



OLD WINBURNIANS NEWSLETTER - AUTUMN 2009

Dear Friends,

Can it really be that we are already on the eve of our Christmas Reunion? Time never passed so quickly when I was seated behind a desk for 7 hours a day with homework to be completed for Messrs. Maiden and Kerswell by the following morning - a sentiment shared no doubt by every reader of the Newsletter. As for the past year I find it difficult to pass judgement. It is true we regained the Ashes, though not very convincingly, and we seem to have a national football manager who has injected much needed discipline and pride into his squad - good, old-fashioned Roman virtues! After the banking crises, the parliamentary expenses scandal and the general economic recession, the national mood is scarcely joyous. We all agonise over the situation in Afghanistan and are secretly grateful we do not have to make crucial decisions ourselves. In the meanwhile, we are appreciative of our good fortune if we are enjoying good health and the love and companionship of our families and friends. To those less blessed we send our very best wishes and a reminder that, as a body, the Old Winburnians will collectively raise their glasses at precisely 2pm on Saturday, 28 November, and drink a toast to Absent Friends, wherever you may be. Please join us in person, if possible, but in spirit if not.

I wish you all a Happy Christmas and a healthy and prosperous New Year.

Your most 'umble servant,
Alan R. Bennett

FORTHCOMING REUNIONS

Saturday, 28 November 2009

Saturday, 3 July 2010

Saturday, 27 November 2010

THE SUMMER REUNION 2009

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. (With thanks to **Alan Maitland**).

Peter Ball, Alan Wright and Michael Brown, both guests of Peter Ball, Alan Bennett, Nick Bishop, Wendy Bundy (née Baker), Brian Bundy, Michael Clift, May Clift, Simon Coley, Gerda Coley, Mervyn Coombs, Rosemary Coombs, Robert Copelin, Desmond Cox, Peter Cox, John Dacombe, Ted Bridger, Jack Douch, both guests of John Dacombe, Roy Dacombe, June Dacombe, Pamela Dickie (née Arnold), Janet Doolaage (née Pursey), Joyce Downton, Faith Elford (née Hawes), Anthony Elgar, Edgar Francis, John Froud, Maureen Froud, Gerald Froud, Rosemary Froud, Janet Gordon (née Daniels), Tony Gould, Liz Gould, Gail Greenfield, John Guy, Avril Guy, Lawson Hall, Bill Haskell, Maurice Herridge, Kate Herridge, Donald Hibberd, Joyce Hibberd, John Hill, Geoff Hill, Zen Dotimas, guest of Geoff Hill, Rod Hurt, Carolyn Kamcke (née Walking), Patrick Keeping, Jenny Law (née Greening), Kay Woodward, guest of Jenny Law, Susan Lawrence, Elizabeth Longman (née Brewster), Heather Stone, guest of Elizabeth Longman, Alan Maitland, June Maitland, Ron Mansfield, Maria Martin (née Limm), Jennifer McFie (née Eling), Kathleen Medwed (née Hudson), Lorna Miles (née Woodall), Kenneth Moody, Victor Moss, Jennifer Moss (née Day), Diana Moss (née Anderson), Sue O'Connor (née Froud), John Coombes, guest of Sue O'Connor, David Park, Len Pearce, Ven B. Hopkinson, Canon John Holbrook, Esme Hopkinson and Diana Pearce all guests of Len Pearce, Donald Phillips, Graham Powell, Hazel Powell, Terry Randall, Betty Read (née White), Gordon Richards, Nesta Richards, Ann Richmond (née Mitchell), David Roberts, David Royce, Barbara Russell (née Morris), David Scrase, Roy Sheppard, Betty Sheppard, Kenneth Smart, Rodney Smith, Elaine Smith, Derek Stevens, Owen Swinnerton, Cynthia Tanner (née Streets), Ken Taylor, John Taylor, guest of John Taylor, Monica Vacher (née Brown), Norman Waterman, Peter Watts, Brian Webb, Muriel Webb, Geoffrey Welch, Stanley White, Greta White, Prof Bob White, Helen White (née Filcher), Roger Whittaker, Robert Williamson, Eddie Wood, Jose Wood, Beryl Withers (née Moreton).

Apologies:

Chris Peters, Rob Hussey, Dennis Dolman, Eunice Cornwall, Eric Leeson, Charles Palmer, Jim Brewster, Ann King, Caroline Jennings, Dennis Holmes, Christine Price, Roy Perry, John Philpott, Rex Breach.



Wimborne Grammar Staff c 1950-51

(Left to right standing)

Messrs. Holman, Jayne, Clarke, Small, Williams, Bennett, Lawrence, Whiteside, Stephens, Lee.

(Seated)

Messrs. Streets, Kerswell, Neil (headmaster), Mottram, Maiden

From Cynthia Tanner (nee Streets) (1955-62)

A.G.M. THE SECRETARY'S REPORT

The Old Winburnians Association's AGM was held at Cobham's Sports and Social Club at 11 am on Monday 14th September 2009.

It was attended by 11 members and 14 members sent their apologies for being absent.

Carolyn Kamcke who retired from the Office of Chairman at this Meeting, issued her 2008/2009 Chairman's Report. A copy of the Report is attached to this Newsletter. Her Report only touches on the minefield of a journey she, Len Pearce (Hon Secretary) - who also retires from Office at the AGM - and their team had to travel from the conception to the very successful installation and Dedication of the Lady Margaret Beaufort Memorial in Wimborne Minster on July 4th 2009. A sincere vote of thanks was extended to all involved in this very successful project which will be seen by future generations for as long as there is a Minster. The Treasurer quite rightly stated that none of this would have been possible if you - OWA members - had not dipped into your pockets and provided the money to fund it. The meeting wished to thank you all for your generosity.

Now to the election of Committee Officers. All were elected unanimously

CHAIRMAN	Tony Gould
VICE-CHAIRMAN	Patrick Keeping
SECRETARY	Ken Moody
TREASURER	Alan Maitland

In alphabetical order they are: -

Mr A. Bennett, Mr T. Bletsoe, Mr B. Haskell, Mr R. Hurt, Mr L Pearce, Mr D.H. Phillips, Mrs B. Read, and Mr K. Taylor.

At the end of the AGM Carolyn Kamcke and Len Pearce were presented with small tokens of our appreciation of the work they put in over the past years in moving the OWA forward especially the success of Lady Margaret Memorial Project.

In the Committee which immediately followed the AGM some full members and 4 co-opted members volunteered to take on certain responsibilities. They are:

Mr A. Bennett	Newsletter
Mrs B. Read	Publicity
Mr D. Finnemore	Web Site
Mr D. Stevens	Memorabilia Secretary
Mr G. Powell	Memorabilia Assistant
Mr G. Richards	Liaison with Cobhams - (Reunions etc)
Mrs C. Kamcke	Liaison with Q.E.. School

The Treasurer, Mr Alan Maitland (who is also responsible for Membership) asks that in order to avoid as much distress as possible, he be informed of the deaths of members. Recently Newsletters have been sent to members who have died, causing distress to spouses and loved ones and embarrassment to the Committee.

Ken Moody. Secretary

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT to THE AGM of THE OLD WINBURNIANS for 2008 / 2009

I think that, without any doubt, it could be said that at this AGM the Old Winburnians have reached the end of a very successful year. One in which the high spot must have been the Commemoration Service and Dedication of our Memorial to Lady Margaret Beaufort - but more of that anon !!

As in former years, two social gatherings have taken place at Cobhams Sports & Social Club, although this year the Summer Reunion was a formal lunch rather than the usual Buffet. The organisation of these events falls, in the main, to Gordon Richards and Alan Maitland. However, Gordon missed the one at Christmas due to a fall when he broke his hip. At these events we have grown accustomed to seeing a presentation of OW Memorabilia by Derek Stevens who, a couple of months ago, excelled himself with the amount of material he had amassed regarding Lady Margaret Beaufort.

Two other events occur each year, namely the receipt by our worldwide membership of the Newsletter, put together by Alan Bennett and prepared by the committee, for posting by QE School. David Finnemore continues to manage the O.W website, and I thank everyone for their input to these tasks which do so much to keep our members informed about WGS and their friends from those increasingly distant days.

Mention of the committee, leads me to report that it has met on 8 occasions this year and I thank the members for their acceptance of my Chairmanship. Ken Nicklen is not seeking re-election and he deserves your grateful thanks for his service. Don Phillips, my Vice-Chairman, Len Pearce our Secretary and myself are also retiring from Office but we would accept nomination for election to the committee. As I indicated above, I have been grateful to David Finnemore for managing the OW Website and, in particular, for recently working over several days to rid it of a virus which had infected it. Gordon Richards deserves our thanks, as again he has done much to organise the Reunion events at Cobhams.

Over the last two years the thoughts of the committee have turned to the installation of a Memorial to Lady Meg. A Memorial Fund was set up and I must thank Alan Maitland for dealing with the additional work which this caused him. The bulk of the work leading to the installation of our Memorial has been carried by Len Pearce with the help of Douglas Williams, Graham Powell and myself who together formed the Memorial Subcommittee. Our work was certainly simplified by Len's "chance encounters" with, or "well aimed phone calls" to sources, likely to be of help to us. We met, on at least a dozen occasions during the past year, at a variety of locations and for a variety of purposes. Last autumn, we went several times to the premises of Anthony Ives, Monumental Masons in Parkstone, regarding the details of the Memorial and we also met in the Trinity Chapel of the Minster, with a mock-up of the plaque, to confirm that we were on the right lines. In November we finally received the "Faculty" (consent) from the Salisbury Diocese, after which and with the approval of the full committee, the order was given to the Masons to proceed.

From the very beginning The Rector, Canon John Holbrook has guided us and in January, the first of several meetings with him took place, specifically to exchange initial thoughts regarding the actual Dedication of the Memorial. In the Minster there were discussions with the masons and at QE with the Head Teacher, Andy Puttack, who offered a generous donation and help from the school. During the following months there were several meetings with the Rector & the printers regarding the Order of Service. Members of the Memorial Subcommittee together with several interested persons from the Minster spent most of the 23rd of June in Trinity Chapel, witnessing the installation of the Memorial, ready for Dedication by The Venerable Barney Hopkinson on the 4th of July.

The present members of the Old Winburnians can be justifiably proud of the Memorial to which they, the Cambridge Colleges founded by Lady Margaret Beaufort and QE School, all subscribed. I feel I speak for all the membership in thanking Len Pearce for what he has done to achieve our aim. On your behalf he overcame many obstacles to ensure that future generations would know that we, as former pupils, had honoured the Royal Foundress of our School and he did not rest until our Memorial was finally on the wall of Trinity Chapel in The Minster.

I have been proud to have been the Chairman of the Old Winburnians and I have been grateful for the support I have received over the years. I offer my Good Wishes to my successor who will lead the team which will deal with any future challenges.

Carolyn Kamcke . 14th September 2009.

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Statement of Accounts From 01/07/08 To 30/06/09

<u>Income</u>	<u>2008/9</u>	<u>2007/8</u>	<u>Expenditure</u>	<u>2008/9</u>	<u>2007/8</u>
Reunions	£4,242.00	4,020.00	Reunions	£3,770.78	£3,691.00
Subscriptions	£1,350.00	1,375.00	Newsletter Costs	£1,122.32	£1,010.44
Raffle Receipts	£438.10	416.00	Raffle Prizes & Charity Donations	£130.72	£536.33
Donations	£35.00	35.00	Committee Meeting Costs	£174.55	£131.83
Sale of OW Ties	£14.00	41.00	Memorabilia Costs	£0.00	£101.46
'Lady Meg' Memorial Donations	£2,124.00		'Lady Meg' Memorial Expenses	£1,024.27	£2.34
Gross Interest On Reserve a/c	£14.41	22.59	Web Site Costs	£34.52	£32.74
<u>Total Income</u>	<u>£8,217.51</u>	<u>5,909.59</u>	<u>Total Expenditure</u>	<u>£6,257.16</u>	<u>£5,506.14</u>
			<u>Surplus Of Income Over Expenditure</u>	<u>£1,960.35</u>	<u>403.45</u>

Balance Sheet At 30 June 2009

<u>Assets At 30 June 2008</u>		<u>Assets At 30 June 2009</u>	
NatWest Current a/c	£2,108.95	NatWest Current a/c	£4,285.99
LESS unrepresented Cheques	<u>£0.00</u>	LESS unrepresented Cheques	<u>£31.10</u>
	£2,108.95		£4,254.89
NatWest Reserve a/c	£878.51	NatWest Reserve a/c	£692.92
Add Surplus Of Income Over Expenditure 2008/9	£1,960.35		
	<u>£4,947.81</u>		<u>£4,947.81</u>

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 2009
 J. J. M.
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'LADY MEG' MEMORIAL FUND

<u>Income</u>		<u>Expenditure</u>	
Donations Received From OW Members	1,324.00	Memorial And Fixture	£1,964.19
Donation From QE School	500.00	Printing Orders Of Service	£299.00
Donation From St. John's College	250.00	Organist At Dedication Service	£70.00
Donation From Christ's College	50.00	Other Printing, Postage & Phone Calls	£48.19
Proceeds From Reunion Raffles	307.38	Flowers	£30.00
		CCTV	£20.00
<u>Total Income</u>	<u>2,431.38</u>	<u>Total Expenditure</u>	<u>£2,431.38</u>

PLAQUE COMMEMORATING LADY MARGARET THE FOURTH OF JULY 2009

July 4th, 2009, saw the dedication in the Minster of a memorial plaque to Lady Margaret placed on the North Wall of the Trinity Chapel, opposite the Beaufort window. The initiative for this event came from Douglas Williams, who in 2007 reminded the committee that 2009 saw the 500th anniversary of Lady Margaret's death, and that it might suitably be celebrated by erecting a memorial in the form of a plaque, in the Minster. The committee, led by Mrs Carolyn Kamcke, accepted this suggestion with enthusiasm, and began the negotiations with the Minster and the Diocese to bring it about.

In fact, there is little reference in the Minster to the benefactions which the Good Lady Meg bestowed upon it, nor her foundation of the Free Grammar School in the Chantry for the Duke and Duchess of Somerset, her parents, whose fine tomb is situated adjacent to the High Altar. The approach to the Rector, the Rev John Holbrook, met with a favourable reception. With his help the Minster fabric committee were persuaded that it was indeed a viable project in January 2008.

The design process and the tenders for the stonework were put in hand, and a fund was set up for Old Winburnians to contribute to the costs. Len Pearce worked out the wording of the plaque with some help from the Rector. David Finnemore produced shapes and lettering on the computer. Carolyn Kamcke made cardboard cut-outs of various sizes and shapes to place against the wall for sizing purposes. A



method of fixing was approved. The whole project was ironed out with the help of stonemasons Anthony Ives of Parkstone, a price was given and accepted, and a target date set for readiness.

The first application to the Diocese was met with a refusal. This led to a strong letter to Salisbury Cathedral's advisory committee from the Minster. In September they answered requesting information on the lettering. This information was forwarded, leading quickly to their acceptance, on condition that the letters be handcut. This led to an increase in cost, the OW committee decided to take it on the chin, agreement was sent. Permission arrived and the work put in hand.

The news was reported to the membership in the Autumn 2008 Newsletter, at which point the fundraising was launched. The treasurer Alan Maitland took care of this important task right from the beginning, and we are grateful to him that the Association was able to raise the required sum in time. The membership's response was excellent, many adding a contribution to the fund with their subscriptions.

Thereafter, it was a question of getting the news out to the Old Winburnians, along with a plan to handle the Dedication together with the summer reunion in early July, 2009. Len Pearce put together a workable solution to the multiple problems of finding a date in the Minster programme, engaging an eminent preacher, assembling the OWs in the Minster Yard, organising an organist who could manage the School Song, then transferring all and sundry to Cobham's at Merley without a hitch.

On the 4th July 2009, which fortunately offered us some favourable weather, OWs started collecting around the Minster from 10-o'clock onwards. We had to wait for another service to finish before we could start at 11.30. By that time a good crowd had gathered and the old boys and girls more or less mustered to the West of the Minster garden. The Order of Service was put out on the pews and families and friends took their places.

Anxiously we waited for the sign to start the processional ONWARD CHRISTIAN SOLDIERS. Not that we were very soldierly, but we came through the door singing our best, to be met with the usual confusion as to where the organist had got to. Musical order was restored, we finished with honour all round, and joined our pews.



We were particularly fortunate to have the Venerable Barney Hopkinson, a former Rector of Wimborne Minster, to give the address. He spoke mostly in a light-hearted vein on the merits of the school, its historical associations with town and county, and the contributions pupils have made over the years. We sang the hymns with gusto, and then repaired to the Trinity Chapel, one member from each pew, there being little room in the Chapel. We were able to admire the plaque in place, where it is sited with great prominence, no-

one can miss it, and it finally gives the Good Lady Meg her due place in the story of the Minster and the School. The proceedings were followed on CCTV, kindly provided by QE school, by the remainder of the congregation in the Nave. The words of dedication were pronounced, the blessing was given, then the officiants and the rest of the party proceeded back to join the others and the service was terminated by the singing of the School Song.

Well over 100 Old Winburnians and family attended, many of whom afterwards repaired to Cobham's Social Club at Merley for the reunion lunch. A souvenir of the occasion which many will treasure is the Order of Service, devised by Len Pearce and designed with help of the printer Chris Sloccock of Minster Press. The colour reproduction of the Beaufort Window was chosen as the cover, printed lightly with the lettering reversed out, which gives a very pleasing effect. They are to be congratulated.

We are particularly indebted to the Rector, the Reverend John Holbrooke, the Venerable Barney Hopkinson, the Monumental Stonemasons Anthony Ives, the Minster Press for their help in producing such a worthy result. The cost was entirely covered by the fund, which has now been closed, and we thank Queen Elizabeth's School, St. John's College, Cambridge and Christ's College-, Cambridge, for conspicuous contributions. Mr Andy Puttock, headmaster of QE School was unwavering in his support, we thank him. The commemorative plaque has also enjoyed the support of the Mayor and Council of Wimborne, for which we thank them.

Graham Powell (1938 - 47)

DONATIONS MADE TO 'LADY MEG' MEMORIAL

C. Kamcke, L. Pearce, A.S. Maitland, M.W.B. Saunders, E.I. Carnall, R. Read, R.J. Christopher, J.M. McFie, D.D. Searle, Prof. R.G. White, J.E. Ryley, R.G. White, S.E.B. White, A.L. Cooper, J.E. Brewster, J.M.C. Coy, M.J. Antell, R.C.T. Smith, D.J. Park, A.S. Hollick, B. Willis, R.R. Perry, K.G. Palmer, W.C. Palmer, P.W. Cox, G.P. Welch, R. Wiseman, D. Hibberd, E.R. Sheppard, C.M. Tanner, C.A. Palmer, J.R.F. Guy, J.E. Leeson, A. Gould, H.B. White, R.T.G. Scott, S.F. Shears, S.E. Hatherley, P. Marshall, A. King, F.E. Elford, E.R. Goode, P.D. Eyres, N.J. Froud, V.B. Moss, A. Richmond, J.E.F. Taylor, Y. Adamson, L.G. Powell, D.F. Stevens, G.S. Greenfield, D.H. Phillips, M.J. Herridge, K.C. Moody, D.F. Williams, B.F. Glover, E.C.F. Wood, J.N. Singleton, L.H.R. Williams, M.P. Aiken, G.W. Richards, R.P. Cheese, F.A.R. Hackforth, R.J.W. Hurt, J.A. Gordon, L.D.V. Hall, R.S. Dacombe, J. Hill, D.B. Roberts, P. Keeping, R. Williamson, E.A. Longman, A.B. Bletsoe, J.E. Brewster, Christ's College, Queen Elizabeth School, St. John's College, S.J. Lawrence.



**Photos by
Eric Leeson**

Frank D'and
1956

QUEEN ELIZABETH'S GRAMMAR SCHOOL

presents

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IOLANTHE

by



W. S. GILBERT & ARTHUR SULLIVAN

Stage Manager . . . E. Selby *E. N. Selby*
Asst. Stage Manager . . . H. Prewer *H. Prewer*
Lighting . . . D. V. Ryley, J. E. Ryley, P. Rose
Prompt . . . B. J. Richmond
Call Boy . . . K. Taylor *K. Taylor*
Scenery . . . Designed and constructed by
Miss R. Thorpe and Mr. J. J. Woolley
assisted by M. Drew, M. Thorby,
B. D. Walker, G. Wood, A. J. Chubb,
T. Short.
Costumes . . . by Brighton Theatrical Costumiers
34, Upper North St., Brighton.
Fairy Costumes . . . made by the girls of the Chorus,
assisted by Miss E. Goodfield,
Miss H. A. Hallett, Mrs. J. Maiden,
Mrs M. Pursey, Mrs. H. Clarke.
Wardrobe Mistress . . . Miss E. Goodfield
Make-up . . . Miss M. Jarman and Mr. L. H. Mottram
Producer . . . Mr. D. F. Pursey *D. F. Pursey*

MARCH 13th & 14th, 1956, at 2 p.m.
MARCH 16th & 17th, 1956, at 7 p.m.

Evening performances with

POOLE COLLEGE ORCHESTRA



THE FULL CAST OF IOLAN THE

Strephon	Phyllis	Earl of Mountararat	Iolanthe	Earl Tolloller	Fairie Queen	Lord Chancellor
Allan Cole	Susan Bush	David Singleton	Janet Dowd	Derek Lawman	Jeanne Fletcher	Adrian Tesson



We are indebted to Derek Lawman for the programme and photos of the 1956 production of Iolanthe.

CHARACTERS :

Juno Hasbolls
Wendy Baker
(C. Caldwell)
Pat
Barbara

THE STORY OF "IOLANTHE"

THE LORD CHANCELLOR . . . A. R. Tesson
 EARL OF MOUNTARARAT . . . D. M. Singleton
 EARL TOLLOLLER . . . D. J. Lawman

PRIVATE WILLIS (of the Grenadier Guards) . . . M. P. P. Aiken
Sally Harris
Michael Patrick Paul Hill

STREPHON (an Arcadian Shepherd) . . . A. Cole
 QUEEN OF THE FAIRIES . . . Jeanne Fletcher
Jessama Johnson
 or Pat Parker

IOLANTHE . . . Janet Dowd or Pearl Sims

CELIA . . . Jean Brett
Jean M. Brett
B. Brewer

LEILA } Fairies . . . Mrs. E. Jones
 FLETA } . . . Sally Harris

PHYLLIS (an Arcadian Shepherdess and Ward in Chancery) . . . Susan Bush

CHORUS OF FAIRIES

Jennifer Bartlett . . . Anita James
 Barbara Boys . . . Rachel Kettle
 Monica Brown . . . Dorothy Meech
 Sandra Cox . . . Christine Richmond
 Jennifer Dryden . . . Susan Sims
 June Haskell . . . Pat Sheppard
 Dianne Hoare . . . Mariah Stephens

CHORUS OF PEERS

M. P. P. Aiken . . . W. Cottrell
 B. H. Ansell . . . A. T. Domoney
 B. K. Brewer . . . A. A. Elgar
 J. E. Brewster . . . H. A. Elson
 R. J. Christopher . . . C. I. Gosling
 S. F. Coley . . . G. Tesson

I. M. Howard
A. J. R. Jones
P. R. Kingswell
A. S. Maitland
G. Tesson
Sandra Cox

Pat Sheppard
Pat Parker
Pat Sheppard
Pat Sheppard

Christine Richmond
Christine Richmond
Christine Richmond

Iolanthe has been banished from Fairyland for marrying a mortal. The Queen forgives her and she is welcomed back by her comrades. She has a son, Strephon, now 25 years old, who is in love with Phyllis, a shepherdess and Ward in Chancery.
 All the peers of the realm, especially Lords Mountararat and Tolloller, and even the Lord Chancellor himself, have paid much attention to Phyllis, who does not respond until she sees Strephon with an attractive young lady who she refuses to believe is his mother. The lovers quarrel, and Strephon, who by reason of his parentage is half fairy and half mortal, calls the Fairies to his aid and the Queen makes him a Fairy Member of Parliament to punish the peers.
 The Lord Chancellor eventually decides to marry Phyllis himself. Iolanthe then reveals herself as his wife. The Fairy Queen's punishment of death is circumvented by the Chancellor's legal mind, the Queen persuades Private Willis to ill-convenience himself, Phyllis is reunited with Strephon, the fairies marry the peers, and all ends happily.

ACT I . . . An Arcadian Landscape
 ACT II . . . Palace Yard, Westminster

Date—Between 1700 and 1882

INTERVAL : 15 minutes between Act I and Act II)

Mariah Stephens

The producer and cast wish to acknowledge with gratitude the assistance given by :

- Mrs. E. Jones, in arranging the dances and training the Chorus.
- Mr. D. D. Whitmore, Mr. D. O. Treharne and Mr. W. E. Payne of The County Modern School, Pamphill.
- Mr. A. H. Andrews, Principal of Poole College.
- Mr. Alfred Jupp, of the Bourne-mouth Symphony Orchestra and Poole College Orchestra.
- The Committee of the Parents' Association.
- Mr. W. J. Clarke for his help with the Chorus items.
- Mr. L. H. Motttram.

All who have helped with the production.
H. Payne

Pat Parker
E. Goodfield
Susan
Jessama
Christine Richmond

RODNEY HURT (1941-47) - a thumbnail sketch by Tony Gould (1951-57)

Rodney Hurt is one of the surviving four former Grammar School pupils who had the enthusiasm to re-establish the Old Winburnians Association in 1994. He remains an active member of the Committee and, at getting on for eighty years of age, is most definitely a person who sticks at things and I say this not just because he makes a complicated series of bus journeys from his home in Weymouth via Poole in order to be on time for the committee meetings of the Association !

The recent photograph of Rodney appeared in the Dorset Echo illustrating an article where he is battling for and on behalf of local residents over a Planning Application submitted to the Local Authority which would undermine the quiet nature of his neighbourhood. So here you have a man who is most decidedly public-spirited, a David who pits himself against Goliath ! What makes Rodney “tick” and what has he been doing with himself since he left school in 1947?

Born and brought up in Grove Road, Wimborne, Rodney advises that he has always been proud to be a Dorset Man! His mother was a caretaker for the Women’s Institute and his dad worked on the railway and he became a pupil of WGS at the age of eleven in 1941. He was always good at school and was entered for the Civil Service Exam at the express wish of his Mother who did not want him to work on the railways like his father had done. He passed the exam and so left school slightly early and could have gone to any branch of the Civil



Service but was drafted to the Prison Commission. The first posting was to Huntercombe in Oxfordshire but this did not last long and he was soon back in Dorset at Dorchester Prison. Rodney may not have known it then, but he was to work for the next forty years in the administrative side of the prison service with only a two year break for National Service where he was posted to the Ordnance Corps. He saw most of this service in Germany where he was good at cricket and football as he had been at school (good enough to be in the first eleven team photographs). From the age of sixteen at Dorchester, where he undertook the bulk of his training until retirement, he experienced and oversaw huge change in practice and performance in prisons. For one thing, when he started, there was still corporal and capital punishment along with great limits on personal freedom. By the time he retired prisoners had television sets in their cells.

Back in the Prison Service on demobilisation he steadily climbed the ranks to being number one on the administrative side in The Verne but, on the way, worked at Wormwood Scrubs, Lewes and Albany on the Isle of Wight. He was also involved in one or two special assignments where he worked closely with Ministers and other politicians when emergency prison accommodation needed to be established.

Rodney and his wife Joan, also of Wimborne, (her Dad kept a shop at the bottom of School Lane), arranged to end his career in Dorset so that he could be near his parents and help look after them. He retired in 1990. Rodney and Joan have a daughter and a son and grandchildren. Gardening, cricket, football and his family keep Rodney busy and fit. Could it also be said that the spirit of public service engendered at WGS made his life such a useful one ?!

JOHN DACOMBE'S DESERT ISLAND DISCS

When I invited John to make his selection his immediate response was: *“There’ll be no culture, I’m afraid, Alan!”* John has kept to his word with admirable steadfastness, as you may judge for yourselves. Nonetheless, an enjoyable musical collection!

1. The day before you came - Abba
“I’ve always been a great Abba fan and I think this is their best ever record”.
2. Dream Lover - Bobby Darin
“The first record I ever bought. Great singer”.
3. Yesterday - The Beatles
“I’m a great fan of the Fab Four and I rate this their best ever track”.
4. Honky Tonk Woman - Rolling Stones
“Brilliant group. This is my favourite Stones”.
5. Misty Blue - Dorothy Moore
“She is one of my favourite Blues singers”.
6. Tie a yellow ribbon - Dawn
“This brings back lots of memories - it was the time my son Russell was born”.
7. Girl of my best friend - Elvis Presley
“Very simply, my favourite Elvis”.
8. While my guitar gently weeps - George Harrison
“A great admirer of George. Absolutely fabulous guitar playing”.

And your choice of book, Mr. Dacombe?

‘Sarum’ by Edward Rutherford.

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In September, 1666, Samuel Pepys was awoken by his maidservant to be told of a great fire in the city. In July, 2009, Anthony Oliver, five times Mayor of Wimborne, was woken just after 3am to be told of a great fire raging in the centre of the town. Ken Nicklen, our intrepid photographer, captured the damage done to the Post Office and neighbouring properties on his camera. The precise cause of the fire remains uncertain - an electrical fault is suspected. For the past 3 months Wimborne has been without a Post Office, to the great annoyance and frustration of its citizens. Happily the fire did not extend to the Priest's House Museum. Estimates vary of the period of time before the damage is repaired. At least a year, possibly two, could pass before the town is back to normal. (Editor)



CORRESPONDENCE

From GRAHAM POWELL (1938 - 47)

From the Winburnian number 77, dated Spring 1938, I have culled the text below. It was put in the mag because a master, named Tapping, “ Tappy “ to us, presented the school with a framed copy of this advert. One wonders where it’s gone? *Can anyone shed a light?*

I joined the school the following Autumn.

At the Free Grammar School, Wimborne, Dorset, Young Gentlemen are boarded and educated, by the Rev. James Mayo, at Twenty-five Guineas per annum: and a temporary Advance of 3 Guineas (This charge includes Classical Instruction, Writing and Accompts, and Washing.) Entrance Two Guineas, with a Silver Spoon, Knife and Fork. A separate (if required) two Guineas per annum. French, Dancing, Music, and Drawing, by proper Masters. No New Year’s Gifts, or other perquisites, are required, or expected.

June 24, 1800. J. Easton, Printer, High Street, Sarum.

Don’t suppose I was the only one to see similarities between this picture of St Edward’s School, Oxford (published in the D.Telegraph) and our beloved Big School. Must surely have been designed by the same architect. Does anyone know the story behind the two buildings?



From BRIAN DAVIS (1945-51)

Don (short for Donald by which name few call me) Lambourne entered QEGS 1939 by scholarship from Wimborne Council School. Left in Dec 1943. My address is 1/63 Muir Street, Mount Waverley, Victoria 3149, Australia., having been in Australia since 1952.

I’ve looked at the members list and did recognise a few names. I sat next to Lawson Hall in 5th form and do also remember Fred Bailey so if either would like to make contact I would. I’ve made a few visits to Wimborne over the years and nearly always call on Doug Light at Gulliver House having lived at that house from 1935 to 1938. I also recognise other names from my Scouting days.

I remember John Philpott as a member of the 1st Wimborne Scouts, I recollect that he was a few years younger than myself. Tony Elgar is a cousin.

From Don Lambourne (1939-43)

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QUEEN ELIZABETH'S GRAMMAR SCHOOL, WIMBORNE
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'Many thanks to Peter Beckett for this memory stirring photograph. 1947 was of course, the year of the long hot summer when Denis Compton scored 17 centuries and 3,816 runs. Peter didn't do too badly himself - as batsman, bowler, fielder and captain'.

OBITUARIES

GREAME WHISTOW (1929-3.4.09) From **Doug Williams** (1942-48)

Greame (Scottish spelling on which he insisted) joined the Grammar School in September 1942 moving from London to join his aunt - Miss James, who lived in Colehill with her companion, Sister Dare, the District Nurse. He was a bit of an enigma to his classmates, not only did he come from another part of the country but he was more mature and, above all, wore long trousers!

For the first term at W.G.S., whilst (in those days we did not use Christian names but shortened forms of the surname or nicknames - mine being Guillaume, as I came from Guernsey.) he did not play an active part in sport as he was recovering from Rheumatic fever. In the Spring Term of 1943, he burst onto the sporting scene of W.G.S. becoming a star in the usual team sports. Woe betide anybody stupid enough to get in his way as he pounded down the Rugby pitch clutching the ball! He excelled as a middle distance runner helping his team, Derby, in the House Championships. The House cricket team profited from his ability to send the ball to the boundary. All in all, he was a very good all round sportsman who was most modest about his achievements.

Although not the smartest of soldiers he played his part in the School Cadet Corps, gaining Certificate 'A' parts 1 and 2 and the Empire Marksman's Badge on the 25yard range. In view of his sports prowess and his time in the Corps it somewhat surprised his friends when he failed his army medical test and was exempted from National Service.

In 1946 the whole class took School Certificate and he was successful in his academic endeavours. He left W.G.S. in 1946 and remained in Colehill to continue his studies at the Bournemouth Technical College following a course which would eventually lead to his becoming an A.R.I.B.A. At some time during this course he returned to his home and completed his studies gaining his favoured professional qualification - A.R.I.B.A. He spent the majority of his working life in the Civil Service, working for Enfield Council and the Air Ministry. Some time was spent at Bechuanaland where much valuable experience was gained. The last posting was to the Civil Service Department dealing with Historic Buildings which necessitated frequent visits to Royal Palaces.

Latterly he did not enjoy the best of health and his eyesight deteriorated, doubtless due to the exacting work with which he had been involved. He passed away peacefully on the third of April this year leaving his wife Elizabeth and son Paul.

JOHN EMERY - former Music teacher at W.G.S.

I have just received a note from Janet Doolage (née Pursey) to the effect that she recently received a letter from John Emery's daughter, Bridget, that the well-liked former music teacher died peacefully in his sleep in hospital in Bristol on 29th September. If anyone would care to write a tribute to John I would be pleased to include it in the next Newsletter. I am sure a number of our members have fond memories of John Emery.

GEOFF STOKES (1954-60) Written by **John Hill** (1951-56)

Geoff, his mother, father and younger brother, Peter, came to live in Sandy Lane, Upton, in the late 1940s, his father having taken up a position at an engineering factory in Poole.

Geoff was 3 years younger than me but we got to know one another well when his mother asked me to accompany him to the bus stop after he passed the eleven-plus and began his education at WGS. Despite the difference in our ages we soon became good friends and spent lots of time together outside school and during the holidays. Geoff's family's bungalow was situated close by the edge of Lytchett Bay and near a disused clay pit which was by this time filled with water. In the summer Geoff, by now 12-13, and a group of us set up a permanent camp during the summer holidays nearby. There were 2 sets of us, the older group comprised myself, Alan Bennett, David Singleton and a couple of friends from Poole GS. Geoff's younger set comprised his brother Peter, John

Singleton and local friends. We used to spend the nights in our two-man ridge tents and, in the mornings, cook our fried breakfasts over primus stoves. For lunch and tea we all returned home and let our mothers feed us! In the evenings we would return to our camp and listen to music on Alan's portable radio, a luxury in those days - Johnny Ray, Frankie Laine and Nat King Cole were very big stars at that time. We would also eat cakes Alan brought from his father's bakery. We used to listen to Book at Bedtime at 10.45pm - a programme that is still going strong after all these years. One morning some of the older boys woke up early and we quietly and very gently unpegged Geoff's tent in which he was sleeping with a friend and repitched it ten yards away. When they woke up they were as amused as the rest of us.

Whenever there was any mischief to be made Geoff would always be in the thick of it. One example was when he decided he would show some girls how to start a fire. He struck a match and put it to some very dry bog grass which immediately flared up. "This is how you put it out," he said and began vigorously stamping on it. The fire engine arrived 5 minutes later and we managed to put it out with the help of parents and firemen relaying buckets of water from his family's bungalow. Geoff's first date with his wife to be, Margaret (nee Budden), was when they were both at Wimborne GS. Margaret was then 14. They got together seriously 3 years later, this time permanently. My wife, then my fiancée, and I first met Margaret when we went out in a foursome, the first of many such occasions. They both attended my wedding when Geoff was my best man and we were at their wedding at Lytchett Minster church and reception at the Upton hotel. They had a son, Anton, who is now giving much needed support to Margaret.

Geoff joined the Fleet Air Arm at 18 as a trainee electrical mechanic and served for 9 years. He spent much of his service working on helicopters and, after becoming a petty officer, became involved in navigation. On leaving the RN he worked as an inspector at AB Engineering in Sterte. Subsequently he became the manager of an off-licence and remained in the trade until he took retirement in his late fifties. Geoff then got together with a group of people concerned with the plight of the people of Rumania. They collected food, clothing and other necessities and took them across the continent to Rumania to be distributed to the needy. Geoff took an HGV course at an age when most commercial drivers are thinking of retirement so that he could share the burden of such a long-distance journey. He made his last trip only shortly before he died.

One hundred and fifty people attended his funeral which is a mark of the great respect and affection so many felt for Geoff as a human being. Geoff didn't seek the limelight - he was never that sort of person. Those of us who had the privilege of knowing him count ourselves fortunate to have known his friendship and shared his company. We send our condolences to Margaret.



A winter's scene across the water meadows.

Roger Holman



Wilf Palmer takes guard as John Dacombe prepares to bowl.