



OLD WINBURNIANS NEWSLETTER - AUTUMN 2017

Dear OW's,

Autumn is truly arrived and we are all asking the same old question - where has the year gone? The summer is already a fast fading memory. Have we realised the hopes we entertained at the start of the year - those old friends we promised ourselves we would see, the places we would visit, the books we would read, the films we would see? I wonder? We have certainly all of us lost old friends or relatives which makes it all the more important we maintain those cherished ties with family members and friends for the passage of time is relentless and unforgiving.

Personally I have been blessed with a grand-daughter, Estella, who already in her first 20 months has brought our family great joy. No doubt some of you, my readers, will have experienced similar precious moments. For others the year may have brought sorrows or serious illness. To anyone so affected I - and every other OW member - send our love and best wishes.

Our old friend, Tony Gould, the chairman of the OW's for the past few years, suffered a slight stroke, fortunately not too serious, but sufficient to make him pause and reflect and cut back on his commitments. He has, therefore, relinquished his role as chairman. We thank Tony for all his hard work and we are delighted he will remain as a committee member. In his place as chairman comes everyone's friend, Ken Taylor, and we wish Ken all the very best in the coming years in his new role. We will be watching you very carefully, Kenneth, for any signs of 'power corrupting' - Lord Acton's dictum constantly stressed by a certain Albert Maiden. After the antics of a certain Hollywood film producer, we will also be watching to see you do not start pinching the bottoms of certain of our lady members!

So, here we are, another Newsletter and another Reunion imminent. I hope the content will be of interest and entertain. I do my best but forgive me if I fail. I am very busy scribbling another tome (on Wimborne, hopefully out later next year, more anon.).

We do hope to see as many of you as possible on 2nd December - you are assured of a warm welcome. (The AFC Bournemouth fixture list is a source of frustration for OW season - ticket holders, I know) If you are unable to be with us in person do not forget to raise a glass at 2pm and drink a toast to 'Absent Friends' - even if it is just milk or tonic water!

Alan Bennett (on behalf of your committee)

FORTH COMING REUNIONS

Christmas Reunion	Saturday, 2 December 2017
Summer Reunion	Saturday, 7 July 2018
Christmas Reunion	Saturday, 1 December 2018

SUMMER REUNION 2017

Michael Aiken, Morgan Antell, Ann Antell guest of Mr Antell, Alan Bennett, Kenneth Bernthal, Les Bishop, Tony Bletsoe, Jim Brewster, Wendy Bundy nee Baker, Eunice Carnall nee Chadd, Peter Clarke, Mrs A. Cooper nee Hallett, Robert Copelin, Desmond Cox, Sandra Cox, Janet Doolage nee Pursey, Peter Douch, Faith Elford nee Hawes, David Finnemore, Janet Finnemore nee Horsey, Mervyn Frampton, Jackie Chubb guest of Mr Frampton, Brian Glover, Janet Gordon nee Daniels, Tony Gould, Dr. John Guy, Robert Hall, Michael Hall guest of Mr Hall, Alan Hall, Keith Harvey, Bill Haskell, Geoff Hill, Carolyn Kamcke nee Walking, John Boughton guest of Mrs Kamcke, Alan Maitland, June Maitland guest of Mr Maitland, Ron Mansfield, Maria Martin nee Limm, Victor Moss, Jennifer Moss nee Day, Diana Moss nee Anderson, James Moss guest of Mrs Moss, David Park, Len Pearce, Diana Pearce guest of Mr Pearce, Graham Powell and guest Hazel Powell, Christine Price nee Richmond, Terry Randall, Betty Read nee White, Ann Richmond nee Mitchell, David Roberts, Ray Scott, Joyce Harris, Anne Sweeney, Reg Rogers, Mary Gilbert guests of Mr Scott, Timothy Spall, Derek Stevens, Richard Strong, Jill Strong nee Cowdry, Cynthia Tanner nee Streets, Ken Taylor, John Taylor, Jill Taylor guest of Mr Taylor, Peter Watts, Geoffrey Welch, Ronald White, Prof Bob White, Bill White, Marion White guest of Mr White, Eddie Wood, Jose Wood guest of Mr Wood, Beryl Wythers nee Moreton.

APOLOGIES RECEIVED FROM

Elaine Smith, Denis Dolman, Norah Dyson, Ian Rogers, Lorna Miles, Roger Whittaker, Roy Dacombe, Richard Ferguson, Nick Bishop, Paul Burry, Harry Clarke, Michael Coffin, Simon Coley, Lorna Dyter, Brian Evans, Robert Farrance, Douglas Frewer, Brian Gross, Frank Hackforth, Russell Hunter, Michael Kerley, Carolyn Martin, Christopher Peters, Alistair Pilley, David Reeks, Peter Russell, David Singleton, Arthur White, Helen White, Marion Wimsett, Diana Zilm.

ESSENTIAL ADDRESSES

Chairman	Ken Taylor	31 Canford View Drive, Wimborne	BH21 2OW
Vice Chairman	Carolyne Kamcke	4 Pine Close, Ameysford Road, Ferndown	BH22 9QX
Treasurer	Alan Maitland	Coles Farm, Milborne St. Andrews, Blandford	DT11 0JL
Membership	John Guy	Gateways, Gaunts Common, Wimborne	BH21 4JN
Newsletter	Alan R. Bennett	11 Hawk Close, Pilford Heath, Colehill, Wimborne	BH21 2NW
Web Site	David Finnemore	4 Purbeck Gardens, Poole	BH14 0QS
Memorabilia Secretary	Derek Stevens	2 Remedy Gate, Woodlands, Wimborne, Dorset	BH21 8NG
Publicity Secretary	Ann Richmond	70 Erica Drive, Corfe Mullen, Wimborne	BH21 3TG

FULL COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Alan Bennett	11 Hawk Close, Pilford Heath, Wimborne Dorset	BH21 2NW
Tony Gould	1 Manor Cottages, Tolpuddle Dorset	DT2 7ES
John Guy	Gateways, Gaunts Common, Wimborne, Dorset	BH21 4JN
Bill Haskell	10 Counter Close, Blandford, Dorset	DT11 7XJ
Carolyn Kamcke	4 Pine Close, Ameysford Road, Ferndown, Dorset	BH22 9QX
Alan Maitland	Coles Farm, Milborne St. Andrew, Blandford, Dorset	DT11 0JL
Betty Read	10 Counter Close, Blandford, Dorset	DT11 7JX
Ann Richmond	70 Erica Drive, Corfe Mullen, Wimborne	BH21 3TG
Christine Short	18 Station Road, Alderholt, Fordingbridge	SP6 3RB
Ken Taylor	31 Canford View Drive, Wimborne, Dorset	BH21 2UW

CO-OPTED MEMBERS

David Finnemore	4 Purbeck Gardens, Poole, Dorset	BH14 0QS
Graham Powell	42 St. Peters Court, St Peters Road, Bournemouth, Dorset	BH1 2JU
Derek Stevens	2 Remedy Gate, Woodlands, Wimborne, Dorset	BH21 8NG

OLD WINBURNIANS ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2017

at Colehill Cricket Club on Monday 11th September 2017 at 11.00Hrs.

AGENDA

1. Welcome/Apologies
2. Approval of Minutes of previous AGM (12/09/16-circulated).
3. Matters arising.
4. Correspondence.
5. Chairman's Report.
6. Treasurer's Report & Adoption of Accounts.
7. Membership Secretary's Report.
8. Webmaster's Report.
9. Election of Officers
Chairman (Outgoing Chairman-Tony Gould).
Vice-Chairman (Outgoing Vice-Chairman- Ken Taylor).
Secretary - Vacancy.
Treasurer (outgoing Treasurer-Alan Maitland).
Membership Secretary ((Outgoing Membership Secretary-John Guy).
Appointment of the Auditor (Ken Newman)
10. Election of members of the committee for 2017.
(There is provision for a minimum of 4 and a maximum of 10 full members)
Current full members of the Committee are Alan Bennett, Tony Bletsoe,
Bill Haskell, Betty Read, Carolyn Kamcke and Ann Richmond.
Co-opted members are; David Finnemore (webmaster), Graham Powell (Historian)
and Derek Stevens (Memorabilia).
11. Any Other Business.

What year do you think?



OLD WINBURNIANS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

(11th SEPTEMBER 2017)

REPORT OF MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

SUMMARY OF PAST YEAR

- 1) Managing the membership database between 3 roles (membership secretary, treasurer & webmaster) continues to work well.
- 2) New members continue to come mainly through Old Winburnians internet site.
- 3) Lists on internet site were regularly updated by membership secretary.
- 4) Membership secretary is custodian of the name badges & copies of School Song used at the reunions.

SUMMARY OF CURRENT MEMBERSHIP (as contained in the membership database as it stands today)

Total Number of Members	: 305 (last year 322)
UK based	: 249 (last year 256)
Overseas based	: 56 (last year 55)
Members who are former staff	: 14 (last year 14)
Expired subscriptions (since 2016 AGM)	: 0 (last year 11)
New members (since 2016 AGM)	: 5 (last year 7)
Deceased members (as reported since 2016 AGM)	: 11 (last year 13)

SUMMARY OF FUTURE CHALLENGES FACING MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

- 1) Keeping the information in the database up-to-date continues to be "a challenge" - its accuracy is only as good as that provided - please help by providing updates to membership secretary, even if it is from "second-hand" and/or anecdotal sources, so that it can be included/verified as necessary.
- 2) Still relatively few members from the latter years of QEGS - tracking down such potential members is difficult & a time consuming process.
- 3) I have put several members in contact with one another during the past year & am happy to continue to do so. However, I will always seek agreement of the relevant parties first, to ensure the confidentiality of everyone's contact details is maintained as appropriate.

John Guy

11th September 2017

OLD WINBURNIANS ASSOCIATION

REPORT TO THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING BY THE CHAIR.

The year 2016/17 has once again been marked by steady progress. We are still without a secretary following the death of Ken Moody who held the post for several years and was highly conscientious and helpful to the OWA. Various members of the committee have helped, particularly Alan Maitland and John Guy, and I am grateful for this assistance.

During the year three committee meetings have been held. Two very informative newsletters have been produced and two official lunches held, a pre-Christmas lunch (on December 3rd) and a buffet summer lunch (July 1st). These events allow us to keep in touch with one another.

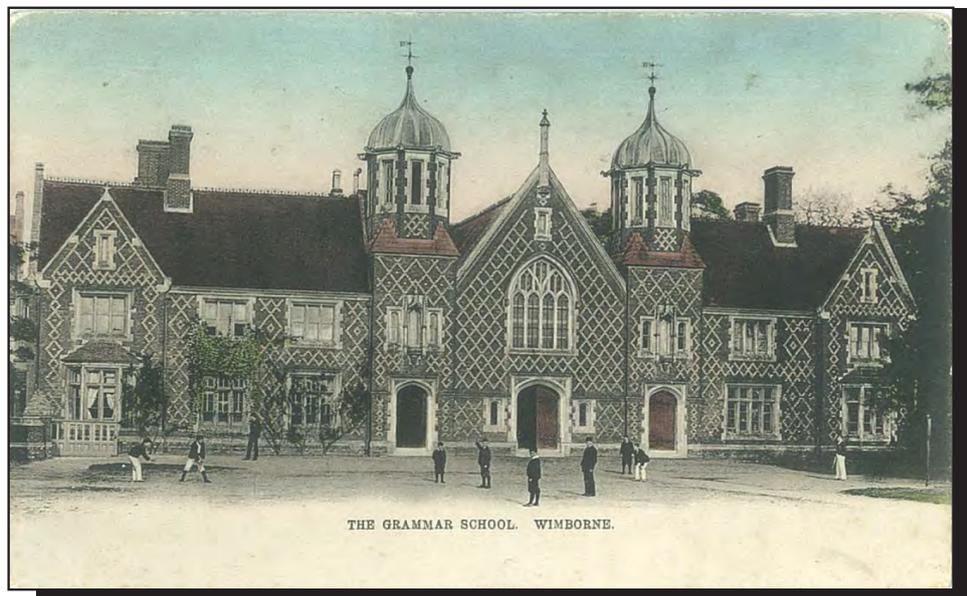
As you will be aware in all these activities we have been assisted greatly by those who helped. Carolyn Kamcke and Betty & Bill Haskell with lunches, raffles and prizes and John Guy as well as Alan Maitland with what can only be described as essential administrative functions. David Finnemore has continued with valuable work as webmaster and Alan Bennett has continued to produce an excellent newsletter. The Spring edition of the newsletter contained a tribute from myself as Chair to our former secretary Len Pearce who acted as secretary since re-establishment in the 1990's.

We have discussed the future of our archive material which Derek Stevens displays so effectively at the reunion lunches. Derek has certainly done a brilliant job but even he has signalled that it may be time to step down. There will be further consideration given to this issue.

We were notified of the passing of a number of former students during the year. In particular we lost Rodney Hurt (1940-50) who was an assiduous attender of Committee meetings and who was present at all our functions.

On August 24th this year I suddenly felt unwell and was obliged to be in hospital for 48 hours because I suffered a slight stroke. I have decided that this is the moment to stand down as Chair. I do thank you all for the friendship and conviviality that has helped to keep us lively. It is not only current committee members but also the friendship with Graham & Hazel Powell as well as others which I have found invaluable. The last eight years (I was elected Chair on 14th of September 2009) have been extremely satisfying to me personally and I thank you all for your friendship.

Tony Gould. (1951-57)



*Note the lone figure of
Roy Scott or is it
Len Pearce?*

From the new Chairman

Arriving back from holiday I learned that in my absence I had become your Chairman at the AGM. To be fair I had agreed to be considered before going away. The vacancy came about as a result of Tony Gould, my old classmate, suffering ill health and being forced to cut back his commitments.

I would on behalf of the OWA like to thank Tony for the hard work that he has done for the Association and wish him a speedy recovery. I look forward to seeing him at the next committee meeting as he has agreed to carry on as a committee member. Thanks also goes to Carolyn Kamcke who has kindly agreed to take on the role of Vice Chairman and a warm welcome to Christine Short (nee Elliott) who was elected to the committee at the AGM. I thank the rest of the committee who have agreed to carry on their existing roles.

Ken Taylor (1951-56)
Chairman
October, 2017

Old Winburnians Association					
Statement of Accounts From 01/06/16 To 31/05/17					
<u>Income</u>	<u>2016/17</u>	<u>2015/16</u>	<u>Expenditure</u>	<u>2016/17</u>	<u>2015/16</u>
Reunions	£2,771.00	£3,123.50	Reunions	£2,663.00	£2,943.50
Subscriptions	£1,190.00	£1,170.00	Newsletter Costs	£1,231.51	£1,333.29
Raffle Receipts	£432.00	£463.00	Raffle Prizes	£70.84	£71.58
Donations	£57.00	£4.50	Committee Meeting Costs	£70.00	£63.78
School History Sales	£7.00	£3.50	Printing School History	£80.00	£0.00
			Liability Ins. for History Festival	£45.10	£0.00
			Remembrance Day Poppy Wreath	£30.00	£25.00
			Raffle Charity Donation	£80.00	£200.00
			Donation in Memory of Ken Moody	£10.00	£0.00
			Web Site Costs	£44.93	£0.00
<u>Total Income</u>	<u>£4,457.00</u>	<u>4,764.50</u>	<u>Total Expenditure</u>	<u>£4,325.38</u>	<u>£4,637.15</u>
			<u>Excess of Income over Expenditure</u>	<u>£131.62</u>	<u>£127.35</u>
<u>Balance Sheet At 31 May 2017</u>					
<u>Assets At 31 May 2016</u>			<u>Assets At 31 May 2017</u>		
NatWest Current a/c	£1,883.21		NatWest Current a/c	£1,910.67	
LESS unrepresented			LESS unrepresented		
Cheques	<u>£218.08</u>		Cheques	<u>£113.92</u>	
		£1,665.13			£1,796.75
Add Excess of Income over					
Expenditure		£131.62			
		<u>£1,796.75</u>			<u>£1,796.75</u>

Margaret Beaufort

The founder of Wimborne Grammar School
(kindly sent to me by my old pal, Ron Mansfield)



Margaret Beaufort, shown in a c16th-century oil on panel painting, was the arch opportunist, switching allegiance in the Wars of the Roses in a bid to advance her family's cause

(Reproduced from the magazine HISTORY)

The Five Lives of Margaret Beaufort

Some interesting reflections

The five lives of Margaret Beaufort

From bitter inheritance to England's most powerful woman

1 The infant heiress

Margaret was brought up by her mother with a strong sense of her Beaufort lineage, and the family's closeness to the ruling House of Lancaster. The Beauforts' illegitimate origins – and the stigma of her father John Beaufort's disgrace and suicide after an unsuccessful military

campaign in France – demonstrated the mutability of human fortunes. (John Fisher remembered Margaret's tears at her son's coronation, motivated by the fear that their fortunes might change once more). It also fuelled a determination to redeem her family's reputation.



Margaret Beaufort's personal coat of arms



Amanda Hale plays Margaret in the TV series *The White Queen*

2 The child bride

A young and wealthy heiress in the medieval marriage market was normally a pawn in the game of powerful men – but Margaret sought to take command of the situation, claiming the decisions to marry first Edmund Tudor and then Henry Stafford as her own. She was not entirely successful (she cannot have

anticipated that the 24-year-old Tudor would consummate their union when she was still only 12, a decision shocking by modern standards and unseemly by medieval ones), but it gives us a powerful insight into the way she made sense of the world.

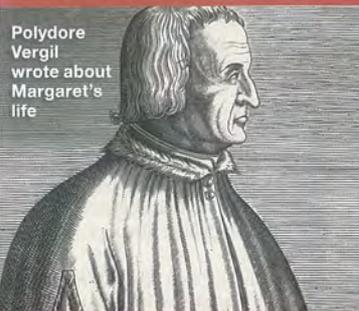
3 The canny networker

Margaret Beaufort revered Henry VI, and in her son's reign attempted to get the hapless king made a saint, but to her credit she was prepared to work with Edward IV. Her marriage to Thomas Stanley, steward of the royal household, gave her a permanent place at the Yorkist court in the second half of Edward's reign. John Fisher praised Margaret's acces-

sibility – "She was of singular easiness to be spoken unto, and full courteous answer she would make to all that came to her" – and her interest in court protocol began at this time. And the agreement of June 1482, by which Edward IV allowed the restoration of Henry Tudor to lands and titles and a marriage to one of his daughters, was a remarkable triumph.



Margaret's final husband, Thomas Stanley



Polydore Vergil wrote about Margaret's life

4 The rebels' ringleader

The Tudor historian Polydore Vergil gives a striking portrait of Margaret's role in the rebellion against Richard III in the autumn of 1483. Vergil related how Margaret sent her physician, Lewis Caerleon, into the sanctuary at Westminster Abbey, to plot with Elizabeth Woodville. She also opened discussions with the Duke of Buckingham

through John Morton and her trusted servant Reginald Bray. Meanwhile, money was also sent to Henry Tudor in Brittany.

Margaret's role may have been a little less all-encompassing than Vergil claimed, but the broad tenor of his account is confirmed by Richard III's own act of parliament against her.

5 The king's mother

During the reign of her son, Henry VII, Margaret held an unparalleled position of power. She was able to attend to works of religious patronage and the great educational foundations, at Christ's and St John's Colleges in Cambridge (the coat of arms pictured above is sited at St John's). In the last decade of Henry's rule,

Margaret ran a court of equity from her palace of Collyweston (in Northamptonshire) and governed the Midlands on the king's behalf. She outlived her son, falling ill at the coronation banquet of her grandson, Henry VIII. She died on 29 June 1509 – with the new Tudor dynasty firmly founded.



Henry VII entrusted the rule of the Midlands to his mother

(Reproduced from the magazine HISTORY)

Twenty five years ago I wrote a book called 'Wimborne Minster, Portrait of a Town', published by Dovecote Press in 1993. As those who attended our last reunion in July will know I am currently preparing a book bearing the same title (25 years on) which will be ready for publication later next year. Looking through my old boxes containing letters and notes relating to my 1992 book I came upon the original letters from Richard Todd and Lionel Jeffries, two of our most celebrated old boys. I also came upon a card written by Robert Fripp who declined to contribute but explained his reason for refusing my invitation. I thought our readers would find it interesting to see copies of the originals - all written in their own handwriting. A.B.

Lionel Jeffries (1926 - 2010)



100 YEARS ONWARD
WIMBORNE ROAD 1910
WIMBORNE
DORSET DT99 1AA

Oct. 7. 92.

Dear Alan Bennett,

Thank you very much
for your letter and kind remarks
about the "Railway Children".

As I said to you on the phone
the other night my memories of Wimborne
and the school are sluggish, and in no
sort of order. As a matter of fact
"sluggishness" and "disorder" might well
sum up my whole time there.

Later, when I left school, soon of 1942,
and joined the Army; the C.O of the
training college I attended wrote at the
very end of the course report: -

"I feel sure that the men under
Jeffries' leadership will follow him
anywhere if only out of curiosity."

Flicker Book memories, then,
Headmaster, "Tipper" (It's a long way to ek)
Avery, Dury, Maiden, Tapping, Jolly,
"Matty" Mottram, who introduced me into
the "wooden O" of the theatre.



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LIONEL JEFFRIES

Boys, John Crawford. "Slosher" Lake.
"Chick" Barrow. Ken Holloway. George
Well.

Places and Things.

The "Tivoli" Cinema. A café next door;
faggots and mashed potatoes for one Shilling.

Both places out of bounds. Dorothy
Lansour was considered, in her ankle bust
sarcos, the hard porn; along with
Carmen Miranda and her phallic hat of
bananas and grapes. The café was
rumoured to be a knocking shop for the
prefects.

The morning a china chamber pot
was discovered hoisted to the top of the
flag pole. "N/A me sir!"

The days "Tipper" read out the Roll
Call of boys recently killed in action.

The School Anthem. An excruciating
tune, and execrable lyrics. The first
line being — Brace yourself.

"Now the Seventh King Henry of memory dear!!
Was in matters of money a little bit queer"!!
Try and get away with that today.

Yours sincerely,

Lionel Jeffries

Richard Todd (1919 - 2009)



7th September, 1992

Dear Mr. Bennett,

Thank you for your letter.

I hope your book about Wimborne will be a great success and I am flattered and pleased to be asked to contribute to it.

I look back on my years in the 1930's as a boy at the grand old Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School with nostalgia and affection, and was greatly saddened on a recent visit to find that the school no longer existed and that the Big School Building had been converted to dwellings, albeit retaining its splendid, towered facade. So many memories come

to mind: of masters such as "Tipper"
Airey, the Head, and Messrs. Tepping,
Day, Kerwell, Raiden and Mottram
(indeed it was a role in Galsworthy's
"Escape," ~~that~~ produced and
directed by Motty, that first whetted
my theatrical appetite); and of boys
like Andy Hooper, Edward Lane,
"Boxer" Biles, Ivan Jones, the
Decombe brothers and, above all, my
greatest friend R.M.S. "Bobby" Brewer,
the latter killed as a pilot in
the first days of World War II.
How many survive, I wonder?

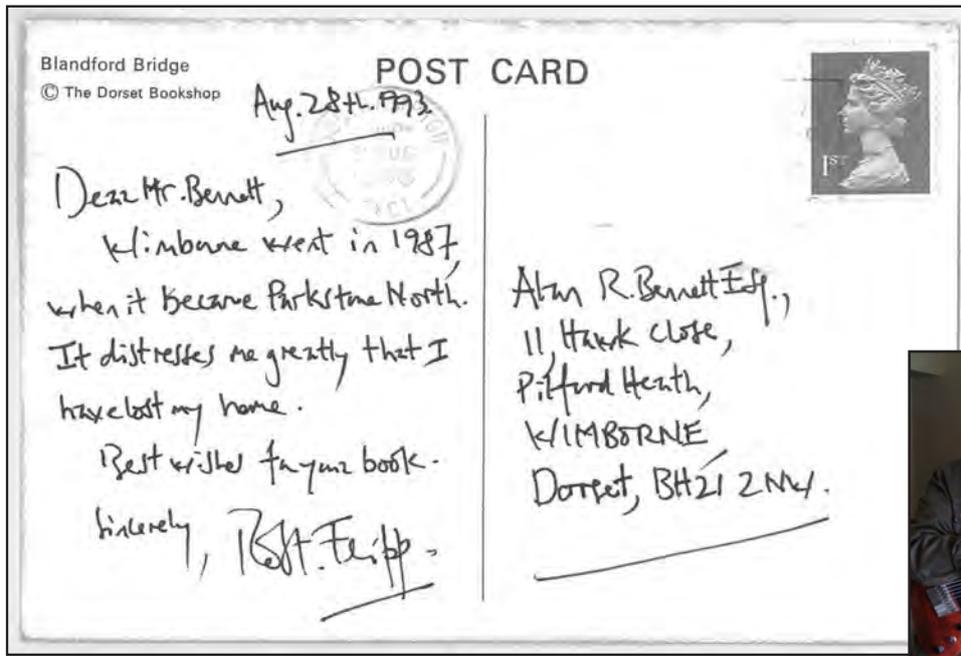
Forgive my scribble. I am
shortly off to America for a
spell and am furiously trying to
clear my desk. Cut or alter
as you see fit.

Yours sincerely

Richard Todd



Robert Fripp (1946 -)



Dr. Donald Neil

Although the passing of our former headmaster occurred some years ago, I have only recently come upon this newspaper cutting among my files.

DEATH OF QE FORMER HEAD

FORMER headmaster of Queen Elizabeth's School, Dr Donald Neil, has died, aged 86.

Dr Neil was born at Westcliff-on-Sea, Essex, and was educated at King's School, Canterbury.

Later he graduated with a first class honours degree from Pembroke College in Cambridge.

He began his career as a schoolmaster at the Imperial Service College at Windsor. In 1937 he married Ruth and they settled in Jersey when Donald became head of English at Victoria College on the island.

In 1951 Dr Neil arrived in Wimborne at what was Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School at its former site in King Street, opposite the Minster.

A man of strong faith, who built up the school's connection with the Minster during his headship, Donald became a lay reader on the Minster staff in the 50s and had a great love for Chalbury where he ministered for some time.

With the dramatic changes in education in the 60s and the impending amalgamation of the secondary school at Pamphill with the grammar school in Wimborne, Donald retired in 1968.

On retirement he went back to school - as a student at Exeter University where he took a PhD in theology.

Donald was president of Probus, lover of Glydebourne, a composer, recitalist and singer.

His final years were spent in Victoria Road, midway between the old grammar school site and the present site at Pamphill.

Donald is survived by his daughter Jenepher and son Adrian and five grandchildren.

The funeral service was held in Wimborne Minster and conducted by the rector, the Reverend Canon David Price, assisted by the curate, the Reverend Stephen Batty.

The address was given by former grammar school pupil, the Reverend Michael Bartlett, now rector of St Endellion in Cornwall.



Former Squire Johnny Dacombe last seen taking ship at Poole bound for the colonies?

Albert Maiden

Never too late to celebrate a remarkable man!



Wimborne Town Mayor Cllr Mrs Minna Harvey with Albert Maiden

Albert Maiden made Honorary Townsman

DISTINGUISHED local octogenarian, and ex Mayor of Wimborne, Albert Maiden became an Honorary Townsman of Wimborne Minster on Saturday 29th February.

The title is awarded to people who have given outstanding personal service to the town and is a public mark of honour and esteem.

A special ceremony to confer the title was held at the new Wimborne Minster Town Hall, The Old Courthouse.

Among the guests were councillors, relatives, friends and ex-pupils from Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School as it once was.

The evening was punctuated by music from the Queen Elizabeth's School String Quartet under the direction of Mr. Grant Bocking.

Before presenting the award, the Mayor of Wimborne Cllr. Minna Harvey paid tribute to Mr. Maiden for his sixty years of service to the community for both the young and old.

"Albert, you must be synonymous with Wimborne and its infrastructure. You are well known and well loved in many sections of the town," said the Mayor.

Albert's teaching career as English Master at Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School spanned some 40 years. During the War he spent four years in India and Burma becoming a Captain in Intelligence in the Signals Regiment and in 1945 was elected to Wimborne Urban District Council representing the Labour Party.

Ex-pupils Alan Bennett, Patrick Kettle and Sue Hatherly brought back memories of happy days at the school under Albert's guidance.

"He crammed into his life all that had to be done - the Council, his marking (of school books) and everything else. He cared about his charges and the English language," said Alan who then re-enacted part of his role of Casius from Julius Caesar as directed by Mr. Maiden in the early 1950's.

Another word-perfect soliloquy from the same play was also



performed by Patrick Kettle a pupil at the school from 1947 - 1954. Whilst further literary appreciation was provided by Mr. Mick Fealty from Word and Action who read the stirring 'Easter 1916' by W.B. Yeates, a poet and dramatist much favoured by Mr. Maiden.

One of the first girl pupils taken into the boys' grammar school in 1953 was Mrs. Sue Hatherly who said of him "He gave children a lasting love of literature and the theatre."

As a labour councillor, Albert Maiden was a major force in getting main drainage through for Wimborne in 1962, as so appropriately remarked on by friend and former Mayor of Wimborne, Bill Moore "He was a burst of fresh air to the council. We made a formidable force in the debates that ensued."

Speaking of Mr. Maiden's part in getting Flight Refuelling into Wimborne and the employment it brought to the area, company spokesman Hugh Curry said: "In the 1950's Flight Refuelling was at Tarrant Rushton airfield. It was Albert's efforts that persuaded the Planning Committee to agree to sell the site which we bought for £16,000." Many people may not know that the spot was previously known as Dump Road, so called because before the town's main drainage was installed, buckets of sewage were collected and dumped at the edge of town!

Hailed as a man of "pure integrity" Cllr. Dennis Ryan said "If there were more people like him, the world would be a better place."

And how did the English scholar sum up the evening? "It was a considerable exaggeration!" said Mr. Maiden with good humour.

Previous Honorary Townsman are Bill Moore and the late Bettine Tapper. Musical director of Queen Elizabeth's School, Mr. Grant Bocking is also to receive the award later in the Spring.

Joan Tidd

Mervyn Frampton (1947-54)

I came upon this photo in my archive - never previously reproduced in a newsletter. Well, it all happened a long time ago but dear old Mervyn is still with us and a regular at reunions. What an achievement, Mervyn. I trust it brings back a few memories for you!



Spanish ride: Mervyn Frampton

Mervyn limbers up

SUPER-fit special needs teacher Mervyn Frampton is limbering up for an epic pedal pushing venture across Spain.

Mervyn, 55, plans to cycle the 1,666 gruelling miles from his home in Broad Oak, Sturminster Newton, to Barcelona on the Mediterranean coast, as soon as the summer term finishes at Yewstock School.

He said: "I will be doing this completely alone and with no

mobile home following me around. Apart from sleeping and eating it will be non-stop pedalling."

The trip, which should take three to four weeks, is in aid of cancer and leukaemia research.

"I won't have time to stay for the Olympics. It will be a quick dip of the big toe in the sea, and then back in time for the new school term."

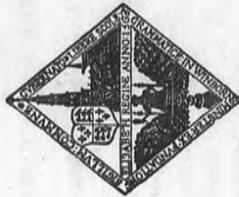
Active Mervyn has already cycled from Lands End to John O'Groats and run in two London marathons.

To bring back a few memories

Prize List, 1953

- George Wilson**—A. T. Domoney
- Parkinson Cup and Prize for Classics**—M. W. B. Saunders
- School Foundation Prize**—(1952) H. G. Pugh
- Sixth Form**—
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| P. Forshaw | C. B. Lucas | M. W. B. Saunders |
| R. E. J. Haysome | N. J. B. Ritchie | M. J. Smallwood |
- General Certificate of Education, Ordinary Level**—
- | | |
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| A. T. Domoney | E. C. F. Wood |
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- Form Prizes**—IV. C. J. Bailey II. D. A. Scrase
 G. C. Bartlett D. M. Singleton
 III. R. J. Allen I. D. G. Lee
 P. H. Key A. R. W. Smith
- Interest and Ability in Drama**—P. A. Eyres
- Swann Essay Prize**—J. Forshaw
- Metalwork Prize**—A. J. Chubb
- Woodwork Prize**—R. T. J. Raison
- Art Prize**—R. E. Curtis
- Music Prize**—P. M. Coole
- Gymnastics Prize**—L. G. T. Evans
- Junior Art Prize**—L. E. Pickford, P. W. Cox
- Cricket**—Fielding Cup. M. E. J. Foot
 Form Cup. VA.
 House Cup. Glyn
- Rugby**—House Cup. Derby
- Shooting**—Best Shot Cup. L/Cpl Wilson, H.F.
 House Cup. Glyn
- C.C.F.**—Inter-Platoon Cup. Derby House Platoon
 Best Cadet. C.S.M. Forshaw, P.
- Walters Athletic Cup**—M. G. Bartlett
- Walters Medal**—M. W. B. Saunders

Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School
 WIMBORNE MINSTER



ANNUAL
 SPEECH DAY
 AND PRIZE DISTRIBUTION

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29th, 1953
 at 2.30 p.m.

The Prizes will be distributed by
 Lieut.-Gen. SIR DUDLEY WARD, K.B.E., C.B., D.S.O.,
 (Deputy Chief, Imperial General Staff)

Chairman:
 G. C. WILLIS, Esq.
 Chairman of the Governors.

Order of Proceedings

1. HYMN— "O God of Earth and Altar" G. K. Chesterton
2. SONGS— "Now is the Month of Maying" Thomas Morley
 "Fairest Isle" Henry Purcell
 "Wi' a Hundred Pipers an' a'" Traditional
arr. Reginald Jacques
- THE SCHOOL CHOIR
3. VERSE SPEAKING—"The Homecoming" Thomas Hardy
 Announcer G. D. Mason
 Chorus (The Wind) H. A. Elson, B. F. K. Glover,
 A. R. Bennett, D. A. Perry,
 J. C. Sampson, A. J. Selby,
 D. A. Smith, P. Keeping,
 P. C. Dennett, G. P. Coleman
 The Old Husband ... J. E. Forshaw
 The Young Bride ... P. A. Eyles
4. FRENCH SCENE—"Les Coiffeurs Bavards"
(The Talkative Hairdresser)
 Coiffeurs—P. Warner, C. Peters, A. Tesson, J. Kearon
 Clients—F. Hackforth, R. Allen, A. Bennett, assisted by
 P. Forshaw, P. Burton, D. Scrase, D. Singleton,
 P. Burry, Pearl Sims

CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

HEADMASTER'S REPORT

DISTRIBUTION OF PRIZES

ADDRESS BY SIR DUDLEY WARD

VOTES OF THANKS

10. SCHOOL SONG "The Good Lady Meg"
words by C. R. Fowler
music by A. E. Wilshire

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

Honours List, 1952-53

Lieut.-General Sir Dudley Ward, K.B.E., C.B., D.S.O.
 Knight of the British Empire, New Year Honours

D. F. Stevens) elected to the Council of University College, London
 P. B. Trinkle)
 C. J. Bartlett—1st Class Honours, History, University College of
 the South West, Exeter.

R. K. Pugh—Gladstone Memorial Prize, Oxford
 J. H. Wood—Cadetship, R.A.F. College, Cranwell
 R. A. Wiseman—Certificate of Merit, Outward Bound Sea School
 G. A. Elcock—Milner Scholarship, King's School, Canterbury

GENERAL CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION, JULY 1953—

Advanced level, **two or more** subjects—
 P. Forshaw
 R. E. J. Haysome
 C. B. Lucas

Ordinary level, **four or more** subjects—

M. G. Allen
 R. W. Banford
 P. M. Coole
 A. T. Dononey
 D. R. Dowland
 D. M. Ellis
 I. M. Frampton
 R. E. J. House
 B. F. Langridge
 R. Lockyer
 B. D. Pearce
 A. C. S. Pilley
 J. E. Ryley
 D. G. Shearing
 A. R. Tesson
 T. J. Trevett
 D. Trickett
 I. C. Vaudin
 P. Warner
 M. J. Williams
 J. C. Willis
 R. A. Wiseman
 E. C. F. Wood

COMBINED CADET FORCE

Certificate "A" Part II.—

R. Burke
 M. E. J. Foot
 R. E. J. House
 P. E. Kettle
 B. F. Langridge
 R. Lockyer
 B. D. Pearce
 N. J. B. Ritchie

Certificate "A" Part I.

R. Breach
 J. Collins
 D. G. Duke
 P. A. Eyles
 E. G. Fish
 A. S. Ford
 R. G. Foy
 R. J. Hutchings
 K. C. Moody
 M. F. Seeviour
 A. R. Tesson
 D. Trickett
 I. C. Vaudin
 P. Warner
 C. J. Webb
 R. C. White
 M. F. Wilcox
 H. F. Wilson

Where in Wimborne was this property?

A challenge from Len Pearce.



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An aerial view of the town

OBITUARIES

PALMER CHARLES ARTHUR

Passed away peacefully at his home on 12th June 2017,
aged 97 years.

Funeral Service to take place at
All Saints Church, West Parley,
on Monday 10th July at 4.00pm,

followed by interment in the Churchyard.

No flowers please, but donations for the Salvation Army

may be sent

c/o A E Jolliffe & Son
17 Victoria Road,
Ferndown,
Dorset, BH22 9HT.
Tel: 01202 872050

RICHARD WARNER

1943 - 2015 ▾ Obituary ▸ Condolences



Dr. Richard Warner died at his home on Thursday, August 27, after 71 energetic and optimistic years, eight of them with a cancer he didn't so much fight as work around. Even in the face of death he continued larger than life, traveling to London as recently as mid-July and chairing a board meeting at his dining room table three days before he died. Dick was well known in the Boulder community as the medical director of the Mental Health Center of Boulder County for 30 years and founding director of Colorado Recovery for the subsequent 9. His core professional vision was that people with severe mental illness can recover and can lead full and productive lives in the community. His 1985 book *Recovery from Schizophrenia* influenced practitioners around the world. Dick published several more books and numerous articles about alternatives to hospitals, how to fight the stigma of mental illness, and a broad array of related subjects. His work with the World Psychiatric Association and other international institutions influenced programs in many countries. He was the recipient of the 2007 Daily Camera Pacesetter Award for Science/Medicine/Health. Dick was born in Croydon, Surrey, on September 6, 1943. He was educated at Wimborne Grammar School in Dorset, England, and received his medical training at Kings College London. Among his most important professional influences were innovative community psychiatry programs at the two hospitals where he did his residencies: Littlemore Hospital in Oxford, and Dingleton Hospital, in Melrose, Scotland. Early on in his career he began to wonder about cross-cultural recovery rates from major mental illness and on his own time he began to comb the literature for primary sources, which convinced him that having a productive social role was key to what, in fact, could be very good outcomes from major mental illnesses. This insight, quite radical at the time, fueled the vision that drove the rest of his long career and inspired many who read his writings, heard him talk, or worked alongside him. It also motivated him to pursue a Master's Degree in Anthropology from the University of Colorado. A life-long multi-tasker, Dick was also a gourmet chef, an accomplished photographer, a fluent Italian speaker, an A-wave runner, a voracious reader, and a connoisseur of music from jazz to opera. Friends and neighbors will miss the gourmet pizza extravaganzas Dick mounted in his backyard, using a wood-fired oven he built himself. Even more, they will remember the welcoming smile that assured them they were just the person he most wanted to see. He is survived by Lucy, his wife of 45 years, son Adam and fiancée Kristine Jakovleva of London; son David and wife Julie Law of Washington DC; and sister Janet of St. Clement des Levées, France. A memorial service to honor and celebrate his many

Dick was a great email correspondent, always witty and erudite.

As an avid reader, he could be relied upon to suggest interesting books for holiday reading.

As a seasoned traveller, Dick was often in the UK for conferences etc. and on one occasion he and his wife Lucy met up with a group of OW's at Burley Manor Hotel for afternoon tea. A thoroughly enjoyable occasion of reminiscences and laughter, greatly enjoyed by us all.

Jenny Moss (1961-63)

HALL LAWSON FRICS

Peacefully at home on 17th May aged 89 years.

Beloved husband of Jill, much loved father of Marshall, Duncan and Sally and to Theresa and Simon and devoted grandfather to his eight grandchildren.

A thanksgiving service will take place at

All Saints Church, Branksome Park
on Tuesday 30th May at 1.30pm.

Family flowers only. Donations, if desired to

Head & Wheble. Tel: 01202 551190

**HILL
JOHN EDWARD**

Passed away on 26th May 2017, aged 77 years.
Dearly loved and sadly missed by his family and friends.
Funeral Service to be held at Poole Crematorium
on Friday 7th July at 12.00 noon.
Family flowers only please
but donations for Cancer Research UK may be sent to

**A E Jolliffe & Son
17 Victoria Road, Ferndown,
Dorset, BH22 9HT.
Tel: 01202 872050**



John and I grew up together at opposite ends of Sandy Lane, Upton/Lytchett Minster, which was a truly sandy lane bordering a vast expanse of heathland which reached down to the reedbeds of Lytchett Bay where we played and camped along with a number of friends.

We were at WGS at the same time and remained friends throughout our lives.

When John left school he worked for a time in Bristol before joining the Royal Navy.

After several years at sea he decided he preferred life on shore with his wife Ann a girl he actually met in Wimborne on a night out. The pair became the proud parents of Dean and Sarah and, in due course, no less proud grand-parents.

In the later years of his working life John was at Hamworthy Engineering Co. often working

night shifts. Every summer John and I revisited our old haunts in Upton/Lytchett Minster, we enjoyed a holiday together with our wives in Madeira and often socialised over the years. When writing my previous book 'Dorset Journey' I took John down to Portland where he spent a part of his naval career visiting old locations he remembered well as a youthful seaman. We later went on to the old lighthouse, now a bird observatory. He also accompanied me to Droop and the racing stable of the Alners where, at one point, he was persuaded to hold a highly strung lively thoroughbred - he did not look at all comfortable! So many memories, John, and it is so sad that you have passed away. Your many friends and family will miss you.



Alan Bennett

OBITUARIES

General Sir Dudley Ward

GENERAL SIR DUDLEY WARD, who has died aged 86, kept a cool and clear head in a crisis, of which his career afforded no shortage.

After a highly successful war, notably in Italy, he became Director of Military Operations at the War Office in 1948 at perhaps the most dangerous period of the Cold War. The Soviet Union was testing Allied nerves, trying to squeeze the Allies out of Berlin by interfering with road and rail transport.

This move was resisted by the Berlin Airlift, but in the early stages the world held its breath, fearful lest some miscalculation might trigger the Third World War. As DMO, Ward was responsible for contingency planning in a complex and unstable situation.

In the 1950s he held various vital appointments under the Nato umbrella: Commander 1 Corps in Germany, Deputy Chief of the General Staff, and then Commander of the Northern Army Group and C-in-C British Army of the Rhine. All required expert judgment in deciding what, if any, response should be made to provocative gestures by the potential enemy.

In his final post, Governor and C-in-C Gibraltar, the same combination of diplomatic skills and military assessment was essential. One of the secrets of Ward's success was that he chose his team with great care and did not interfere with their subsequent actions.

Dudley Ward was born at



Ward: cool head

Wimborne, Dorset, on Jan 27 1905 and educated at Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School there. He was also a chorister in Wimborne Minster.

On leaving school young Dudley was apprenticed to the Eastern Telegraph Co and began his career as a junior cable operator in Gibraltar. While there, he impressed by his all-round abilities Army officers whom he met on the athletics track.

They suggested he might do well in the Army and that he should try for a commission through the ranks. He enlisted as a private in the Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment, was selected for Sandhurst and, having passed out, was commissioned into the Dorset Regiment in 1929.

He served with the regi-

ment in India and on the North-West Frontier. In 1937 he attended the Staff College at Quetta, where he was taught by the future Field Marshal Montgomery. Ward then transferred to the King's Liverpool Regiment and served on the staff in Military Intelligence before returning to the Staff College as an instructor.

From 1941 to 1943 he was on the staff of 5 Corps. Then he became GSO1 in 3 Division before being appointed to command 43 Reconnaissance Corps.

Ward's military and leadership skills were demonstrated when he commanded 17th Brigade in the advance from Sicily up through Italy in 1943-44. This involved numerous river crossings and pitched battles on rugged terrain.

In 1944 he was promoted to command the 4th (British) Division, which he led with distinction. His division was then diverted to Greece in December 1944 to prevent the Communists taking power by a civil war.

After the war Ward held various appointments including Chief of Staff Allied Forces, HQ Mediterranean; Commandant of the Staff College, Camberley; and Commander of 1 British Corps in Germany.

In 1953 he returned home to become Deputy Chief of the Imperial General Staff, and then in 1956 he was appointed Commander Northern Army Group and C-in-C BAOR. In 1960 he became C-in-C British

Forces Near East (when he set up the Sovereign Base in Cyprus).

His period as Governor on the Rock, from 1962 to 1965, coincided with Franco's campaign to have Gibraltar returned to Spain. Ward's task was to guard against any surprise military move by the Caudillo, while not losing sight of the fact that Gibraltar was a vital point in Nato's strategy and must be prepared accordingly for any deterioration in the world situation.

Ward also involved himself closely in the development of local government and was on excellent terms with the Chief Minister, Sir Joshua Hassan.

At the outset of his Army career, Dudley Ward stated that his intention was to enjoy life to the full in the Army, which he certainly did. He was an outstanding athlete, winning the Army Championship at 100 and 220 yards, and also representing Kent. In later life he took up sailing and golf.

Ward was Colonel of the King's Regiment from 1947 to 1957, Colonel-Commandant of REME from 1958 to 1963, ADC to the Queen from 1959 to 1961 and a Deputy Lieutenant of Suffolk from 1968 to 1984. He was awarded the DSO in 1944, appointed CBE and CB in 1945, KBE in 1953, KCB in 1957 and GCB in 1959.

He married first, in 1933, Beatrice (who died in 1962), daughter of Rev T F Griffith; they had a daughter. He married secondly, Joan, daughter of Col D C Scott.

One of our most distinguished old boys

Len Pearce's challenge

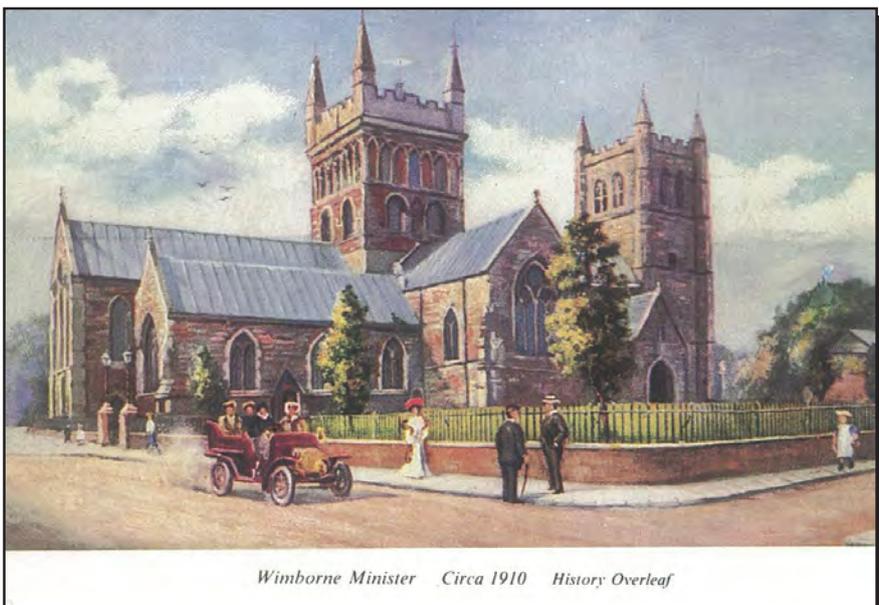
Where in Wimborne?

This house was demolished in 1939 but WGS pupils prior to that time, might recall that the access to the School Playing Field, was via a lane off East Boro, through the massive gate to the left of the house.

The owner/occupier died in 1925 but the house, still fully furnished, became derelict. The site of the lane remains and is now the access to Allenbourne School. Bungalows and houses have replaced "Kenilworth" as the old house was called.



Postcards from the Editor's collection.



With thanks to my old friend and Blackburn Rovers supporter at Wimborne Print Centre, Bryan Harwood, for all his help. Poor Fellow - supporting Blackburn - so, if you are passing, poke your head in the door and commiserate!