hair played the trumpet. Someone with remarkable skill thumped the grand piano, and there was a bass made out of a tea chest and broom handle. It was the QEGS answer to skiffle. If my memory serves, their names were Tesson, Horsey and Waterman, but I am not absolutely sure if that is exact or complete. However, the music was diverting and kept me occupied until it was time to return to the gym for the second part of the exam.

Again the time vanished and then it was all over. Just enough time to perform the necessary ablutions before remounting the brown and beige coach to be transported homewards where parents would instantly ask 'How did you get on?'

That visit to QEGS was to be the first of many as I was fortunate enough to pass the dreaded exam and returned in the following September as a first year with my uniform fresh from Ableys, whereupon I was tipped over a low wall bordering the playground as part of the initiation process. And that was just the beginning

Paul Saunders (1959-1966)

GOOD NEWS

I was very honoured to be presented to HRH Prince Charles on the 16th October 2008 to receive my MBE for services to the Community of Ottery St Mary. The award came completely out of the blue and the trip to Buckingham Palace was a most wonderful experience, made even more special as I was allowed to take my wife Coral and our two daughters Sarah and Rebecca.

I have always been involved in wanting to help others and I suppose it started with my time at Queen Elizabeth. The two items which I still remember are being a guest at the Wimborne Rotary Club when I was 15; the school had been asked to nominate someone to receive an award for their input into the community and I was fortunate in being selected. I was presented with a signed certificate and two books. Another memory from my school days was making the sandwiches at the school playing fields for the cricket and football teams, I was never very good on the sports field!

Before moving to work in Ottery St Mary I was quite involved in many organisations in the various towns in which we lived and this has continued. I have been a Rotarian for 28 years, holding many offices, and have been on many committees in the Ottery area.

The special memories of the day in London are that everyone there, and there were 106 recipients on the day, had a different story to tell of what had led to the honour. No one had asked for the award and very few knew who had nominated them.

David Brian Roberts MBE
(Congratulations, David! A brilliant and well deserved honour.)

Can anyone help trace John Kerswell?

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Dear Mr Bennett

I attended Hardyes School, Dorchester, from 1953 to 1960 and six or seven years ago I set out on a trail to try to track down as many of my year as I could find as defined by the 1956 / 57 School List. To date I have found 65 of the 76 and we have held a number of reunions in recent years.

One of the 'lost legion' is John Kerswell. A day or two ago an old school friend who has lived in Australia for many years sent me a link to your Summer 2008 Newsletter. On page 6 there is a photograph of the school's 1959 First XI and in the back row is one J. Kerswell.

I believe John was at Hardyes for about two years and may well have left after 'O' levels in 1958 - I certainly do not remember him in the sixth form. He was certainly not a local lad as he was what we knew as a 'boarder'. These were boys who were fee-paying and who lived in three large houses in the town. I don't know whether QEG had this facility but if not then it would suggest that he came from the Wimborne area and as he was there in 1959, attended QEG to complete his 'A' levels.

It is a bit of a long shot but I wonder whether he is a member of the Old Winburnians or maybe there is someone who may have some knowledge of him.

I shall be most grateful for any help you may be able to give.

Yours sincerely N. R. Newbery

CORRESPONDENCE

Fraid I will be unable to attend the December do as I will be touring the Kerala Backwaters in India; always supposing I get my Visa which is proving a bit of a problem at the moment.

Bit for the newsletter if interesting enough. It was at the end of a term, Christmas I think, when I was in 4R (or was it SR) in a little room at the top corner of Big School next to the apple trees down below. We were teacherless, and we were socialising, sitting on desks, being loud and wandering around, when an apple came through the window at a very sharp angle and broke a light bulb, or lamp shade, or both. In came Fishy Maiden and immediately seeing the damage asked who had caused it. We explained to him what had happened, but he refused to believe it and we all got some punishment, though I do not now remember what that was. I do remember feeling the injustice of it, but at the same time not blaming him for not believing the highly unlikely truth.

See you in 2009 hopefully

Margaret Vye (nee Vincent) 1958-61

Another little Fishy Maiden. You may as well add it to the one I sent before.

For English homework we had to pick an author, and chose one of his/her book's which we would like to read, and say why?

I chose Daniel Defoe, looked up all the books he had written and chose Moll Flanders, waffling on for my reason that it sounded like a fictional biography, she sounded fun and I would find that interesting. In he comes to our next lesson bringing Moll Flanders with him, and lent it to me. Well I did read it, enjoyed it a lot, but was rather surprised at the content. When he asked me what I thought of it, not being forward in those days, I just said I liked it. I would like to be able to say that I told him I loved the raunchy fun; and lucky for him I did not lend it to my mum or dad, as they may not have been best pleased at what my teacher had presented me with.

I always think of him when Moll comes on the TV, and told mum since, but not dad!!

Margaret Vye (nee Vincent).

I saw the website for Old Winburnians and would be interested in joining. I was an inmate of QEGS for the period 1962 - 1969. In those days I was Patricia (Pat) - most of my schooldays from infants school to the Sixth I was in the same class as Keith Miller and Duncan Ellis. I met up with Cynthia Scrase in the Sixth. You will probably remember my brother Michael Brown and I am sure I knew you via him.

I find it difficult to believe that so much time has passed since those mostly happy schooldays. After A levels in science I worked at The Admiralty Materials Laboratory at Holton Heath in the labs in those heady days with lots of research money, plenty of time for projects and little in the way of Health and Safety interference. I met my husband there (ex Bournemouth School for Boys) and then took a career break.

On return the mood had changed along with company name changes. The projects were still interesting but H & S and time sheets made everything rather less enjoyable. Privatisation brought Rationalisation, and after many traumas, Relocation to sunny Bridgwater on the old ROF site, as part of QinetiQ. The science was very mundane and I was glad to have taken a more lowly grade as the pressures from upper management got too much at times. When my husband and I were put on the redundancy list it was a great relief.

We are now enjoying ourselves and taking part in lots of activities one of which has been Family History. One talk in the local FH group given by Colin Dean (of the Cooper Dean roundabout family) was to write about our own lives. Hence a search of the Old Schools.

I do not see much of brother Michael. He went to Birmingham Uni, then worked in London, then relocated to Cheltenham with a well known Government Group. He is now working part time, allowing him plenty of time for dancing and volunteer work on Swanage Railway. He still has contact with Peter Ball and Alan Wright, also OBs.

While living in Hamworthy, I used to see Donald Campbell and Pamela Willett. Donald was happy with life, married with a lot of children. Pamela had had some rough times, married, one child, divorced and moved back to Upton. At work I used to see Keith Pitman, he was in the management team of QinetiQ and in the many changes of Area Managers he was my boss several times for a month or two. He was last heard of in Farnborough at the headquarters of QinetiQ. I seem to remember two of my lab managers at Holton Heath talking of the Wimborne school and think they must have been Old Boys from before the war. Wilf Barnes is now deceased but Cyril (Ike) Hatchard was still around not too long ago.

I used to hear about Jane Hassell and Susan Wenyon, but since their Mothers died, have lost all contact. Jane was doing well in Marks & Spencers as manageress in the Watford store at the last update. Susan married Peter Boam (a surveyor) and lived in Croydon.

That is about all the information at the moment on OBs and OGs. Hope to hear from you about membership.

Pat Trayler (1962 - 69)

OBITUARIES

WILLIAM EDWARDS HADDEN. 1912 -2008

Dr William Edwards Hadden - a.k.a. "Dr Mike", was 10 when he went to Wimborne Grammar School in 1922 and he left in 1928, making him one of the oldest of the Old Boys of the School.

His family lived in West Moors, where his father was a doctor and he wanted to follow him into medicine. At school, he was deemed to be very bright, but unfortunately, his father died when he was 16 and from then on, there was very little money in the household.

After leaving the WGS he went to what was then known as the Bournemouth Tech to study Physics and Chemistry. However a benefactor knew of his wish to study medicine and put his name forward for a "Kitchener Scholarship", which he won. So he was able to read medicine at St Thomas's Hospital in London. Whilst there, he met Elaine, and they were married in 1937.

At the outbreak of World War II, he volunteered and joined the Army as a captain in the Royal Army Medical Corps and went to East Africa. After the war he acquired postgraduate qualifications and Anaesthetics, Public health and Tropical Hygiene. He had already had first-hand experience of the latter as he and his wife had gone to a Bathurst in the Gambia after he qualified, where they set up clinics along the river. After the war they went to Nigeria and returned in 1958, when he became Assistant M.O.H in the Wimborne area, where they lived at Oakley Hill, with their two daughters. "Dr. Mike" and Elaine moved to Lytchett Matravers in 1965 when he was appointed M.O.H for the Purbecks which post he held until retiring at the age of 71.

In his spare time, "Dr. Mike" was involved with Civil Defence, St John's Ambulance and the Spastics Society, of which he was Vice President until the time of his death. He was also interested in the Historical Society, local archaeology and he was a steward a Kingston Lacy. Elaine, his wife, died two years ago and from then on he became quite lonely and his health declined, to the point where he died in Wareham Hospital, late in November 2008, at the age of 96. He is survived by two daughters.

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CHARLES EDWIN FRIPP 1925 - 2008

Charles Edwin Fripp was born in Portsmouth on 7th October 1925. His father was in the Royal Marines and retired as a C.S.M. Charlie had two brothers and three sisters, one of whom, Phyllis, married Cliff Butler, ('Jacko') , (WGS 35-39), who farms at Cranborne.

The family came to Wimborne in the early 1930s. Charles and I lived less than 100m apart in East Boro., where his home backed on to the school field. Before adequate facilities existed within the sports pavilions, it was customary for his mother to send over a supply of hot water, particularly for the use of the visiting teams. He went to the WGS in 1937, a year after me and left in 1942 and we have remained lifelong friends.

Charlie served in the Navy during the war and it was in Northern Ireland that he met Maureen whom he married in the late 1940s. He was the first of all the lads in the road to get married and, as a result of an agreement, made when we were all adolescents, he paid us off, by sending each of us a five shilling (25p) , Irish postal order!. On his return to civilian life Charlie resumed his work with the, then, Southern Electricity Board. Unfortunately Maureen died in 1987 and then he endured a bachelor existence for some years.

Charlie became an angler at an early age. He knew the local rivers very well and fishing for trout was his prime interest. As a result, he was often invited to accompany visitors when they came to try their luck in the local rivers. These included a respected fly fisherman, Sir

Michael Hordern, the actor, and also Jack Hargreaves who was the presenter for many years of a television programme "Countryside File". Charlie also enjoyed duck and pheasant shooting on the Butler's farm.

When he retired, Charlie often went on holiday alone. It was on one of these occasions that in 1991 he met Sally, who was also on holiday in Jersey and had been widowed. In 1992 they set up home across the River Allen, overlooking the School Field. Four years later, in order to be nearer one of her daughters, they moved to Portsmouth.

Charles was devoted to Sally and had no children of his own but he loved family life and was extremely fond of her daughters and grandchildren. Sally and her family brought him great happiness in the autumn of his life.

Charlie had a dry sense of humour, liked a 'flutter', he was generous and thoughtful. Yet he could be quite forthright and for him there was no grey. Everything was either black or white. Sally and Charles went frequently to the continent and particularly to Spain where they had many friends. As in earlier years Charles sometimes went on his own and it was on one of these solo trips that he had a fall and Sally flew out to be with him in hospital. She was at his bedside when he died in Spain, on the 6th of December 2008.

Some weeks later, Sally and her family brought his ashes back to Wimborne, to be placed in the River Allen which meant so much to him.

L.P.

JOHN MOORMAN

Former Burley butcher and Royal British Legion Chairman John Moorman has died at the age of 92.

Born in May 1916, John spent the first eight years of his life in Hythe before the family moved to Burley where his father took over the local butchers - now known as F. Moorman and Son.

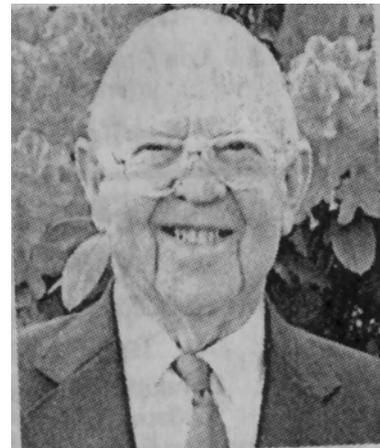
He was educated at Burley Primary School and Wimborne Grammar School and was a keen member of the local Scout group. After leaving school, he joined his father at the butchers and then took a charge of it in 1960 upon his death.

John married Freda in May 1942 when serving in the RAF for the duration of the Second World War. They celebrated their diamond anniversary in 2002 and remained together until Freda's death about two years later. Once the war had ended, he returned to work at the shop and started to sit on the committee of the Royal British Legion Burley branch, later becoming chairman.

Despite having retired from the family business in 1986, John continued to lend a helping hand to his son Charles who had taken over with his wife Linda. However, in 1992 he suffered a broken ankle which made it difficult for him to walk.

John was a lifelong member of the Hampshire Cricket Club and could often be found pottering around in his garden.

He is survived by his children Charles, Mary and Robert, as well as grandchildren Steven, Michael, Emma, Edward, Alec and Lucy.



RICHARD LOCK

I write to inform you that my father Richard Henry Vine Lock born in Sturminster Marshall, passed away on the 31st December 2008 after a long illness. Your Newsletter was enjoyed by him and he often mentioned names in it of old friends he knew.

Peter Lock

CHRISTOPHER BARTLETT, 1931 - 2008



Christopher Bartlett, a leading authority on British foreign policy and international relations, has died. He was born on 12 October 1931, was brought up in Dorset and was educated at Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School in Wimborne and what is now the University of Exeter. He launched his career in international history with a PhD at the London School of Economics. His doctoral thesis, "Anglo-Spanish diplomatic relations, 1868-80", led to a lifelong interest in how far foreign policymakers can control events and how far they are controlled by them.

After working briefly at the University of Edinburgh and the University of the West Indies, Professor Bartlett found his permanent academic home at the University of Dundee in 1962. He was appointed reader in 1968 and professor of international history in 1978. Highly respected as a teacher, Professor Bartlett was also a prolific and wide-ranging writer, fascinated by the question of Britain's long-term decline but equally expert in US and European diplomatic history. A monograph, *Great Britain and Sea Power 1815-53* (1964), was followed by a biography of Lord Castlereagh (1966), an ambitious study entitled *The Rise and Fall of the Pax Americana* (1974) and a pioneering *History of Post-War Britain* (1977).

All these are formidable works of synthesis, applying sharp independent judgment to vast quantities of reading. Although seldom controversial, they were widely admired for their range and balance. The same applies to *The Global Conflict: The International Rivalry of the Great Powers 1880-1990* (1984), a major introductory study that has proved invaluable for students and scholars and has been translated into languages including Polish and Japanese.

Despite this achievement, the 1980s were a difficult decade, marked by the death of his beloved wife Shirley Briggs in 1988 and the challenges of keeping Dundee's history department afloat. Yet this fallow patch was succeeded by another series of important books, *The Special Relationship* (1992), *Defence and Diplomacy, Britain and the Great Powers 1815-1914* (1993) and *Peace, War and the European Powers 1814-1914* (1996). His Dundee colleague Mark Cornwall - now professor of modern European history at the University of Southampton - remembers Professor Bartlett as "someone with a very good sense of humour, who kept Dundee history going through a period of cuts. He was a private man but a very valuable mentor for other academics - whose mentorship was carried out more publicly in his published work." Professor Bartlett died of prostate cancer on 8 July and is survived by his sons Roger and Nigel. A prize in his honour will be awarded annually by the history department to the best fourth-year student.

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JOYCE GREY (known as 'Granny' Grey)

Maths teacher at QEGS during 1960s & 70s died a few days ago, aged 92. Her funeral was at the Bournemouth crematorium. This news came via my father, Maurice Wigg, who knew her well in recent years as they attended the same church. I'm sure he would be pleased to fill you in with details of Mrs Grey's life outside of school.

Mike Wigg, Glasgow

Personally I owe a great deal to 'Granny' and have the happiest memories of her. I only wish I had known she was still alive, and living so near so that I could have thanked her.

David Finnemore

ALAN PETER CHALMERS 1930 - 2008

(a classmate's tribute)

Apart from the shock and sadness of Alan's sudden departure, the overwhelming message that I was able to convey as we laid him to rest under Edge Hill in Warwickshire was one of thankfulness for a long and eventful life, albeit one cut short by a cruel stroke in 2000. But even after that Alan was able to do his own thing, tirelessly and most wonderfully supported by his wife Peggy and his family.

Of course, his family knew him much better than I did, but I had the edge in one respect in that I knew him longer! I had the pleasure of being at school with Alan and remember him as being cheerful, personable and always well turned out. Alan might have had a dam in his trousers - they were quite normal in those days - but they were always well pressed with a crease that was razor sharp.

Alan was much more mature than most of us, largely I suspect because his parents were in Germany - his father serving with the RAOC - so that Alan was able to lead a semi-independent existence, lodging with the vergers of one of the town's daughter churches. This may have been a valuable introduction to the mysterious ways of the Church of England, because he frequently impressed us with a word perfect rendering of the bidding that begins Morning and Evening Prayer: 'Dearly beloved brethren and so on.

We played Rugby together for the School, and we studied together what would now be called A Level Biology. In those days it was much more hands on, with plenty of dissection (dissecting out the afferent and efferent arteries of a dogfish needs more than just a steady hand) and also sectioning of plant stems to examine under the microscope. We could not afford a microtome, so the practice was to use a cut throat razor. Meeting Alan fifty years later at an OW reunion he reminded me that I had produced a box of seven of these razors, one for each day of the week (acquired from my father's employer). I think I still have these razors, but it is probably a criminal offence to take them out of the house - let alone to school! As a prefect, Alan was required to read the lesson during morning assembly. This was regarded by most as a terrible ordeal, but for Alan it allowed him to demonstrate great presence of mind by stopping at an appropriate place, taking out a well laundered handkerchief, blowing his nose, replacing the handkerchief in his pocket and continuing with the next paragraph.

We also served together in the school's Cadet Corps, a very useful preparation for National Service in which Alan joined, and was appointed to a commission in, RAOC. News of one exploit reached us all, demonstrating further his great presence of mind and ability to decide. When required as orderly officer to inspect the guard, he found them all lacking in one way or another and so felt compelled to ask for a new guard! After National Service Alan obtained a job in the City, which is where he met Peggy who was already well established in the office and a member of the County of London TA. Peggy was to become his loving wife and companion for over half a century.

Alan's work in the City of London took him to the Baltic Exchange, where he was engaged in chartering ships to carry bulk cargoes. As a result of these endeavours. the Freedom of the City of London was conferred on him in 2002.

At home in Wiltshire. in his beloved cottage at Seend, life could proceed at a more leisurely pace. Peggy tells me of his strong connections with the local church and his pleasure in helping out in every way possible. With his family, he developed a love for gardening and for animals. Even after moving to Stratford-on-Avon. Alan was able to continue growing things in the conservatory. Suffice it to say that earlier this year Peggy was able to serve my wife and me with our first new potatoes, grown by Alan with loving care.

In contemplating Alan's life we are thankful that he was able to continue to take an active interest in the affairs of the world around him. He read extensively and was always ready with a well considered opinion that he was willing to defend. Although largely confined to the house, he was - thanks to Peggy - able to live there with her enjoying each other's company. The period of suffering due to his final infection was mercifully short.

Alec Parker

BRIAN G. HALL 1942 - 48

Brian died, aged 77, on 13th April 2009 from Motor Neurone disease diagnosed in mid 2008 although he was also suffering from Alzheimer's disease in recent years. The funeral at Poole Crematorium was attended by upwards of 200 family and friends, including several Old Winburnians.

Brian was born at Woodlands and subsequently lived in Verwood for over 55 years. He married the midwife's daughter (born 7 years later) - if only her mother had known at the time! He was one of many 'Verwood train-boys' of the war years when, if you missed the 5.15pm from Wimborne, the next one was at 8.15pm.

Like his brothers, Lawson (1938-45) and Geoffrey (1945-52), Brian is best remembered for his success on the sports field rather than in the classroom. He played football for the Under 14 XI, the 2nd XI and the 1st XI in 1946-48 (captaining the latter in 1948), cricket for the same teams and also Dorset Schools XI in 1948. He was awarded his colours in both sports.

Brian played 1st XV Rugby in 1948 and came first in the 1947 Open cross-country and several sprint races. He also won his weight in the 1945 Boxing finals. Between 1948 and 1962, Brian (and his two brothers) all played for Verwood Football Club in the Dorset Leagues.

After National Service, Brian worked for Fox & Sons, the Bournemouth estate agents, for several years before opening his own business in Verwood in the 1970s which he ran very successfully until his retirement.

With his apparent limitless energy, Brian was very much involved in the village life of Verwood, notably the Annual Carnival (Chairman for 7 years), the Chamber of Trade, the East Dorset Council, Verwood Town Council, The Conservative Association, the British Legion, Toc H, the Verwood Leisure Centre, The Ellingham Annual Show and the Arthritis Care Charity.

Brian was a keen golfer (until he broke a leg several years ago) at Queens's Park and Broadstone and was a founder member of the Crane Valley Golf Club. He played cricket for Verwood, was President of the Verwood Rugby Club for several years, was founder-President of Verwood Rotary Club and Chairman of the Bournemouth and District Association of Auctioneers and Estate Agents in 1989/90.

Brian is survived by his wife, Noreen, his 3 daughters, 6 grand-children, 1 great-grand-child and his 2 brothers.

Lawson Hall (1938 - 45)

REV. DEREK BEVIS (1936 - 40)

In case you may not have heard I am writing to inform you of the death of my late husband Rev Derek Bevis who had suffered from cancer for some years & sadly died on December 30th 2008. He attended the Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School in Wimborne from 1936-40 and in later years became a member of the Old Winburnians.

I know that he liked to keep in touch with the association through your newsletters and I remember that at one time he sent you his school photos of the Rugby and Football teams in which he played for an exhibition that you were holding in The Priest House.

We never managed to make it to any of the reunions and the last time that we met up with any Old Winburnians was at the funeral of Mr Maiden. Unexpectedly for us it was held at Guilford Crematorium - just ten minutes drive from our house so Derek was glad to be able to pay his last respects to a greatly admired teacher of his former years. Little did he know then that he too would be yet another soul from far off "Wimborne Days" to share the same final resting place. That would have made a great impression on him. Meanwhile my very best wishes to the Association & may it continue to flourish.

Daphne Bevis

(You may remember the splendid contribution from Derek 3 issues back describing life at QEGS during WW2. We send our deepest sympathy to Daphne.)



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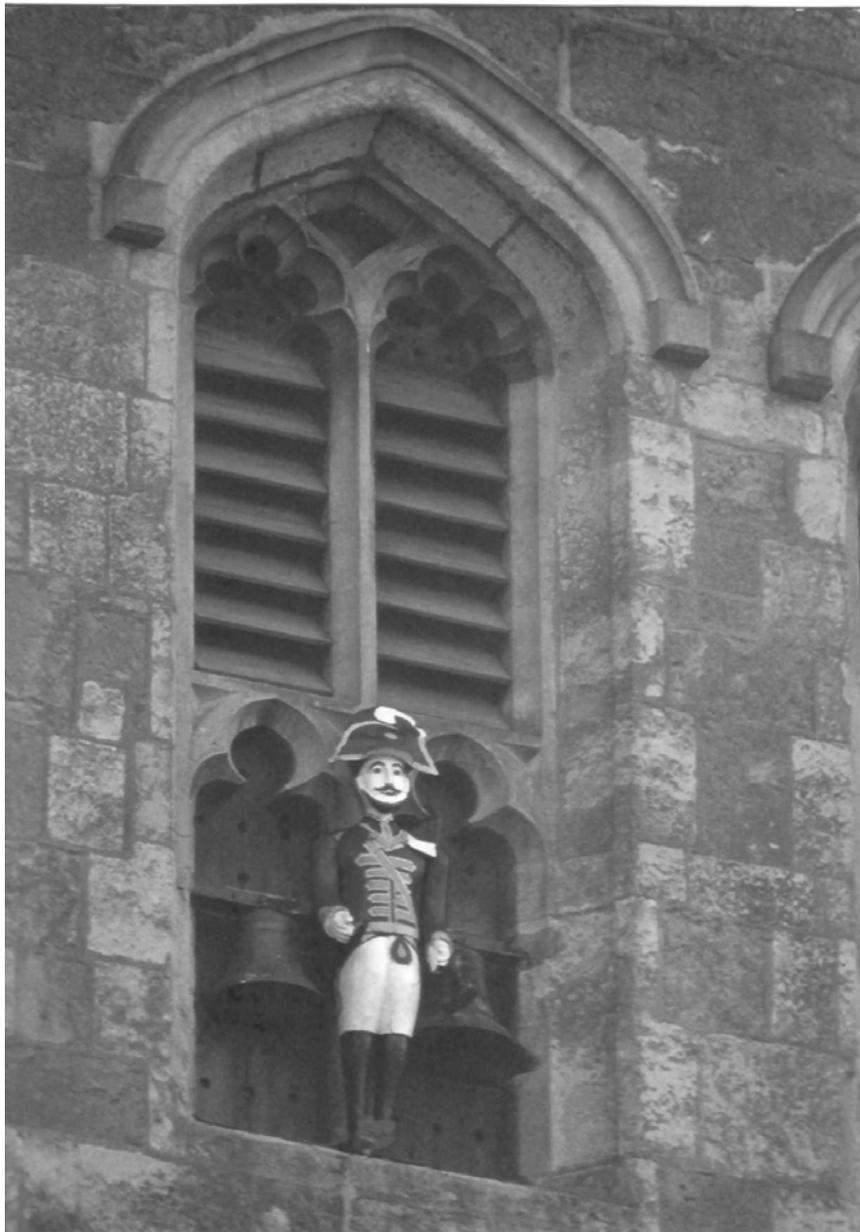


DONALD (DON) LEE (1952-59)

Don was the son of Ronald Lee who taught maths at Queen Elizabeth's from 1946 to 1953. After leaving school he worked as a Customs & Excise Officer for three years, leaving to become an agricultural contractor's agent. He then joined the National Health Service as a finance officer at Herrison hospital before transferring to Poole Hospital in Management Services. He retired in 1992 and took up gardening. Don was a volunteer at The Model Town in Wimborne for several years and became a Board Trustee in 2008. Latterly for four years Don was a member of the Public and patient Involvement in Health Forum. Don was first diagnosed with cancer twelve years ago which he overcame but was diagnosed again with it in November 2008, he died on the 6th April 2009 leaving a wife Julie, two sons and three granddaughters.

Don enjoyed folk and classical music that he played continuously and will be sadly missed at The Green Man where he enjoyed a pint of cider with his wife Julie.

Ken Taylor



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