

The Old Wandsworthians Memorial Trust Newsletter

Merry Christmas
and A Happy New
Year

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Hero Discovered

Recently Les Herbert received the following letter:-

Dear Sir or Madam,

I am a family researcher and member of the North West Kent Family History Society.

I recently obtained a First World War medal trio issued to a Sapper 70910 Albert Christian Havelock. He was born 1895 Brockley, Kent. Son of Charles Havelock of 86 Clonmore Street, Southfields, Wandsworth. He was killed in action Mar 27 1916 and is buried at Saint Pol Communal Cemetery Extension, Saint-Pol-sur-Ternoise, Department du Pas-de-Calais, Nord-Pas-de-Calais, France Plot A. 3.

I understand he was a former pupil of Wandsworth School. I have attached a photo of Albert Christian Havelock, which came with the medals. I have also attached some other documentation, which I thought might be of interest to you.

Kind regards

Graham Jansen



Albert Christian Havelock 1895-1916

In Reply

Les wrote to Graham and confirmed that A.C. Havelock is one of the 99 young former pupils named on our War Memorial. He informed Graham about the history of our memorial and the history behind it. In the note to the historian Les said that Albert was one of many who fell 100 years ago, during 1916. Les also sent him photos of the memorial and information on the unveiling which took place last year. Les asked Graham if he was a relative and if he had managed to contact any living relatives, especially as we have had no success. Rather suprisingly Graham wrote the following reply.

Hi Les,

Thank you so much for your interesting email and attaching the newsletter and photos. I must

apologize for the delay in replying. "What an amazing story being able to restore the Memorial to its rightful place and to honour all those former pupils in the way that you have. What an achievement by all those involved".

I'm not a relative of Albert I'm afraid; I'm merely a family history enthusiast. I've recently become very interested in the First World War knowing there are so many research resources available. I bought Albert's medals at an antiques market in Bromley, Kent, which isn't too far from where he was born. The medals are individually named as you no doubt already aware unlike WW2 medals. This makes researching the recipient quite an easy task. The medals came with the photo and documentation regarding the fact he was killed in action. I managed to track down a distant relative of Albert's via a Genealogy website I use but they could tell me very little about him. They knew he had died during the First World War but that was all. They've provided me with the names of other members of the Havelock family but so far I've not carried out any further research. I can't prove the photo is actually Albert but I have no reason to doubt it's not him. There are some words handwritten on the back of the photo but nothing to actually identify him. The words merely relate to 'mum's brother.' Getting in contact with you has prompted me to look into this further so I will keep you informed should I discover anything else. You may certainly publish the information in your newsletter. As a member of the North West Kent Family History Society, which covers the Bromley area I intend submitting the story about Albert in the quarterly Journal magazine so if you don't mind I would very much like to make members aware of your Memorial Trust and the success you've had restoring the plaque.

All the best and I will be in touch as soon as I find out anything else about Albert.

Kind regards Graham.



The above medals came as purchased by Graham along with the photo and Commonwealth War Grave references.

After the First World War the three medals were awarded to most of the British servicemen that had served from 1914 or 1915. They were the British War Medal, the British Victory Medal and either the 1914 Star or the 1914-15 Star. They were irreverently referred to as Pip, Squeak and Wilfred and are still so today. Pip, Squeak and Wilfred was a long-running British newspaper strip cartoon published in the Daily Mirror from 1919 to 1956, as well as the Sunday Pictorial in the early years. The medals are engraved with Albert's name, rank, unit and regimental number.

WE WILL REMEMBER THEM

Following the OWMT War memorial opening last year, the Trust along with St Cecilia's Staff organised a Remembrance Service on Friday 11th November. We owe a big thank you to Les Herbert (OWMT Secretary) and Revd Annie Kurk (St Cecilia's School) for all their hard work in making this event happen.

On Friday 11th November, 12 Old Wandsworthians attended St Cecilia's School for the first laying of a Poppy Wreath



Above:

Front Row - Les Herbert, John Totham, Peter Heard, Peter Rossi, Chris Brown, Ian Maclean, Roger Holland.

Rear Row - Ray Pritchard, Alan Bone, Martin Dickson, Malcolm Porter, Richard Moody.

Left: Les Herbert addresses an audience of 120 year 7 pupils at the start of the Remembrance Service at St Cecilia's School, Sutherland Grove.

Before the main event we were invited to join their Head Teacher Niall Gallagher and staff for lunch.

Here we enjoyed a classic school meal of fish and chips with mushy peas! This was followed by a short tour of the school, which was lead by their Head boy – Calum O’Toole and Head Girl – Chimna Orji. Here we all found ourselves explaining to these two pupils our memories of what the school looked liked in our days. We were then all taken to the school chapel and seated for the start of the remembrance service.

The service was opened by the Revd Annie Kurk St Cecilia’s School Chaplain, who explained to the 120 year 7 pupils what the service was all about. This was followed by a short presentation from Trustee, Les Herbert, on the history of the OWMT and the story behind the War memorial. We then held an open session asking the students if they had any questions! Surprisingly we had several questions from them, lucky for us we had a few senior members who could answer, Questions, like “What was Southfields like back in the 40s/50s” Or “What was your school like compared to now” and “How big was it”?

Following this presentation a small procession took place, where two year 7 pupils carried the wreath to the War Memorial Plaque, followed by all Old Wandsworthians and their Head teacher. Here a short service was held, which was televised back in the school chapel, watched by over 120 staff and pupils.



Revd Annie Kurk and Ian Maclean at prayer

Following prayers, the following was read out by the most senior Old Boy on the day Ian Maclean:-

They were young, as we are young,
 They served, giving freely of themselves,
 To them, we pledge, amid the winds of time,
 To carry their touch and never forget,
 We Will Remember Them.

The wreath was then laid by Dick Moody and two year 7 pupils (Maria Almonte and Rashad Eastman), this was followed by a minute's silence. Then came the chilling part when the Last Post was played by a former pupil James Gregg. After the service all twelve Old Wandsworthians were invited to join all pupils in their refectory for afternoon tea and biscuits. Here many of us mixed with the pupils talking about our old school Wandsworth and how we are working with St Cecilia's School. At the end of the day, Niall Gallagher (Headteacher) stated that he would like this to become an annual event, apart from the Old Wandsworthians remembering their former pupils who gave their lives in conflict. He wants all pupils of St Cecilia's to have a better understanding of what the remembrance service is all about.



L-R The Revd Annie Kurk, Rashad Eastman, Dick Moody, Maria Almonte and Niall Gallagher (Head)

WANDSWORTH SCHOOL CHOIR REUNION – 1st October 2016

The choir reunions started back in 1997, when we used to meet every other year, and in 2006, by popular demand, the event became an annual celebration of the historic times we all enjoyed during our school days and beyond. This was the fourteenth choir reunion to be held and we were welcomed back for the second year at 'home' in Sutherland Grove. The staff and some of the senior students at Saint Cecilia's School made us all very welcome and although the attendance was slightly down on previous years, everyone had a thoroughly enjoyable evening.

Thanks were expressed to the Headteacher, Niall Gallagher, for accommodating us again and also to the administrative staff, particularly Business Manager, Dave Cobb, whose support was invaluable in getting the event to run as planned. A special thank you also went to catering manager, Nuki Kopec, who produced a wonderful three-course hot dinner for the 37 who attended.

We never forget the generous grant that we receive from the Old Wandsworthians Memorial Trust, without which the cost per head would be significantly increased and as in previous year a huge thank you was expressed to the Trustees for their continued support.



L to R: Brian Johnston; John Tobin; Geof West (spelt correctly!); Michael Nicholls; Peter Love; Martin Saxby; Kevin Attwell, Geoff Wake; Barry O'Shea; Jim Hughes; Mark Stevens; Alan Woods; Ian York; Graham Day; Mike Coysh; Mark Painter; George Willis; Ian Partridge (not an Old Boy - a world famous professional tenor soloist who featured on some of our recordings); Ray Pritchard; Barnaby Jago; Vip Nandanwar; Graham Preston; Andy Stonebridge (partly obscured); and Geoff Park

Bearing in mind that many of those attending travel long distances, it would be interesting to work out the total mileage covered by the ones living in various parts of the country. A few examples start to build up a considerable figure – Alton (Hampshire), Bournemouth, Braintree, Chinnor (Oxford), Crawley, Crewe, Farnham, Horsham, Isle of Wight, Poole, Rugby, St.Minver (Cornwall), Steyning (West Sussex) and Wolverhampton.

We were all delighted to welcome Ian Partridge and his wife Anne to their third reunion, reminding us of some of Ian's memorable performances with us. A few regulars were prevented from attending again this year due to health/travel problems, but we always remember dear Cynthia Phillimore, Ron Hollis and Nigel Spearing, who unfortunately has recently had to go into a care home. Apologies were received from 29 ex-choristers, who were disappointed to miss the event, including Keith Eldridge, who kindly sent a donation. Hopefully, some, if not all of them will be able to join us next year.

Due to Saint Cecilia's now out-sourcing all the administration for independent events, the arrangements for this year were totally different to last year, when everything was 'in-house'. This meant working with an organisation called Schools Plus, best described as a company offering 'a unique approach to increasing community use of school premises'. Their events manager, Jasmine Petch, was my main contact, although Dave Cobb, Saint Cecilia's Business Manager, mentioned earlier, made sure that he was 'on site' in case of any last minute alterations. I found the new arrangement quite unusual, as ten days before the reunion, I had a meeting at Sutherland Grove with about six people who I had never met before, all involved in the running of our event. Very different to last year, when I worked with just two people; and all previous events at St.Paul's Community Centre, Southfields, were organised with just the caretaker at the hall, Sam, who got

to know us really well.

However, the main thing was that the event ran very smoothly and we can now look forward to reunion number 15, 20 years after our first one and already booked for Saturday 7th October 2017, back 'home' at Sutherland Grove.

WANDSWORTH SCHOOL CHOIR REUNION

1st October 2016

Attendance list

Kevin Attwell	Graham Preston
Neil Baugh	Ray Pritchard
Mike Coysh	Brian Sawyer
Iain Coombes	Martin Saxby
Graham Day	Mark Stevens
Graham Harbage	Andy Stonebridge
Jim Hughes	Adrian Thompson
Barnaby Jago	Judy Thompson
Brian Johnston	John Tobin
Peter Love	Geoff Wake
Vip Nandanwar	Geof West
Michael Nicholls	Les West
Barry O'Shea	George Willis
Mark Painter	Alan Woods
Geoff Park	Ian York
Ian Partridge	

Notes From Our Grant Holders

Benjamin James

Nottingham University

Dear Old Wandsworthians,

I am writing to thank you for the grant that you provided me with to help me with my studies at Nottingham University.

The grant has been a real help enabling me to purchase core course textbooks as well as helping towards the purchase of a portable ramp to aid with my access needs in and around campus.

Purchasing the core textbooks that I required for my course meant that I did not have to go back and forth towards the library, which can be tiring for me. The ramp has allowed me to fully access buildings that might have that one inconvenient step, meaning I could access buildings that would otherwise be inaccessible.



Benjamin James

Although I had a lot to get used to especially over the first term as I was new to using a powered wheelchair I soon got used to my wheelchair and university life.

University has been great, with so many doors being opened with the help of my powered chair. My powered chair has enabled me to fully engage with my Neuroscience degree. I have really enjoyed the first year of studying neuroscience BSc and am looking forward to my next two years.

I have been able to establish myself at Nottingham and have settled in really well, with so many doors being opened and opportunities for the future.

Despite having to get used to my new powered chair amongst other things I have been able to thrive at university finishing first year with a 1st. The course has been really interesting and I am now looking forward to my future at university.

Once again, thank you for the grant; it has really helped me out and without it I may not have been able to thrive at university.

Benjamin and his powered chair



Guy Dixon

Durham University

I would like to extend my thanks to the Old Wandsworthians for supporting me in what has been another fantastic year for me. As a result of the grant given to me, I have been able to lead Durham University Sailing Club (DUSC) to their most successful result ever in Team Racing and second best result in Match Racing. As DUSC Team Racing Squad Captain I set an aim to get Durham securely into the top 8 and challenge for the top spot.

Despite being one of only two teams to beat the eventual winners, Cambridge 1, we finished 5th, securing the first BUCS Points for the university in over 2 years. After the high of this event, myself and two others went on to the BUCS Match Racing Championships, held at the Olympic venue, Weymouth and Portland Sailing Club. Here we managed to continue the good work from the rest of the year and reached the quarter-finals once again.

Unfortunately we narrowly lost out (by 1 metre in the deciding race!) to Southampton and missed out on the semi-finals, thankfully rectifying this by winning all our remaining races and finishing 5th. These two superb results were a fantastic way to finish the first year that Durham had ever had 4 teams, and had experienced the largest participation rates in 5 years and got back to winning ways! I have also continued sailing with the Royal Thames Yacht Club, most notably helming for them at the European 2K Team Racing Tour Grand Finals in Monaco at the beginning of December.

All the while, I was able to continue playing 2nd XI Hockey for Durham University, playing both in the National Men's League and 2nd Tier Student League. Finally, the year was topped off finding out I had achieved a high Class II (Division 1) in my second year of University and secured a Summer Internship with the Royal Bank of Scotland from which I was subsequently offered a graduate role to commence in September 2016.

My thanks go once again to all Old Wandsworthians for their support and assistance, allowing me to continue to thrive at university, it will forever be appreciated.

Thank you

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Guy



Guy and crew head for victory

Francesca Sandman

University of Wales Cardiff

Once again I wish to start by saying thank you for your support over the years.

Last year I took out to study Pharmacology but I have returned to my medical studies this year. I spent the year following teams in different specialities, taking a few of my own clinics and helping out in surgery to get hands on experience.



The specialities I worked in were paediatrics, obstetrics and gynaecology, psychiatry, neurology, care of the elderly, ear nose and throat, dermatology, infectious diseases, ophthalmology, haematology and colorectal surgery. As you can imagine it was a bit of a whirlwind of activity and learning as I only had a week with some of these placements while others I had 5 weeks and for each speciality there is so much to learn. By far my favourites were working with children in paediatrics and my ophthalmology placement.

It was slightly stressful going back into medicine after a year out, the consultants expect so much from you and ask you so many questions, feeling no remorse when you can only make a guess and they embarrass you in front of the whole team. I had to work really hard to get back up to scratch. I had 7 exams spread out over the year. Four of these were practical exams called OSCEs (objective structured clinical examinations) where you must see a patient or an actor and either interview or examine them to come to a diagnosis. This is done under time pressure and under the supervision of an examiner who assesses your performance and then quizzes you on your knowledge.

The other three were written papers which tested knowledge and understanding of diseases, management plans and medications. These made up my end of 4th year medical exams and also my first set of finals for 5th year of which I have another 2 sets next year.

Over the course of the year I managed to gain many new sets of skills from taking an arterial blood sample to assisting in surgery on very sick patients and I have vastly improved my examination skills along with my diagnostic abilities. I am happy to report that I managed to pass all of my exams and so now only need to finish my final year before they set me loose, giving me the real responsibility of patients' lives. I am very much looking forward to finally working and I am pleased to say that over the last 5 years I have only grown to love what I am doing more and more.

Thank you all again for your support and also for reading my report if you got this far through it!

Francesca graduated as a Doctor on December the 8th.

Best Wishes,

Francesca - University of Wales, Cardiff

Trust Fund Applications

Application Forms for grants from the Memorial Trust Fund can be obtained by downloading from our website (see below) or by post from Les Herbert, Woodlands, St Georges Hill, Lyme Regis, Dorset. DT7 3NT. email: lestina@sky.com. Further information on the Trust may be obtained from Bob Andrews (Chairman) Swiss Cottage, Nower Road, Dorking, Surrey. RH4 3BX.

Grace Herbert

National Diploma in Children's learning and Development

Dear Trustees

Firstly I would like to apologise for the delay in sending you my final report. I would like to thank the trust for providing financial support through my two year course in college 'National Diploma in Children's learning and Development'.

During my second year in college I completed the various steps in becoming a fully qualified Childcare Practitioner. Many of these steps included various placements in and around Dorset and Devon (photo at bottom of me at Dragon-flies Preschool back row top right) A few of these placements were local businesses in which I was able to carry out what I had learned and engage in hands on practice. Also during my second year I was able to focus on many more areas in working with children such as;

- Extended Safeguarding and wellbeing of children
- First Aid Qualification (level 3)
- Food Hygiene
- Behavioural Management
- Learning and development of ages 0-8.

This all helped in extending my learning with children, through the various placements I was able to encounter different techniques of teaching and I was able to teach myself that children learn and develop as individuals at different stages. During my second year I had the privilege to work in Millwater School which was a school specifically produced for those with special needs, in this I worked with children aged 4-7 and it became to me the most enjoyable placement I had worked with in. During the time I worked here I was able to take part in many educational activities the children took part in to aid their physical, social and emotional development. One of my favourite extracurricular activities became swimming with the children as it gave them the



physical and social skills they needed to progress in their development which really came to warm my heart seeing their happy faces.

Overall after completing my course I gained my BTEC Level 3 National Diploma with the triple grade of Merit. Which I was very pleased with and shortly after started my CV and sent it to all local childcare settings to start my career.

After I had completed my course I then had the opportunity to work in two local Pre-Schools whereby I worked part time and voluntary for just under a year. This gave me my first insight to becoming a fully qualified practitioner. My next step was to find full-time employment in which I had been given the opportunity to work within a nursery in Honiton called 'Little Ones' here I stayed for a further year taking on the role and responsibility of key worker for different children. Here I was able to fully practice all the skills and techniques I had learned throughout college and put them into my work. Due to the travel I sadly left 'Little Ones' but have stayed with working in a nursery and have now had the title of 'nursery assistant' in an establishment called The Folly Nursery in Dalwood. I have settled really well into this nursery and am enjoying my work more than ever as they offer a great outside area for the children to fully aid their development in its full potential. In this nursery I have now looked into improving my own personal development with children and would like the opportunity to further my career through starting a university course "Foundation Degree "Early Years and Education" this is a three year part time course whereby I am able to further my level to a level 5 and can then progress into starting a career in early years teaching. This will help me in my long term goal of becoming a fully qualified early year's teacher. At current I have handed in my application form and am waiting for a response on whether I can take part in the course, once I have heard back I would then like to ask the trustees for further financial help in progressing my career.

Once again many thanks for the support you have given me.

Kind Regards **Grace**

Alice Rushmer

University of Gloucestershire.

I would like to thank the Old Wandsworthians Memorial Trust and everyone involved for the financial support provided for me during Placement year as part of my 4 year sandwich degree. I spent the past 12 months working at an Event catering company as an operations assistant, based in London and I am now back at university ready to start my final year.

After the struggle of securing a placement, I was quickly faced with the struggle of supporting myself financially; as my placement was close to unpaid. Without the financial support I have received, I would not have been able to make my way to work every day, pay for utility bills or be able to enjoy my placement as much as I have.

During my year in the industry I was able to work alongside a great team and be involved with some amazing events, which I will never get the chance to again. The Rugby World Cup opening party would be one of them, with Prince Harry as a guest. A Birthday Party for Jude Law's girlfriend (at his house!), which later featured in the Metro and Daily Mail for the police receiving complaints of too much noise....ooooops?

However some events I am glad I will never get the chance to experience again, like the one when the handbrake snapped and the van rolled into the River Thames. Or the one where the cellar delivery was stuck in severe traffic and we had to unload the van through the back door as guests are arriving at the front. Despite this I couldn't have asked for a better placement and can

not thank you enough for the support you have provided me with!
Once again thank you to everyone at Wandsworthians!

Alice

Harrison Jacques

The University of Hull.

I'd like to start by thanking the trust for the generous grant I received to help me in my first year of University. I put the money towards many things; academic books, law society membership, a formal suit, student accommodation.

There were many academic books I had to buy for my first year. For example, 'Criminal law', 'Skills for law' and 'Public law' books. I would use these books to gain certain knowledge I would need for assignments, exams, seminars and tutorials. Skills for law was an interesting module because it taught me how to read cases and access online databases lawyers use in their profession. In the completion on certain modules, I had to purchase further law books in my second semester which consisted of 'Contract law' and 'Values for law'.

Alongside my academic degree, I joined the law society which is entirely run by students and helps you practise law in certain situations. The grant financially helped me become a member of the Law society and buy a suit to address the competition and legal-work. I competed in the 'negotiation' competition. I acted as a solicitor who would negotiate terms for their made-up clients against another law student who also represented a client. I was also involved in 'pro-bono' work which consists of giving free legal advice to real people. In my team we gave legal advice to Asylum Seekers in the local area. This helped them become knowledgeable of education, work, housing etc.

Away from the academic side, I used the grant to help pay off some of my University accommodation. Going to University five hours away from home it was inevitable I had to live on campus. During my first year I lived in University halls which consisted of living in a block with 14 other people. It was like one big family and we only argued if the kitchen was in a mess!



Fredericke Bone

Portsmouth University

Firstly I would like to thank the Old Wandsworthians Trust for their continual financial support. The trust has helped financially support me for the past 3 years through university which has eased the financial burden of being able to afford the necessities.

I have just successfully finished my first full time job at Bosch, where I was an Intern in the Training and Development department at the UK Headquarters in Uxbridge. My main roles within the team consisted of: sending and chasing evaluation forms, running reports on training courses, checking the department's mailboxes and responding accordingly. I also liaised with suppliers and trainers providing hospitality services onsite, send out material packs, create and distributed advertisement posters. As the administrator for the department I handled the organising of travel and events and was also the IT partner where I attended monthly meetings. I supported the team with any ongoing projects and updated any documents or forms accordingly.

One of the biggest benefits of undertaking a placement year is that it opened up a new horizon of future perspectives. One of my main reasons for participating in a placement year was to simply figure out if I enjoyed working in the business environment. The experience I have gained from participating in one has been invaluable. Interestingly I have learnt and gained some vital skills that no other past job has taught me. For example, working an 8 hour day, 5 days a week has given me the discipline to accomplish a task even when I don't feel like it. Finding motivation in times of struggle will benefit me massively in terms of using my time efficiently in my final year at university.

Overall I have had an enjoyable experience at Bosch this past year. I feel I have been valued by the team, which undoubtedly has contributed to my achievements. I am grateful to not only to have had the opportunity this year to gain some experience and self-develop, but to have also worked with an amazing team.

As sad as I was to leave my team at Bosch I am now heading back to Portsmouth university to finish my final year. I am really looking forward to moving back with my friends and finishing my Business and Management degree. I am hoping the new acquired work ethic skills have rubbed off enough to encourage me to use the library facilities during the daytime rather than the early hours of the morning.

As for my plans for once I graduate... Watch this space for my final report next year. Once again thank you Wandsworthians for the generous grant and all your support.
Kind Regards

Fredericke

ForthComing Events

Saturday 18th March 2017:- Dave Pollard Memorial Lunch,
being held at Imber Court, Ireland v England.

Thursday 25th May 2017:- Vince Weller Memorial Charity
Golf Day.

Harry Sandman

University of Surrey
Masters Course

I have completed my BSc in Space Engineering at the University of Surrey this September. The finances that the Old Wandsworth Memorial Trust gave me at the start of the course really benefited me in my studies. I have achieved an overall grade of 65% and am now looking to start my career in the space industry. The degree gave me an overall understanding of how satellites work, are designed, constructed and tested. I also continued specialising in electric propulsion, helping characterising the performance a new type of plasma thruster, the Halo Thruster.

Thrusters are used to move and orientate a space craft in space. Electric propulsion uses electrical energy to accelerate a propellant out of the thruster. Plasma is the 4th state of matter, above a gas, and 99% of the universe is made out of it like the Sun. A plasma is a hot gas where each atom has so much energy some of its electrons get stripped off of the atom. When an electron is stripped off an atom it leaves the atom with a positive charge and the electron is negatively charged. In the presence of electromagnetic fields these charged particles feel a force upon them. The Halo thruster uses an electromagnetic field to accelerate the charged particles (plasma) out of the thruster.

Electric Propulsion devices are far more fuel efficient than their conventional chemical counterparts as they accelerate the fuel to speeds at least an order of magnitude higher than the chemical ones. Despite this they provide many orders of magnitude less of thrust (mN) than chemical rockets and are hence no good at sending a rocket into space. Once in orbit however, the gravitational forces acting upon the craft are far less so fuel efficiency becomes more important than thrust produced as satellites can't be refuelled and the time it has to complete any manoeuvre is far longer. Companies have been developing plasma thruster for a long time and hopefully I will help continue their development in the future.

Harry Sandman

FROM THE PARENTS



Sian and Flora test the amazing tandem cum tricycle. Read below.

Sian (Daughter of Howard Clarke)

Dear Les

I am writing to say a huge thank you for the grant the Old Wandsworthians Trust gave us towards a special needs trike for my daughter Flora.

The trike has arrived in the last couple of weeks and she is absolutely delighted with it. Already it has enabled her to play outside with her sister and friends. It is great for developing the strength in her legs and the tag along component causes great excitement and allows us to go a bit further than we would manage under her own steam.

I have attached some photos and do feel free to use them if you would like. I think my Dad mentioned that you requested that we sent on an invoice when the trike had been purchased, I have also attached it to this email.

With many thanks, Sian, Flora & Family.

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Ross Sandman

Hi Les just wanted to say a big thank you to OW's Memorial Trust for your support over the years for my kids. It's been a massive help especially the last year with three at Uni. Harry has now finished his MSc in Satellites and space propulsion and looking for a job. Frankie is in her final year and will make a brilliant GP in the future. Hopefully two years in Southampton or Portsmouth general hospital first. Max got a first for his first year exams in Maths at Bath so hope he will continue well.

Thanks again Les and hope to catch up soon. Best regards Ross

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Steve Young

Hi Les,

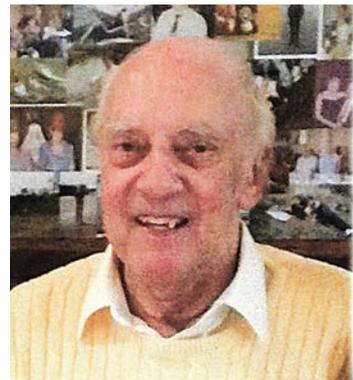
Megan was absolutely thrilled with the generosity shown to her from the Old Wandsworthians, Bev and I would also like to pass on our thanks to you and the committee for all your help in Megan's future.

Best wishes and kind regards

Steve Young
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Obituary

Alan Edward Twort was born on the 11th of June 1936 and passed away on the 16th of October 2016. He was at Wandsworth in 1947. He was an old Morleyan and his House-master was Mr Benyon. He joined William Deacon's Bank post school and became Manager of the Pall Mall Branch in 1991.



Ron Walter White

Memorial Service St Nicholas Church, Thames Ditton 23rd August 2016

Peter Eastwood

I first met Ron at Wandsworth Grammar School sixty-seven years ago when we were both thirteen years old, although at school he was known as "Jock". He was an excellent sportsman, a very good cross country runner for the school team, and together we played cricket, countless games of competitive tennis on the red shale at Wimbledon Park, and many games of football (Ron's lifelong passion) for various teams, and with Jim Edwell and Sheldon Whitesman enjoyed many film trips, dances, and Chinese meals. We used to talk about the many amazing late night discussions with Jim's Dad Frank especially when the first Sputnik was launched which he claimed was impossible. When we played the recording picked up from the satellite and said that was the Sputnik passing over London, Frank came up with the immortal words: "How do you know?" When Ron lived in his flat in Putney, he was a frequent visitor to my Mum and Dad's house in Earlsfield, and my Mum looked on him as a second son and to me he was the brother I never had.

Several holidays we spent together included:

- The Cruise of the Vanois on the Norfolk Broads where we discovered it was one thing to jump down from the deck onto the towpath, but quite another to get back on board after an evening at the Ferry Inn on Hickling Broad! Although Ron became an excellent sailor in later life, he did manage to run us aground on the Broads, and was quite unable to explain how he did this on open water with no traffic in sight.
- We went on a cycling youth hostel holiday around East Anglia which we discovered was not flat as we had been told. I remember Ron being most indignant when he was caught sweeping everything under the bunks by the Saffron Warden youth hostel warden, when it had been clearly been happening for months.
- We had a memorable holiday in 1966 in Dawlish, which was during England's winning World Cup tournament, when my son Simon and Stephanie were small babies. Ron and I managed to eat our meals in record time, leaving Jennifer and Wendy with the children, so we could sneak off with every other man to watch the games on TV.

I had the privilege of being Ron's best man when he married his lovely bride Jennifer Brown and we had the joy of watching our respective children, Stephanie and Colin, and Simon and Claire, grow up together. When my wife Wendy died and I was at a very low ebb, Ron phoned to say he was picking me up at 10am next morning and took me to lunch at Kintbury which was both very kind and very thoughtful and also very helpful to me.

For the last sixteen years a group of school friends Jim Edwell, Sheldon Whitesman, Tony Savage, Terry Phillips, and Duncan Livingstone and me have met with Ron regularly for coffee at the Rubens Hotel in Victoria and lunch at Olivo's (always organised by Ron who also used his expertise to order the wine) and trips down the River Thames to Greenwich. The last time we met was only last January – which now becomes a very precious memory.

Ron has been a great and faithful friend to me for so many years that it is really hard for me to come to terms with the fact that he is no longer with us. Such friends are to be cherished and appreciated and I and my friends know we have all done that to the best of our ability.

Our thoughts and prayers are of course with Jennifer and Stephanie and Colin and their families. Ron was such a proud dad and granddad and a great friend and we will all miss him more than I can say.

A VIEW FROM THE SECRETARY:

Hi to all Old Wandsworthians, well another year has flown by again, where does time go! First I would like us all to remember all our fellow young men who lost their lives in conflict. Especially, those young men who fell way back during WW1; many fell 100 years ago this year. Lets us also remember all our other absent Old Wandsworthians. "Thank you for those short quite moments". I would also like to add during my research I have also found one of the youngest former pupils who fell in the first Battle of the Somme. During the first attack on the 1st July 2016. Gilbert V Crockett, Rifleman, London Regiment (London Rifle Brigade). 1st/5th Battalion. Remembered on the Thiepval Memorial, France. Died on the 1st July, 1916 aged 18. Gilbert was born in 1898 in Southfields.

Let us move on to some happier moments and once again we have had a pretty busy time, back in May we started off with the Dinner & Dance at the Holiday Inn, where over 100 people celebrated the 20th Anniversary since the current OWMT was formed again. Everyone had a great time and special entertainment was provided by Steve Lake and his son Charlie.



The Trust is still building on the relationship with St Cecelia's School; Dick Moody attended their presentation night which was held in July. On the night Dick presented the winner of the HR King award who was Emmanuel Asamoah-Mensah for his contribution to the life of the school. The Trust presented Emmanuel with a personal book token and a cheque for £200 which he nominates a key area or special project for the school.

You will also have seen our article about the Remembrance Service, which was held at the School, a very emotional event. Apart from the Trust paying their respects to the fallen, it is also a key area where the Head teacher wishes all their students to understand what this day is all about. He plans to hold every year with their new intake of Year 7 students.

Now please remember to place the following in your diaries, we will be holding the "Dave Polard Memorial Lunch" on Saturday 18th March at Imber Court. We will be having the usual 2 course lunch, followed by the match Ireland v England KO 5pm. Apart from meeting your old

mates and watching the match, we will also be announcing the winner of the monthly draw. If you are not aware of this voluntary donation, please visit our website (<http://www.old-wandsworthians-trust.com/wandsworth-school/donation-scheme/>) where you can obtain a mandate form. Please remember by joining the £5/month fund raising scheme, you can win cash prizes. But most importantly the money raised will help us support many terrific good causes.

The Vince Weller Memorial Golf Day is taking place on Thursday 25th May 2017, it is a great fun day for golf and at the same time raising funds for cancer. More details will be sent out in the New Year.



Steve Lake and son Charlie.

Finally I would just like to say, thank you to all of you who are still involved in being part of the Old Wandsworthians Memorial Trust, whose key role is to keep the spirit alive. Please spread the word, there are more former pupils out there. (I have just been in contact with another former pupil (Mike Konieczko, who went to the school from 1958 to 1966). One last thing," Personal Information, please send me any updates on contact details, especially if you have an Email Address?

Well that is about it from me, so good luck and good health to you all. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Best wishes Les Herbert



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Cecilia's Special Awards

Professor Dick Moody, a member of the Old Wandsworthians Memorial Trust with Sam Nicholls and Emmanuel Asamoah-Mensah, Year 13 – winners of this years H. R. King Award. Photo taken at At St Cecilia's Special Award Ceremony.

Wandsworthians RFC - 'The Dubs

Wandsworthians RFC below in their new kit after just narrowly losing to Old Suttonians 24-37. The Club is currently playing in Surrey League 4.

Everyone is welcome to come and watch them play, next home league match v Old Glynonians Saturday 28th January 2017. KO tbc. Please visit <https://surreyrugby.co.uk/senior-competition/rfu/rfu-leagues-for-updates>.

Where to find us:- Kings College Sports Ground, Windsor Avenue, New Malden, Surrey, KT3 5HA



The Wandsworthians RFC are working hard to recruit new players and support staff. Their new kit looks tremendous and their spirits are high for the coming year.