

## OLD WINBURNIANS NEWSLETTER — AUTUMN 2018

Dear OWs,

First of all, on behalf of the Committee, I extend greetings to all our members scattered across the UK and further afield often in very distant locations around the World. Who would have guessed on that final occasion you walked out of WGS into King Street what lay ahead or where your travels might take you?

I begin with an apology for I have been obliged to assemble this Newsletter in great haste. I am putting the finishing touches to my book on Wimborne and am under great pressure to complete it in the next few days in order that it reaches the printer in time for publication before Christmas. I hope my haste is not too apparent and the Newsletter still interests and satisfies your expectations. There are several contributions from newcomers to these columns which, I am sure, will stir distant memories of W.G.S and entertain you.

Our reunions continue to attract good numbers of you and I am sure we can look forward to another enjoyable occasion on 1<sup>st</sup> December at our usual venue. I do realise that some of our members are reluctant to drive far on winter days, but let's hope for another excellent attendance and a thoroughly convivial occasion. You know you are assured of the warmest of welcomes. If it is impossible for you to come along, do remember at 2pm we will be raising a glass and toasting "Absent Friends". Please join us at that moment wherever you are. I know for some of you the past year has contained all too many health problems, but we will be thinking of you at 2pm and wishing you a Happy Christmas and a healthy and fulfilling 2019. The Old Winburnians is all about good fellowship and affection for friends that first was fostered in the classrooms and playground and playing fields of Wimborne's ancient grammar school so many years ago.

On behalf of your Committee I send our very best wishes to each and everyone of you.

Alan Bennett

**FORTHCOMING REUNIONS** Summer Reunion Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2019

Christmas Reunion Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2019

# Old Winburnians Reunion Winter Reunion 2018

## Alphabetical list of all expected attendees

Dr Gareth Annels	55 - 63	Mrs June Maitland	Guest of Mr Maitland
Mrs Jennifer Baker	Nee Donaldson 63 - 70	Mr Ron Mansfield	49 - 54
Ian Wilkinson	Guest of Mrs Baker	Mrs Maria Martin	Nee Limm 55 - 60
Marion Ryder	Guest of Mrs Baker	Mr Victor Moss	56 - 63
Mr Alan Bennett	-	Mrs Jennifer Moss	Nee Day 61 - 63
Mr Les Bishop	54 - 61	Dr David Norman	64 - 70
Mr Nick Bishop	60 - 63	Mrs Julia Palmer	Nee Cave 63 - 70
Mr Jim Brewster	54 - 57	Mr David Park	48 - 55
Mrs Wendy Bundy	Nee Baker 54 - 59	Mr Len Pearce	36 - 41
Mrs Eunice Carnall	Nee Chadd 55 - 62	Mrs Diana Pearce	Guest of Mr Pearce
Mr Peter Clarke	55 - 57	Mr Graham Powell	38 - 47
Mrs Sue Coombes	Nee Froud 56 - 63	Mrs Hazel Powell	Guest of Mr Powell
Mr John Coombes	Guest of Mrs Coombes	Mrs Christine Price	Nee Richmond 55 - 60
Mrs. A. Cooper	Nee Hallett 56 - 85	Mr Terry Randall	45 - 52
Mr Robert Copelin	46 - 51	Mrs Betty Read	Nee White 53 - 58
Mr Desmond Cox	47 - 51	Mrs Ann Richmond	Nee Mitchell 55 - 60
Ms Janet Doolaee	Nee Pursey 58 - 65	Mr David Roberts	49 - 55
Mrs Faith Elford	Nee Hawes 56 - 61	Mr Ian Rogers	45 - 53
Mr Anthony Elgar	53 - 60	Miss Elaine Smith	59 - 65
Mr Brian Glover	49 - 54	Mr Peter Griffiths	Guest of Miss Smith
Mrs Janet Gordon	Nee Daniels 59 - 63	Mr Timothy Spall	58 - 61
Dr John Guy	63 - 71	Mr Derek Stevens	42 - 49
Mr Robert Hall	34 - 41	Mr Richard Strong	55 - 62
J Thornley	Guest of Mr Hall	Mrs Jill Strong	Nee Cowdry 56 - 63
T Thornley	Guest of Mr Hall	Mr Ken Taylor	51 - 56
Mr Michael Hall	Guest of Mr Hall	Mr John Taylor	36 - 41
Mr Alan Hall	51 - 57	Mr Geoffrey Welch	56 - 63
Mr Keith Harvey	51 - 56	Gillian Bassill	Guest of Mr Welch
Mr Bill Haskell	52 - 56	Mr Ronald White	48 - 54
Mr Geoff Hill	58 - 59	Prof Bob White	51 - 57
Mrs Jane Hutchings	Nee Sleeman 64 - 70	Mrs Helen White	Nee Filcher 55 - 60
Mr Andrew Jones	53 - 60	Mrs Beryl Wythers	Nee Moreton 56 - 63
Miss Elizabeth Judd	Nee Judd 65 - 70		
Mrs Carolyn Kamcke	Nee Walking 56 - 63		
Mr John Boughton	Guest of Mrs Kamcke		
Mr Eric Leeson	43 - 47		
Mr Alan Maitland	54 - 59		

## **APOLOGIES FOR REUNION LUNCH ON 7<sup>th</sup> JULY 2018**

### **RECEIVED BY MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY**

- Kenneth Bernthal
  - Harry Clarke
  - Michael Coffin
  - Guy Corbett-Marshall
  - Sandra Cox
  - Lorna Dyter
  - Anthony Gould
  - John Harper
  - Russell Hunter
  - Carolyn Martin
  - John Perkins
  - Christopher Peters
  - Anthony Porter
  - David Reeks
  - Barbara Russell
  - Peter Russell
  - Cynthia Tanner
  - Diana Moss
  - Roy Dacombe
  - Denis Dolman
  - Peter Douch
  - Norah Dyson
  - Richard Ferguson
  - Bill White
  - Sue Hatherley
  - Alan Crumpler
  - Ray Scott
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### **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, Wimborne	BH21 2NW
Web Site	David Finnemore	4 Purbeck Gardens, Poole	BH14 OQS
Memorabilia	Derek Stevens	2 Remedy Gate, Woodlands, Wimborne	BH21 8NG
Publicity	Ann Richmond	70 Erica Drive, Wimborne	BH21 3TQ

## **OLD WINBURNIANS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**(3<sup>rd</sup> SEPTEMBER 2018)**

### **REPORT OF MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY**

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

Total Number of Members	: 298 (last year 305)
UK based	: 243 (last year 249)
Overseas based	: 55 (last year 56)
Members who are former staff	: 14 (last year 14)
Expired subscriptions (since 2017 AGM)	: 5 (last year 0)
New members (since 2017 AGM)	: 6 (last year 5)
Deceased members (as reported since 2017 AGM)	: 8 (last year 11)

*John Guy*

3<sup>rd</sup> September 2018

### **FULL COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Alan Bennett	11 Hawk Close, Pilford Heath, WIMBORNE	BH21 2NW
Tony Gould	1 Manor Cottage, Tolpuddle, DORCHESTER	DT2 7ES
John Guy	"Gateways", Gaunts Common, WIMBORNE	BH21 4JN
Bill Haskell	10 Counter Close, BLANDFORD FORUM	DT11 7XJ
Carolyn Kamcke	4 Pine Close, Ameysford Road, FERNDOWN	BH22 9QX
Alan Maitland	Coles Farm, Milborne St. Andrew, BLANDFORD FORUM	DT11 0JL
Ron Mansfield	52 Castle Street, Cranborne, WIMBORNE	BH21 5QA
Betty Read	10 Counter Close, BLANDFORD FORUM	DT11 7XJ
Ann Richmond	70 Erica Drive, Corfe Mullen, WIMBORNE	BH21 3TG
Ken Taylor	31 Canford View Drive, WIMBORNE	BH21 2UW

### **CO-OPTED MEMBERS**

David Finnemore	4 Purbeck Gardens, POOLE	BH14 0QS
Graham Powell	42 St. Peters Court, St. Peters Road, BOURNEMOUTH	BH1 2JU
Derek Stevens	2 Remedy Oak, Woodlands, WIMBORNE	BH21 8NG

## Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of The Old Winburnians Held at Colehill Cricket Club on 3rd September 2018 at 11.00 am

### Present:

Ken Taylor (Chairman), Alan Maitland (Treasurer), John Guy (Membership Secretary), Alan Bennett (Newsletter Editor), Tony Gould, Bill Haskell, Carolyn Kamcke, Len Pearce and Ron Mansfield.

### Apologies:

Apologies had been received from Ann Richmond, Kenneth Bernthal, Christopher Charlton, Harry Clarke, Lorna Dyter, David Finnemore, Janet Finnemore, Brian Gross, Rob Hussey, Elizabeth Judd, Christopher Peters, Alistair Pilley, David Singleton, Bill White, Bob White, Betty Read, and Tony Bletsoe.

The Chairman welcomed members to the AGM and asked the members present to briefly introduce themselves.

### Minutes Of the last AGM:

The minutes of the last AGM held on 11th September 2017 were approved unanimously.

### Matters Arising:

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

### Correspondence:

There was no correspondence.

### Treasurer's Report:

The accounts for 2016/17 had been audited by Keith Newman and thanks were expressed to him. Alan Maitland reported on a very satisfactory year which resulted in a surplus of £792.15. The reduced cost of the newsletter and the saving on the cost of committee meetings by using Colehill Cricket Club both contributed to this surplus. Subscriptions were down by £175 but support for the reunions was slightly up. The raffles at the reunions are still well supported and contributed £378 to the funds. Thanks were expressed to Carolyn and Ann for their work in selling raffle tickets. Thanks were also expressed to Bill Haskell for arranging the Poppy Wreath for Remembrance Day. There is likely to be an increase in the cost of the newsletter next year due to Wimborne Print closing down.

The Treasurer's report was adopted.

### Membership Secretary's Report:

John Guy reported that there were 298 members on the database.

There had been a loss of 8 members and a gain of 6 new members over the year. 5 member's subscriptions had lapsed and they had been moved off the mailing list. Len Pearce asked if any communication was sent to welcome new members. John Guy replied that most new members came through the website and emails were exchanged.

### Newsletter:

Alan Bennett said that he was very busy at this time but he would be putting together the next newsletter at the end of September. He asked for material for the next newsletter to be sent to him as soon as possible.

### Election of Officers:

**Chairman.** Ken Taylor was re-elected

**Vice Chair.** Carolyn Kamcke was re-elected

**Secretary.** STILL VACANT.

**Treasurer.** Alan Maitland was re-elected.

**Membership Secretary.** John Guy was re-elected.

**Newsletter Editor.** Alan Bennett was re-elected  
**Auditor.** Keith Newman was re-elected.

### **Election of Committee Members:**

The Following were elected as Committee: Ann Richmond (Publicity), Bill Haskell, Betty Read, Tony Gould and Ron Mansfield.

The Co-opted members are: David Finnemore (Webmaster), Derek Stevens (Memorabilia), Graham Powell (Historian).

### **GDPR Legislation:**

John Guy had prepared a statement of the Old Winburnians policy on the management of the data held on record and the limitations on access to this data. Alan M. proposed that this policy be adopted and Ron M. seconded this. This policy will be attached to the minutes for further reference if required.

### **Memorabilia:**

The Chairman had spoken to Graham Powell and Graham is willing to act as a gobetween with Derek Stevens. The Chairman asked if there was anyone willing to prepare displays of memorabilia at the reunions but there was no volunteer. Concern was expressed as to what would happen to the memorabilia if Derek became unable to continue to store it. The chairman said he would try to obtain details of a contact should that situation arise.

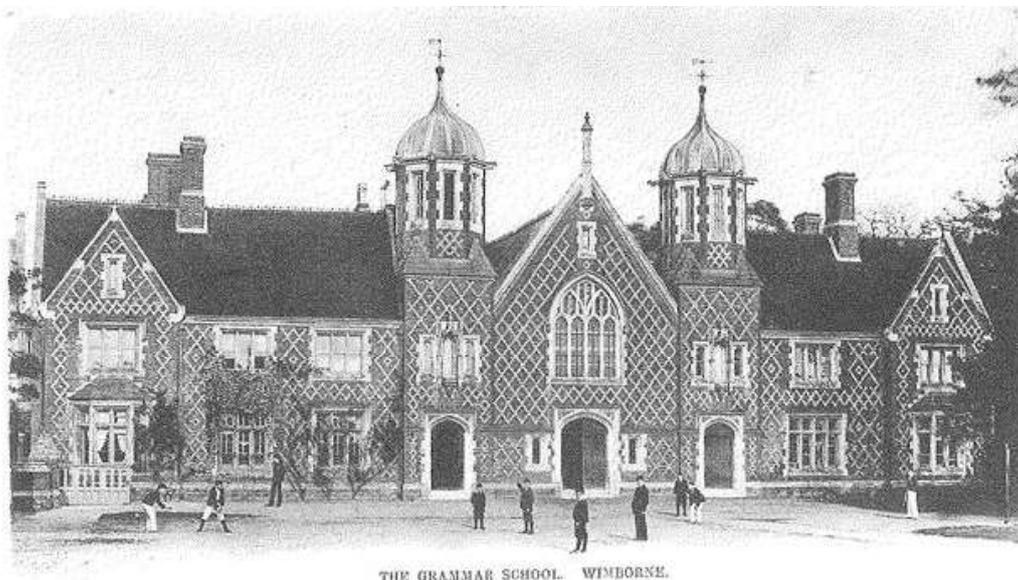
### **Any Other Business:**

Len Pearce thought that the attitude of the Cobham's staff at the summer reunion was unfriendly and found the room cramped and the meal poor value for money. The Chairman said that the committee had looked at alternative venues in the Wimborne area but could not find a more suitable venue and those that had been considered would cost more than Cobhams but the committee would welcome any suggestions for another venue.

Alan Maitland said that QE School would be inviting Old Winburnians to the Remembrance Service at the school on Monday 12 November and asked members to try to attend if possible.

It was agreed that the next AGM of The Old Winburnians will be on 16th September 2019 at Colehill Cricket Club at 1100hrs.

The meeting closed at 1220 hrs.



## OLD WINBURNIANS ASSOCIATION (OWA) PRIVACY POLICY

### 1. What is the aim of this Privacy Policy ?

To define & explain how the OWA uses & manages personal information collected from its members in order to meet their needs and comply with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR).

### 2. What personal information does the OWA collect ?

When someone wishes to become a member of the OWA, they are asked to provide the following information :

- Name
- Name when attending the school
- Years attended at the school
- Postal address
- E-mail address
- Contact telephone number
- Preferred method for receiving the biannual newsletter
- Preferred method for paying the annual subscription.

### 3. How does the OWA collect the personal information ?

All the personal information is collected directly from the member. This is usually at the point of their initial application, plus any updates that occur from time-to-time.

### 4. How does the OWA store and manage the personal information ?

The information provided by the members is entered and stored in an Access database tool (a Microsoft product) which itself is stored in "Dropbox" (a file hosting service that offers cloud storage, file synchronization, personal cloud, and client software). In order to securely manage the information, the access to it and the modus operandi of the above information management environment, direct access to the information is restricted to the OWA roles of Membership Secretary, Treasurer and Webmaster.

### 5. How do we use the personal information ?

The OWA uses the personal information provided by the members to communicate directly with them. The information may be disclosed from time-to-time only to OWA committee members solely for the above purpose. A very limited set of the information is published on the OWA's internet site in order to facilitate general awareness between members (see [www.oldwinburnians.org.uk/membership-lists.html](http://www.oldwinburnians.org.uk/membership-lists.html)). If a member wishes to make direct contact with another member, their mutual details will only be released by those OWA roles which have direct access to the information database (see above) once those roles have explicitly contacted the members involved to seek their agreement that their contact details can be released.

### 6. Members' Rights

Each member has the right to receive a copy of the information the OWA holds about them to ensure relevance and correctness. To receive a copy of their details and/or raise any concerns regarding any aspect of how the GDPR relates to the OWA, members are requested to contact the OWA Membership Secretary by either sending a letter (see [www.oldwinburnians.org.uk/membership-lists.html](http://www.oldwinburnians.org.uk/membership-lists.html)), or an e-mail to [membership@oldwinburnians.org.uk](mailto:membership@oldwinburnians.org.uk).

## Old Winburnians Association

### Statement of Accounts From 01/06/17 To 31/05/18

<u>Income</u>	<u>2017/18</u>	<u>2016/17</u>	<u>2017/18</u>	<u>2016/17</u>
			<u>Expenditure</u>	
Reunions	£3,048.00	£2,771.00	Reunions	£2,663.00
Subscriptions	£1,015.00	£1,190.00	Newsletter Costs	£1,231.51
Raffle Receipts	£460.00	£432.00	Raffle Prizes	£81.97
Donations	£60.00	£57.00	Committee Meeting Costs	£70.00
School History Sales	£15.00	£7.00	Printing School History	£80.00
			Liability Ins. for History Festival	£45.10
			Remembrance Day Poppy Wreath	£30.00
			Raffle Charity Donation	£80.00
			Donation in Memory of Ken Moody	£10.00
			Web Site Costs	£44.93
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>£4,598.00</b>	<b>4,457.00</b>	<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>£4,325.38</b>
			<b>Excess of Income over Expenditure</b>	<b>£131.62</b>

### Balance Sheet At 31 May 2018

<b>Assets At 31 May 2017</b>		<b>Assets At 31 May 2018</b>	
NatWest Current a/c	£1,910.67	NatWest Current a/c	£2,836.90
LESS unrepresented Cheques	£113.92	LESS unrepresented Cheques	£248.00
Add Excess of Income over Expenditure	£1,796.75		£2,588.90
	<b>£792.15</b>		<b>£2,588.90</b>

I have audited the summary of accounts set out above. In my opinion these are consistent with the full accounts of the Old Winburnians Association for the year 1. vi. 2017 to 31. v. 2018

*K. E. NEWTON*

K E NEWTON 21. viii. 2018

## Correspondence

From: Robert John Hall,  
Swanage,  
27<sup>th</sup> May 2018

Dear Alan,

Reading the latest Old Winburnian I notice many references and memories from Old Boys of their time at W.G.S. and I recall you asking me last year if I can put to mind any memories I had of my life as a very junior boarder in 1934 to 1936, when I had a break from Wimborne owing to illness, returning in the Spring term in 1939 to 1941 end of the Michaelmas term that year.

I start by recalling being left by my parents with the Matron, Miss Smith, with a large trunk containing my name marked belongings and shown to my bed in Minster dorm.

There were 3 dorms Paradise, Haedes and Minster, no Monkey Hole at that time. I was in a cubicle opposite the Minster and one heard the Minster clock day and night. I particularly recall when King George died in 1936 the death knell bell, a single muffled ding sounding for several days before the funeral.

I was in form 2b housed in the two wooden huts in the playground, very cold in Winter and heated by Slow but Sure iron stoves, coal coke fuelled, early morning cloud of smoke pouring out over the playground, similar larger stoves heated Big School

Masters, Elison, Day, Tapping, Mottram, Drury, Maiden, Kerswell and Eyres (Music, Choral from Minster). They all wore gowns and one had great respect.

Prep was set each day in a prep book and made out by the pupil and inspected each Monday filled in. There were two caretakers Steele and Kendall who did all the running of the menial tasks, fires, cleaning shoes etc, boys had to have each shoe numbered at Frisbys in the town.

2 suits were required and a school blazer, one for weekday and best for Sunday, when boarders attended both Matins and evening services.

Must not forget the fire drill which involved sliding down a contraption sited in Minster dorm to a path beside Form 3 huts.

There was also a sick room adjacent, where sick boarders were confined. The staff room was in School Lane along with a tuck shop. The staff room was most of the time filled with tobacco smoke as much smoking went on in those days.

Violin lessons took place in Big School one night a week, given by a lady teacher.

Motty took us for football, Tapping for cricket, I always seemed to get a position of longstop, in case the wicket keeper failed to gather the ball.

In season Juniors like me helped Matron prepare tea for the players at Senior matches, banana sandwiches were popular.

We were an all boys school in those days and discipline was strict, English, Language and Literature were in force and in my first attendant years I came to love reading and the fiction of the great boy book writers.

*Robert John Hall  
1934-41*

*A fascinating account, Robert, of a bygone age. A.B.*

From Derek Noon  
Barton on Sea

18<sup>th</sup> July 2018

Dear Alan

I offer the enclosed autobiographical poem of my early years after leaving QEGS earlier than I should. It only covers from 15 years of age until 24.

I have lived a very full life since choosing self employment in catering. Firstly a Cafe followed by a Hotel and finishing with a 15<sup>th</sup> Century Tearooms in the New Forest.

Twenty years self-employment and currently twenty seven years in retirement.

My story may be of interest; if anyone still remembers me.

Please use as you see fit, I shall not be offended by your decision.



Derek Noon 44-47

*Derek, It's great to hear from you and details of your career. Thanks for the poem it is brilliant, entertaining fun, congratulations.*

A.B.

### **Autobiography**

Just sitting here at my computer, I'm reminded of my English tutor  
Who taught me grammar and how to spell. In those days I knew darn' well  
That if I grasped what I was told, the future would for me unfold  
Into an academic life, and a future shared with child and wife.

Problems at home with my parents meant, that I had to settle and be content  
To leave school early and find employment, not something I chose with much enjoyment.  
My first job was painting, houses that is, employed by a man as a worker of his.  
Up and down ladders with brushes in hand, sandpaper and paint pots, feeling quite grand.

This job didn't last long as pressure at home, convinced me for sure that I wanted to roam  
Away from my parents and endless complaints, away to a new life without these constraints.  
I went off to London to seek a new job and the new life I wanted. I wasn't a snob  
But the first job I found was based in a factory, just menial tasks, most unsatisfactory.

The second was better, an office I chose, the work I found easy but then I suppose  
I had been prepared by my school for this day, and the girl on the switchboard I really must say  
Was very attractive and caught my eye too. There wasn't anything much I could do  
She was only seventeen and terribly sweet and proceeded to knock me right off my feet.

My manager insisted I must learn typing but this I found most uninviting.  
Shorthand also became a drag and attendances began to flag  
To continue these classes was truly a trial I realised then that I was in denial  
And poor 'Sweet Seventeen' was slightly bereft when I picked up my pens and the office I left.

I started to wonder if I'd drawn a blank, then I found new employment with J Arthur Rank  
A film company boss, a millionaire too, who was instrumental in my rescue.  
He gave me a job in a firm that he owned, film cleaning the task, I very soon moaned  
Trichloroethylene was the chemical used, which took oil from the skin and my hands were abused.

I was quickly promoted, old films I was viewing, and soon it transpired I was doing reviewing  
The best ones were kept, the others were not, and for once in my life I could be a fussy spot.  
This job didn't last, I was soon made redundant, but jobs around then were in fact quite abundant.  
I found brief employment not wanting to stay, but simply so I could pay my own way.

National Service came round and it had us boys floored, it had to be done, it could not be ignored  
But in my case the doctor showed me the door with a card upon written 'You are Grade Four'  
With a smile on my face and a lightness of walk, to all and sundry I wanted to talk  
To tell them all how I would have missed them, and boast about how I'd bucked the system.

I next went to Blackpool, with a pal on a tandem; we found ourselves lodgings, purely at random  
And got ourselves jobs on the Pleasure Beach there, I on the 'Darts' stall, he went elsewhere.  
I soon got the hang of it shouting like this, "Come and have a go on the dartboard, Miss."  
"Sixpence a go and score less than nine", the prize in those days was five 'Woodbine'.

I enjoyed my time in Blackpool so much; it was with regret that I left there, but such  
Is the way things happen quite often, and this time no girlfriend my resolve to soften.  
We pedalled off back the way that we came, a fortune we hadn't and that was a shame  
As around the world we wanted to go to places with names like Cannes and Bordeaux.

On our return I phoned 'Sweet Seventeen', at the office she worked in, and was told she had been  
Asked by a man of Polish extraction to marry her soon. What was her reaction?  
Of course she agreed, they were much in love, and then I thought 'Great Heavens above'  
I'm back on the shelf and it's obviously plain, that I'll never see 'Sweet Seventeen' again.

On our return I was soon re-employed, and feeling foolishly overjoyed  
To work at Technicolor where, a smart young girl I'd spotted there  
I became besotted but a little enraged, to find indeed she was engaged  
It didn't last she sent him packing. I wasted no time I soon got cracking.

I'd found someone so fascinating, so sweet and kind and scintillating  
Someone with whom to share my life, and asked her to become my wife  
We've had two children they've been a pleasure, and memories that we each can treasure  
There's been much joy, there's been some tears, but then it has been sixty three years.

Derek Noon 44-47

## Three Old Winburnian Brothers

From the age of four I attended the village school at Wimborne St Giles, it is still there and functioning well. My bosom pal at the school was Brian Webb. The first hour of each day was taken up with solid Church of England doctrine. However, to the envy of many, Brian was allowed to opt out to receive special tuition from his Catholic mother.

Brian lived next to Lord Shaftesbury's timber yard, where his father was the manager. Beech trees from the estate would be felled and brought to the yard on a carriage drawn by six beautiful grey shire horses, sadly replaced by one Fordson tractor. Reducing this timber to material for building required a large circular saw powered by a magnificent steam engine. Access was of course strictly forbidden, but there are always small holes through which the Brians and Alecs of the piece could gain access.

The timber yard is still there, but on my visit all was quiet. However, the memories of that steam engine remain. I lived about 200 yards away, in Park Lane, and would listen to the change in the exhaust note as the load imposed by the circular saw changed with its duty. Would the whine from the cutting teeth increase in intensity, only to abate as the cut was completed? Then the engine would puff quietly, as only a steam engine can, until the next job.

I like to think that it was these early memories that served to stimulate a lifelong interest in mechanical engineering, leading, via a physics degree from Imperial, to a Fellowship of the Royal Academy and a visiting Chair at Bath.(Not the two wheeled variety — yet!)

Now back to Brian, known in his early years as Nip. He had two older brothers, Jack and George. Jack had inspired the village by winning a place at Wimborne, and was followed in due course by George and Brian. All were athletic, but excelled in the cross country runs held each spring. In one year I remember the Webbs had two winners;

George in the senior category and Brian in the junior. Brian had a running partner-one Derek Stevens; choosing not to break their bond, they finished first together.

Jack and Brian enjoyed long careers in the Royal Air Force. George was commissioned in the Dorset Regiment; I was most impressed when he returned to the School to help conduct my Cert A tests in the cadet corps.

I remember reading in The Old Winburnian an article in which Brian recalls standing before the high altar of the Minster. He declared himself fortunate to have been to Wimborne Grammar School and to have married a girl from Parkestone Grammar School.I would so like to meet her if she is still with us.

Alec Parker; otherwise Cod or Parker,D.

26 July 2018

*Wonderful Alec. A.B.*

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### **Can you help please ?**

I have recently had a request from a lady, originally from Ferndown (but who did not go to QEGS), trying to make contact with 2 ladies who did. Their names when at school were Linda Martin (married name now Peters) and Christine Betts (unknown whether she is married). They both started at QEGS in 1961. If anyone can provide any information about them, or if you may still be in contact with either of them, can you please contact the membership secretary at [membership@oldwinburnians.org.uk](mailto:membership@oldwinburnians.org.uk)

Many thanks ! *John*

## **Obituaries**

*Sadley, we report the deaths of 2 more of our members. We do hope to include further details and acknowledgements in forthcoming newsletters. We do depend on you for information.*

*This was kindly sent to us by Barbera Gibbs, Bill's widow, to whom we send our best wishes and deepest sympathy.*

### **William Fred Ernest Gibbs - "Bill" 16<sup>th</sup> September 1929 - 24<sup>th</sup> March 2018**

Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School 1940 - 1947. Head Boy 1947

National Service: Devonshire Regiment 1947 -1949 serving in the Guards Battalion in Malaya during its civil emergency.

University of Southampton 1949-1952.

Teaching posts:

1953-1954 at Southfields County Secondary School. Kent. 1954-1958 Wilton C. of E. Secondary School, Wiltshire.

Bill entered Education Administration in 1959 in N.E. Essex and progressed through Assistant Education Officer posts in the County Borough of Southend and the London Borough of Hillingdon.

He joined the Royal Borough of Kingston upon Thames as Deputy Chief Education Officer in 1970 until 1974 when he was appointed Chief Education Officer of the Royal Borough. Following a re-designation of posts in 1979 within the Borough of Kingston he then sought employment outside local government and in 1980 he was appointed Secretary to the Examinations Board of the Royal Society of Arts and enjoyed 10 years working in this capacity until 1989 when the Examinations Board became known as OCR and moved its offices from John Adam Street in London to Coventry.

Not wishing to relocate to the Midlands, Bill then worked in a part time Consultant capacity for OCR for a year after which he did officially retire. However he became involved with the British Accreditation Council, which monitors post-16 independent education establishments, and chaired the Accreditation Committee for 10 years.

Bill first married Dorothy, a fellow student at Southampton, in 1955. Tragically she died in 1973 from injuries sustained in a car crash. He married Barbara in 1975 who now survives him together with his two daughters and his son from his first marriage and her two daughters.

### **Merv Frampton**

Loving Partner, Father and Grandfather.

Former teacher at Sturminster Newton  
High School and Yewstock School.

Sadley passed away on 30th July 2018

To contact his family please message

[louisewebb4848@gmail.com](mailto:louisewebb4848@gmail.com)

## **Wimborne Minster. Portrait of a Town**

(to be published in mid-November)

Twenty-five years ago I wrote a book with the same title reflecting the town as it then was in the early 1990's. I decided I would write another reflecting Wimborne as it is today covering the period January 1, 2017, through to September, 2018.

The book has grown to the extraordinary length of more than 350 pages with scores of splendid photographs (all in colour) with a glorious dust-jacket featuring one of Roger Holman's brilliant photographs. Roger, as you will know, is himself an Old Winburnian and one of the finest photographers Dorset has ever produced besides being a great human being. Another Old Winburnian, Geoff Hill, the 'Arfur Daley' of WGS who arrived from South London in King Street at the age of 14-15, has also contributed many great pictures. Besides which, Marilyn Barber, also of our old school, has also contributed extensively with her camera for which I am immensely grateful.

The book covers just about everything happening in the town and locality — from farming to trading, the schools and churches, personalities of all backgrounds, sport, music, housing, societies, voluntary bodies that play such a critical role in the town, an interview with QE's most celebrated 'old boy' up at Pamphill, AFC Bournemouth's manager, Eddie Howe, and the wedding of the year at the Minster (covered widely on TV and in the press) between a lady of 92 and a gentleman of 91 — the oldest UK couple ever known to have 'tied the knot'. The lady just happened to appear in that wonderful post-war film classic 'Brief Encounter'. There is also a photograph of the OW Summer Reunion, 2017, plus a couple of pages of text on the OWA.

From the sale of the book I will be donating £2.00 per copy to be divided between 2 charities, the Friends of Victoria Hospital, Wimborne, and the Wimborne Dementia Friendly Community. The price of the book will be £20.00 (or £25.00 with postage and packing) available mid-November onwards. If you would like it signed/inscribed, please print details and write to me at the address on page 4.

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