



The Old Wandsworthians Memorial Trust Newsletter

Merry Christmas
and A Happy New
Year

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In Memorium

‘Remember the Eleventh Day of the Eleventh Month’

‘We will remember them, all 154 named on the Old Wandsworthians Memorial Plaque below (Figure.1). This includes the 98 who fell in The Great War. We also remember all other service men and women who gave their lives for their country in all conflicts’.



Figure 1. the Memorial Plaque in the main corridor of St Cecilia’s School. Sutherland Grove.

On Friday November 9th 2018, at Saint Cecilia’s School a very special and moving Service of Remembrance was held to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the ending of ‘The Great War’ 1918 -2018, below is our secretary Les Herbert opening the service to over 100 people, which included the Mayor of Wandsworth Cllr Piers McCausland.



(Figure 2) . Secretary Les Herbert opening the ceremony

The school also paid a massive tribute to the 98 young former pupils and staff who fell in WW1 by lighting candles for each of these men who paid the ultimate sacrifice for their country. During the service we also had special tributes provided by former pupils of Wandsworth School. The first was a bible reading given by Ken Gerry seen here below (left of photo).

Figure 3. Reverend Annie Kurk



Following Ken's reading a tribute was performed by Adrian Thompson who sang two songs, accompanied by Glyn Harvey former pupil and head of music for Wandsworth School. We owe a special thank you to Glyn who also played the music throughout the service. This was followed by a tribute to the Roll of Honour for the 98 who fell in World War One. Here Les Herbert informed everyone how the Trust has tried to identify these names and develop the Roll of Honour page on the website. We have also been given some information and assistance from former pupil David Hyde who has provided us with greater details of the WW1 roll of honour list. We now know from the list of WW1 names, only 6 were over the age of 25, most were between the ages of 17 and 23. Their ranks ranged from Sappers/Privatees to Sergeants/majors and some officers. All so young for huge responsibility.

We also welcomed Graham Jansen, who is a member of the North Kent Family History Society. Graham contacted the Trust after he had come across a set of WW1 medals in an antiques market in Kent. These belonged to a former pupil of Wandsworth Technical Institute and is named on the memorial plaque.



Figure 4. On the Left Ken Gerry



Figure 5. We now know that Albert Christian Havelock

Born – 1895, Lived in Southfields, attended Wandsworth Technical Institute and after completing his training in July 1912, at the age of 17, he started employment with the Post Office engineering section and then enlisted for the Royal Engineers in 1914. He was Killed in Action – 27th March 1916.

These medals (As seen above in the photo behind the Archdeacon Wandsworth (**Figure 6**) along with Albert's photo and his War Graves commission Certificate has now been placed next to the War Memorial to commemorate this the 100 years since the ending of the war, were Albert and so many of his friends fell in combat. The Last Post was played by a pupil of Saint Cecilia's School. The service was followed by a social gathering in the school refectory, where we all saw world war one displays prepared by the pupils of Saint Cecilia's School.



Figure 6. Archdeacon of Wandsworth reading final prayers before laying of the Wreaths.



Figure 7. The Act of Commitment was effected by The Revd Annie Kurk and the The Venerable John Kiddle at the Memorial Plaque where Richard Moody a Wandsworthian made the **Commitment to Remember**:-

*They shall grow not old as we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn:
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We Will Remember Them*



Figure 8. Cole Gonga, LCpl, Guard Commander at HMS Collingwood, meeting the Mayor of Wandsworth.



Figure 9. Display of the War Grave Commission Certificates for all 98 soldiers who fell in World War One, these were prepared by pupils of the St Cecilia's School.

ROLL OF HONOUR 1914 – 1918 ROLL OF HONOUR 1914 – 1918

Ashford, C.A., Baigent, W.R., Bailey, W.J., Beard, H.C., Berwick, R.G., Bird, A.P., Blake, E.G., Boyce, A.C., Brewer, R.E., Brotherstone, W.J., Bull, W.J., Bullivant, R.E., Bunce, J.H., Burroughs, C.H., Carr, G., Carrigan, L.P.S., Castle, F., Chappell, F.H., Chick, G.H., Chick, T.P., Clarke, A.G., Collings, S.O., Cooper, F.N., Crockett, G.V., Daborn, W.G., Davey, G.W., Davis, H.V.J., Disher, A.R., Eburne, T.C., Edmunds, R.F., Elliott, F.H., Finlay, J.D., Ford, J.E., Fraser, F.L., Frings, E.F.H., Galloway, R.A., Gillard, J.G., Gillett, P.H.P., Halcrow, A.P., Hanson, F.R., Hardaker, J.K., Harding, P.T., Harpour, F.C., Havelock, A.C., Hearn, H.T., Hencher, R.H., Hider, A.L.G., Hill, H.J., Hill, W.S., Holliman, E.A.J., Holliman, H.F.P., Hooper, A.J., Hunt, P.V.B., Ingram, H.D., Ingram, S., Jehu, F.H., Jones, R., Jones, S.J., Knighting, G.T., Larkin, M.J., Leech, B.J., Leggett, A.J., Llewelin, E.V., Love, C.W.C., McCloy, F.C., Mayrick, R.T., Middlemass, L.G., Miles, H.G., Milward, S.L., Milward, S.R., Moon, A., Paulton, W.A., Peter, R.A., Plested, H.G., Proverbs, S.E., Richards, A.G., Robinson, H.A., Russell, W., Sach, C.B., Sanderson, C.H., Scott, W., Sharpe, S., Smith, B., Strickland, C.G., Stuart, F., Tarrant, A.H.C., Thomas, V.G.A., Turtle, A.E., Venables, H.G., Wadsworth, V.C., Wakely, D.J., Walker, A.A., Watson, F.A., Weeks, A.A., Westcott, T.W., Whitby, V.E., Worsdell, C.L.V., Yeo, A.H

ROLL OF HONOUR 1939 – 1945

Ashby, R.F., Askey, R.V., Booth, K., Booth, P.G.N., Briffett, L.H., Brittain, P.F., Brown, J.E., Bull, P.E., Champion, R.L., Cole, M.R., Coleman, C.L., Cooper, W.C., Davis, A.P., Dorsett, R.A., Dukes-Smith, H.F., East, O.R., Evans, G.A., Felgate, A.C., Gentry, M.M., Gibbons, D., Gibbs, S.W.A., Gill, C.F., Grady, D., Hammond, R.A.C., Jones, E.D., Josey, D.A., King, D.M.R., Lander, J., Letbe, T.J., Matthews, L.S., McNab, I.A., Medland, G.G., Morsman, J.M., Ormsby, W.H., Oswald, J.C., Pepper, G.W.V., Pettitt, E.C., Plested, J.G., Richards, J., Richardson, G., Roberts, C.M., Roche, R.E., Rowe, G.W., Scott, J.A., Setti, R.O., Shapcott, J., Shaw, F.P.K., Stewardson, F.W., Sutton, A.G., Telford, T., Thomas, R.H., Walley, P.K., West, R.D., Williams, C.H.

Images 11-13



Figure 11, Assembly of 130 Old Wandsworthians



Figure 12

Back row: Roy Taylor, Paul Snare, David Millen, Stewart England, Tony Watts, Dave Snare.
Front row: John Totham, Dick Moody, Peter Eastwood.



Figure 13. Lee Adams, Martin Walpole, John Baugh and Ronnie Powell.



A Message from our Secretary: -

Les Herbert
December 2018

Hi all,

As I have said before, another year has flown by, which has seen many events taken place involving the Trust and groups of Old Wandsworthians. First, I must just pass on our condolences to all the families of former Old Wandsworthians, who sadly left us this year. Albert Mallows, Ian Maclean and Peter Dutch. Ian and Peter (Slippery & Dutchy), were two great ambassadors of the Old Wandsworthians Rugby Club and great friends to many of us. Tributes to these two former pupils, are covered later in this newsletter.

We have over 400 former pupils on our records and although sadly some are leaving us, we are also picking up more each year. Please pass on the word about the OWMT and if you know any former pupils, please get them to send us their details. PLUS, please send me any changes to your details, (if you have an email address and this **NEWS LETTER ARRIVES BY ROYAL MAIL**, please send me your email address).

Remember apart from holding annual events, we do support many young people for educational qualifications and trips. The grant applications can be found on our website in the Download section. Over the years most applications have been awarded to the children of former Old Wandsworthians. The Trust is also now considering supporting applications for grandchildren. **All applications are sent to me, Les Herbert, details are on the form.**

This year our first gathering of Old Boys was the Dave Pollard Memorial Lunch (Above). This took place way back in February, and saw our highest attendance with over 130 former Old Boys at Imber Court Sports Club. We must thank Alan Bone and his little helper (me) for another great event.

The event is taking place next year on February 2nd, where we will be watching Ireland vs England KO 16:45 but our proceedings start around 13:00 at the bar. So, come along and meet up with old friends and have a great day. The Trust covers all food and wine costs.

Our second event this year was a very special and moving Service of Remembrance, which was held at Saint Cecilia's School on Friday 9th November. This service commemorated the 100th anniversary of the ending of 'The Great War' 1918 -2018. With our guest of honour being the Mayor of Wandsworth Cllr Piers McCausland along with over 50 former pupils/teachers of Wandsworth school and representation from Saint Cecilia's School, our attendance was well over 100. The service was led by the Venerable John Kiddle (Archdeacon of Wandsworth) and The Revd Annie Kurk (School Chaplain). The school also paid a massive tribute to the 98 young former pupils and staff who fell in WW1 by lighting candles for each of these men who made the ultimate sacrifice for their country.

The service was followed by a social gathering in the school refectory, where World War One displays prepared by the pupils of Saint Cecilia's School were on show. Next year we will be holding the Service of Remembrance with all of the new intake of year seven pupils, the date and invite for which will be sent out later next year.

Finally, I would like to thank all the Trustees for their continued support and hard work they all put into keeping the Old Wandsworthians Memorial Trust alive. I would also like to thank all of 'YOU' who also attend and support the Trust's events. The aim is primarily about the Memory of the fallen, but it is also about the future and the support we give to many young people and the relationship we have with Saint Cecilia's School.

Best wishes

Les Herbert (Secretary OWMT) Email: leswands@gmail.com

With thanks to Les on behalf of The Trustees, who rely on the huge amount of dedicated work he puts in to all the various aspects of a very well run Trust. Dick Moody

Grant Holders Progress Reports To Trustees

To All Trustee's:

Report from Joe Herbert Attending St Marys University Twickenham (Figures14-15)

I would first like to thank the Old Wandsworthians Memorial Trust for their continued support they have given me during my time at university. The Old Wandsworthians grant has helped me in a variety of ways throughout my second year of study at university. The grant contributed towards the purchase of books highly recommended by university to be used throughout the year. The books were used to help develop my subject knowledge across the primary national curriculum and have a greater understanding of different teaching strategies to use within classrooms; all of the knowledge and ideas gained from the books contributed towards my development as a professional primary school teacher ensuring I meet the needs of the teaching standards.



Figure. 14
Joe Herbert
and friends
visit Science Museum
in South Kensington

This knowledge was then applied within my teaching during school placements, where teachers saw me more as a teacher figure rather than a student. The books were also used as references and supported my writing for university assignments; this allowed myself to achieve high grades during the year. The grant helped support the costs of travel to and from my teaching placements. Within my teaching placements, the grant was used to pay for different teaching resources which provided the children 'with inspirational and creative teaching and learning. The resources purchased were used in many of my planned lessons within the classroom on many different occasions. The teaching resources purchased ensured I had a variety of ideas to use in my teaching which helped myself to develop more as a teacher and achieve a pass mark for my teaching placement. The grant was used to pay for a primary PE course that was recommended by university lecturers which helped develop my understanding of incorporating physical education across the primary national curriculum to ensure children have a more enjoyable experience within lessons.

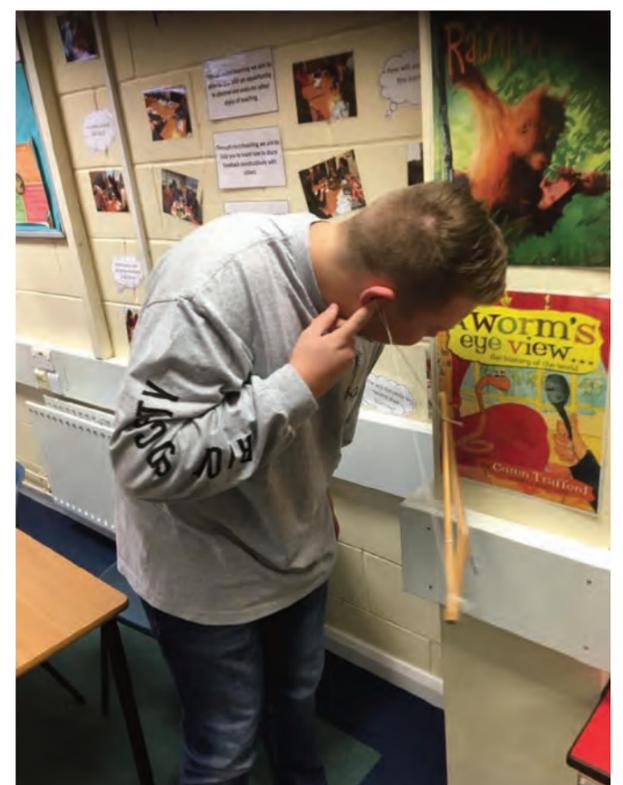
The grant helped ensure all my living expenses, such as rent, bills and food, were being paid for at full on time during the year. Overall, the grant has allowed me to develop as a more professional teacher and student moving onto a third year of study. Once again, many thanks for your help.

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Joe Herbert

Figure 15.

JOE TESTING LEARNING EQUIPMENT



Holly Parkinson

I'm back from my World Challenge trip. After a quick change of plan, we ended up going to Costa Rica instead of Nicaragua, this was due to political issues in Nicaragua which made it unsafe for us to go. We had to change all our plans about 2 weeks before we left which was great... However, the trip was amazing and educational

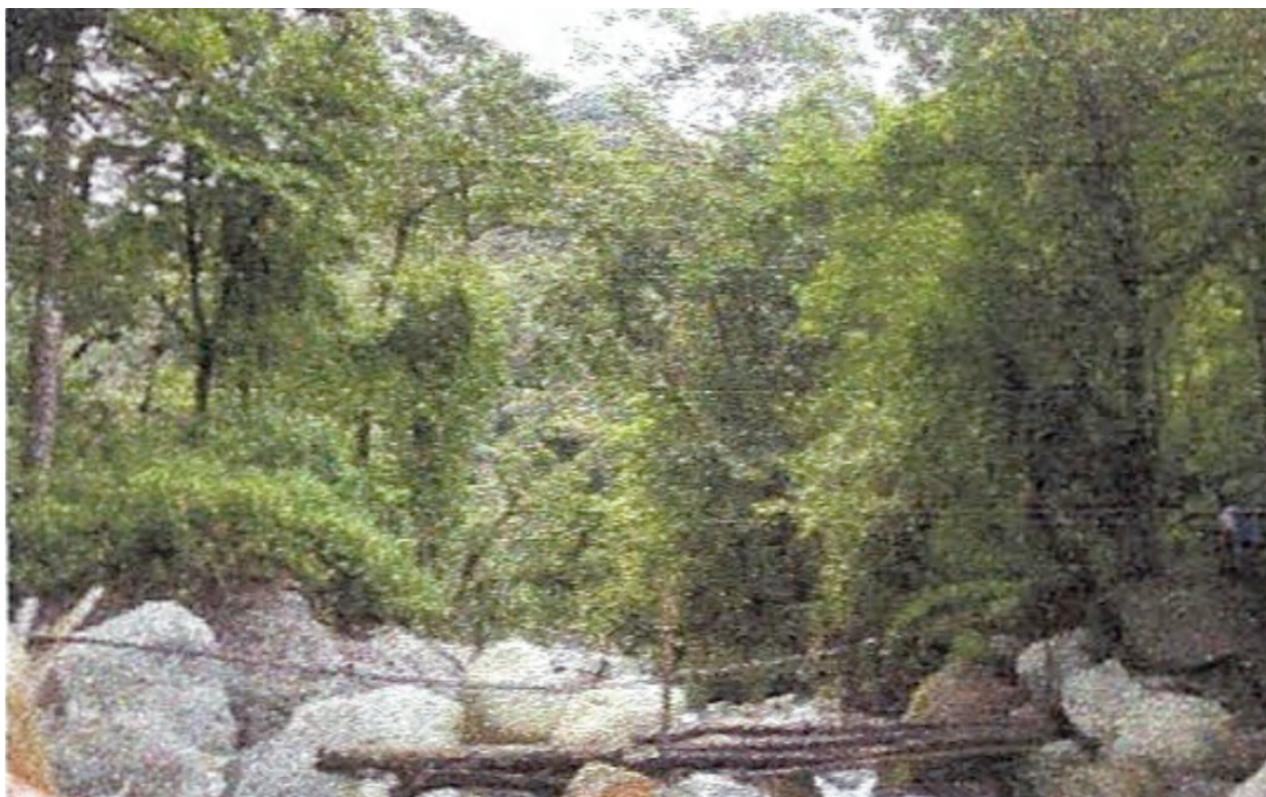
Figure 16. Holly and a host of fellow explorers assembled on a barren coast of Costa Rica.



We started our journey from Heathrow with a 7-hour plane trip to Newark (which was just a stop-over) and 5 hours onto Costa Rica. Once we arrived in Costa Rica, we stayed in our first hostel (we had to book all the accommodation ourselves) and sorted everything out, including what to buy for the 3-day acclimatisation trek. So that involved a supermarket trip to stock up on supplies.

The acclimation trek was amazing! (This was a practise trek to get us ready for our main trek where we would be walking for up to 7 hours each day) We had the best time, and as hard it was, we later found out that it was nothing compared to our main 5-day trek along the Costa Rican peninsula!! (**Figures 16-17**).

Figure 17.
Major road crossing
in Rain Forest



It was awkward at first going away for 3 weeks with people you don't normally spend time with but after the first 3 days we were all getting on really well. On the trek we came across lots of wildlife and amazing views that I could never have imagined. After the first trek we travelled on a public bus all the way back to San Jose and stayed in our first hostel. The next morning however was an early one, I remember getting up at 6am so we could leave the hostel at 6.30, as you can imagine that went down really well with a group of teenagers!

I We had to walk through the town with our backpacks and tents all the way to the bus stop, so we could get on a coach for 9 hours... The coach ride was surprisingly enjoyable except for the fact that no one would let us sit down for a good 2 hours. Once we finally did get a seat I'm pretty sure every single person in our group fell asleep.

Figure 18.
Dense and wet forest environment.



It was around 6pm that we got to Puerto Jimenez and it was pouring down with rain! As a group we had to find our accommodation in a thunder storm with no teachers to help. Great! After our 3rd guess we finally found where we were staying. Once we arrived, we had to thank the boys that had been in charge of accommodation, they had done pretty well. The little huts we stayed in were literally on the beach front. Considering we only had one night here before camping in the jungle for 5 days we took full advantage. Later that evening everyone decided that we should go out for dinner at a local restaurant. It was all great until I got food poisoning from a dodgy hamburger. Yep, that was probably the worst night of the whole 3 weeks. As you can guess I didn't eat another hamburger on the whole trip..... The next day was trek day. I was feeling dreadful having been ill throughout the night, but I had to carry on, I didn't want to let the team down. Me and my friend Helaina were in charge for the day, meaning that we had to organise everyone. We woke up at 7 and packed the bags ready for our 5-day trek that would begin at 10am. Once everything was packed up, we left our lovely little beach huts and walked to meet our trek guide; Randal. Everyone was having a great time until 20 mins into our trek....we hit our first hill, it was awful, the people that thought they would complete this easily were so wrong. All the people that were so confident were now walking very slowly and not talking as much... The first day of the trek was definitely the hardest. Not only was it 100 percent humidity, but once we hit the jungle it began pouring down with rain once again.

It didn't really bother us as it distracted us from the fact that we were sweating unimaginable amounts. Our first campsite was finally in sight after 7 hours of walking. It was okay, but nothing compared to the beach huts we had woken up in that morning. Tents were put up, beds were laid out, food was cooked, quick game of cards and everyone was in bed. It was a short evening. The next four days were a breeze. Not! We pretty much faced the same conditions every day. Wake up, pack away, walk, talk, sing made up songs, eat, drink, get drenched wading through rivers, get even more drenched when the monsoon rains came down, got to campsite, unpacked, cooked pasta, played cards (we did this every single night), had a day review and into bed.

However, the last few minutes on Day 5 had to be the best part... We had visions of us all running onto the beach at the end of the trek in the scorching sunshine, while in fact we had the complete opposite, as we approached the beach everyone was so tired that no one could even do a speed walk. As expected, the sun was nowhere to be seen and the rain-clouds graced us with their presence once again. We were so relieved it was the end of the trek, and although the conditions weren't great, everyone still had a smile on their face! After all that trekking it was time to put our tents up again, cook more pasta and get some sleep. The next morning, we left for Puerto Jimenez which was where we started our trek from. Once we arrived, after a 2 hour bus drive, we unpacked and got ready for the 'project' part of the trip which started the next morning. We had to travel by boat the next morning to get to the nature reserve which was located on a small island.



Figure 19.
Welcome Home

Holly (that's me on the right).... All a bit red eyed as we had all just seen our parents for the first time in many weeks!

There we met our leader called Phoebe who took us along the beach and up to the hostel. The project was amazing. We were in the middle of the rainforest in a Nature Reserve, surrounded by wildlife. We saw plenty of howler monkeys and snakes! The majority of the day we were helping to build paths and bridges in the Reserve, building planters so people could grow their own food and digging out ponds. We didn't have to put up our tents up which was a relief, we slept outdoors under mosquito nets.

The food was all pretty basic.. pasta, rice, burritos and Nutella! We didn't go hungry. When we left the project, we had one day of relaxation and we'd chosen to go snorkelling and whale watching. We saw hundreds of dolphins, 3 humpback whales with their babies and 2 sea turtles. Aside from everyone being seasick it was amazing to see the animals in their natural habitats.

We had one day in Puerto Jiménez to do some shopping before we headed home. I was looking forward to coming home, as I'd never been away for such a long time. I had the most amazing time and met some fantastic people, although it was really challenging I learnt so much and would love to do another challenge next year after my GCSE's. Thank you all so much for your kind donations, I could not have done it without your support, I still can't believe I raised E3500. Now it's time to start revising! !

Thank you again

Holly



Harrison Jacques

– Attending University of Hull

'Its 6:30am on a Saturday morning in early September, I had spent the whole night trying to get asleep on a moving coach. I awoke to the bus driver shouting', "Utrecht!! Everyone for Utrecht this is your stop!" I had arrived. This would be my home for the next 10 months, a new and exciting an City beckoned.

Throughout the academic year in Utrecht I studied a range of modules at the university ranging from Dutch law to International Organised Crime. These lectures were attended by students from all over the world. I could go traveling to Australia tomorrow and have a number of Aussie mates who would be more than happy to be my personal tour guide. While I was abroad I also improved my Dutch speaking skills and had a great taste for Dutch cuisine. Have you ever eaten Stampptot before? One of the highlights of my year abroad was Kings Day, celebrating the birthday of the King, a man named Willem-Alexander.



Figure 20. Harrison and colleague.



I was suddenly living in the Netherlands, trying to adapt to totally different culture. A Country where they seem to be able to cycle before they can walk, a Country that is known for its beautiful canals and iconic tulips. I had embarked on the adventure of becoming an international student, studying Law at Utrecht University as part of the Erasmus program. This is a global initiative enabling University students who want to experience more than just their home Universities to study or work in another chosen country. On my Law course only three of us, including myself, moved to Utrecht.

This day meant huge celebration, dressing up in orange clothing (**Figure 21**)and dancing in the streets. My favourite part of Holland was the cycling, riding a bike as soon as I left my apartment. I would cycle to my lectures, even collect my food shopping on the bicycle. I would like to say a massive thank you to the OWMT grant for giving me this generous grant which enabled me to buy my Dutch bike and afford part of my rent. Without the grant, I might not have been able to take this opportunity. This September, I will be returning to University of Hull to complete my fourth and final year of my degree.



**Figure 22. An image similar to a Dutch Masterpiece
Thank you OWMT - Harrison Jacques**

**Art From Milli Robins
Figures 23-24**



Amelia attended Stafford College of Arts, with an aim of completing and obtaining a future place at University Arts London, central St Martins college. She asked the Trust to help support this exhibition, which we were pleased to make a donation, towards materials. The following is her thanks to the Trust:

Hi Les,

I am just emailing to say a massive thank you for the money that helped me fund my first art exhibition! I have attached some photos of my work how the evening went. Thank you to you, and the trust for allowing me to be able to do this!



Many thanks again, from Milli

Report from Jeannie Forrester, attending University for the Creative Arts (Farnham)



Dear Trustees,

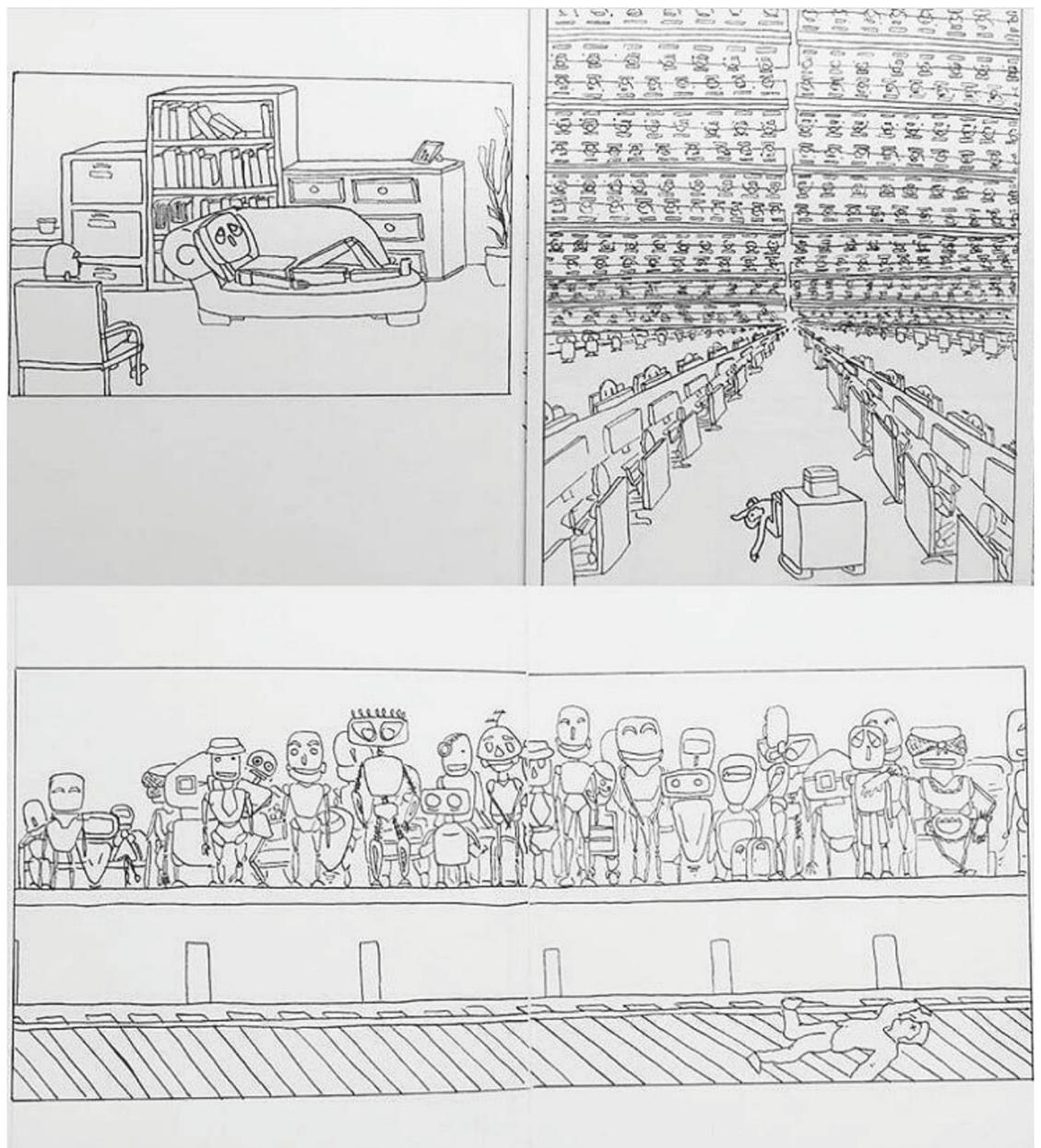
I would like to thank you for grant, it has aided me massively in my first year of university. I currently study Illustration at the University for the Creative Art in Farnham and finished the final unit of the year with an animation which awarded me a First. The grant allowed me to expand my choice of materials to create work I was happy and proud to submit.

Work from previous years in education have been limited to acrylic paint and watercolour, but this year I have been able to create 3D models using broken mirror to coloured card to create a 30 sec cut-out animation. We also had the opportunity to design and print our own screen prints in a workshop and to then have a pop-up shop in Farnham town, where I spent the day selling and promoting mine and others work. This was an important experience as it prepared me for a professional practise. (Figures 25-27)

Figure 25

Figure 26

The grant also helped send me on a trip organised by the university for 30 people to go to Bologna, Italy for the Book Fair which is an important event for illustrators especially third years who can promote their work. It was interesting and helpful to see so many different types of artistic styles. I am personally someone who likes to draw architecture and landscapes and this trip allowed me to gain experience through location drawing both in Bologna where we stayed but also the places, we visited such as Venice and Verona.



Year one was abng different ways to generate ideas and developing our personal style, I am looking forward to going into year two as we will be focusing again on the professional practise of il-lustration but also looking at documentary illustration. This flows nicely into my style as I enjoy observational drawing and will hopefully help me develop my drawings of people. I'm also excited for year two as we have the opportunity to do glass work and metal work, which are unique skills I would love to learn and would also open up more future career paths.

Thank you again for making it possible for me to be creative and experience new environments and explore my artistic style. I will continue to explore the wide barriers of my course next year.

Yours sincerely Jeannie Forrest

Report from Nathan Rushmer

Attending The Brits School for Performing Art Croydon.

My name is Nathan Rushmer and I have just completed my first year at The BRIT School, which is an independently run performing arts school, studying Technical Theatre Arts. It has been a fun packed, fast paced, enjoyable start to my two-year course, which has taken me into several different theatres across London looking at and studying 'Lighting and Sound.' This is the area in which I would like to specialize and hopefully further develop into other areas of theatre life, including stage management and set design. This will give me a bigger insight and experience of the theatre world. As a team of students, we have put on several productions over the year, which include Legally Blonde and Romeo & Juliet. These productions are prepared to industry standard by the students, as ticket sales, along with sponsorship and donations go towards the running of the school. I was given the opportunity to attend the BRIT Awards earlier this year and extremely lucky to be awarded with a ticket to the 'red carpet' prior to the award ceremony as I had 100% attendance. I was star-struck as I watched all the performers arrive and got to have a chat with many of them. With the financial help I received from the Old Wandsworthians Memorial Trust, I was able to purchase all of the safety equipment and protective clothing needed to work within the theatre environment. It also helped pay for my train travel expenses and ad hoc trips into London over the year. I am very excited and looking forward to starting my second year of study at the BRIT school, which will be more of an apprenticeship where I will have the opportunity to work in some of London's biggest West End Theatres, thank you to everyone at The Old Wandsworthians for assisting me in making my first year at BRIT School a memorable one.

Thanks – Nathan Rushmer

More Student Matters Awards Evening at St Cecilia's School Sutherland Grove with the Old Wandsworthian Trust and the Awards

**OWMT
Trust Represented by Alan Bone and Roger Holland**

Alan and Roger Holland (**Figures 28-29**) reported that all went well on the evening with both being made most welcome with the Trust receiving several warm mentions by the Acting Head and by the MC for the evening (Andrew H). Roger and Alan flew the Trust flag with numerous staff, students and relatives from the reception bar onwards including the audience seemingly enjoy my presentation. This year the School Presentation night (Speech Day to us) was held on Thursday 1st November and Roger and Alan attended to represent the Trust and award the HR King Award to Sienna Marsh, Ellamae Campbell and Verity Winter. We also took the opportunity to speak and inform the audience of some 500 parents and students about the Trust and what we do as well as explain the idea behind the HRK Award. Some information about Mr. King was added. This year was a little different without Niall, there was a real buzz around the formalities and the students who performed were terrific.

In sport Netball is definitely on the up in this country after England beat the dreaded Aussies in the Commonwealth games on the Gold Coast this year and three girls were awarded with the winners received £50 each for themselves and one further cheque to be spent on a suitable project at the school which is likely this year to be in support of the Netball Club. The evening majors on the students who have won prizes for their academic studies as well as in art and cultural pursuits. There were also performances from the choir, the orchestra and drama section. Before the formal proceedings there was a social gathering with a bar run by the PTA where we again spoke to people about the Trust. It was an inspiring evening and we have arranged for them to have a photo with the Trustees on Friday the 9th.



Figure 28. Ensemble of Parents Teaching Staff and Trustees at St Cecilia's, Presentation Evening



Figure 29. Alan addresses and entertains an audience of staff, students and parents from St Cecilia's at the Presentation Evening on the November 2018.



Figure 30. Netball champions and *Presentation Evening* prize winners Sienna Marsh, Ellamae Campbell and Verity Winter with the Trustees of The Old Wandsworthias Memorial Trust on the 9th of November 2018.

OLD WANDSWORTHIAN MEMORIAL TRUST NEWS UPDATES

Goodbye 'Slippery' - Ian Maclean

Firstly, I would like to inform you that Alasdair Maclean (Ian's Son) has passed on his and the family's thanks to every OW who attended his father's funeral. As he said, Ian would have been most upset missing the party held for him! . Also, he sends a big thank you to everyone who donated towards Ian's Charities, which are the: -

RNLI and the Wooden Spoon Charity (Surrey)
The donation raised a total of £1420, which is fantastic.

Ian Maclean

Ian was an irreplaceable Old Dub. He was one of the very few who represented , those who were evacuated to **The Firs In Woking** in the 1940's and who went on to Cambridge as an undergrad. He was born on the 26th of November, 1940 and died on the 3rd of July 2018. His funeral brought over 200 family and friends together to mark his importance to our lives.

'Ian and the Old Boys': This is to be read as Ian said it when interviewed by Tony Watts daughter Halina. *They are his words!*

"I didn't join the old boys full time until 1958 when I came back to London. I had spent a couple of years in Buckinghamshire. I was working in London but living in Buckinghamshire because my wife at that time was a speech therapist in High Wycombe. We were out there all the time and I played for one of the local teams there, Thames Valley. I used to come back for the Old Boys dances and so on. And when I came back to London I re-joined the Old Boys.

It's always been a very social club. I wasn't one of the drinking mob. That was down Chris Munton, they had initiations and had to drink amazing concoctions. Heavy drinking was never my pattern so avoided it.

Wing forward was my position until I was told if you want to stay in the first team you have to go to prop. Then I got injured in 1962 and was out for a year and I never came back to the first team. I captained the bottom side for 10 years, so I had a wonderful relationship with the old ones. It provided the opportunity to organise a team the way you wanted it, to play good rugby within you limitations.

I played my last game for the Old Boys in 1996. I did get carded when I was 70 but Ian Plumber wouldn't let me play. He was concerned about my safety that I would drop dead on the pitch. I stopped playing fully in 1991.

The rugby tours were interesting. We always started by saying this is going to be an enjoyable trip and we are going to play rugby just for fun, but by the end after a couple of defeats in the earlier games, the emphasis was always about winning the last game. Each tour has its different character. When we went to Blackpool we had some great fun going around the amusement park. The Isle of Wight we all went ice skating, so you mixed things up according to the pattern.

Derek Finch was one of the top characters. Derek was always one of the Boys Own heroes. We had a very good 8-80 runner at school called Jones. The 880 yards was a special race because there was a cup given for it by one of the mothers who lost one of her sons during the war-Shapcot. And the 880 that year, it was Derek's last year and Jones was the hot favourite but somehow Derek managed to win it. You could see every muscle strained in his face. He was ahead of me, so I always looked up to him.

I remember Lewis, who was incredibly good at attracting girls and he had a motor bike.

John Totham is two years younger than me but he was his present size at that age, or seemed to be. We stood in this ring and we just didn't move. We threw punches at each other. I threw everything I could at him but I didn't seem to dent him at all. Luckily he must have been pulling his punches because he didn't seem to knock me down. He was always a top class rugby player.

One person who absolutely embodied the Old Boys rugby was Chris Munton. He is larger than life and incredibly good fun. He walks into a room and he is immediately the centre of attention. If Chris is at a party you know its going to be a winner.

Top rugby players from the Old Boys over the years has got to be Derek Finch, John Totham, Dave Horner, and Stu England who was an outstanding player. Your father Tony Watts was pretty good, was one of those anchormen for his side, any team would be glad to have Tony in it. Dave Millen was one of the fastest sprinters you'll ever see, and watching him score a try in Twickenham during the Sevens was incredibly exciting".

Ian will be missed by all who knew him. His open door policy for his world renowned parties being a vital component in the strength of our rugby club and The Old Wandsworthians of modern times.

We will miss his smile and his advice spoken with patronic style.

Dick Moody



PETER DUTCH

Message from his son Sam telling us all that his father Peter had died.

“ I hope this email finds you all well. Im messaging you to regretfully inform you of the passing of my father Peter Dutch yesterday in Dorchester hospital. Unfortunatley he suffered a fatal stroke which was completley unexpected. He didnt suffer, was comfortable and was surround by his family.

This is very difficult for me to write, as a rugby player myself I understand the loyalty and brotherly bonds that are created through this wonderful sport of ours. I feel as if i know so many of you already as pete would tell me some amazing stories of your time together both on and off the pitch, your amazing success with the 7s and of course some of your tours.....i was lucky enough to meet some of you down at imber court i believe a few years ago. I know that it meant the world to him for me to meet and put faces to these names and stories that he fondly told me about.

I am currently still playing first fifteen rugby myself at the age of 35 for Old Emanuel and we are continuing to have a good run. Im sad as was dad that my path never crossed with OW, but ive always had an interest with how the club are getting on.

Dad always spoke so fondly about his boys and the good times he had at the school and also with the OWs. I am very proud of my dad and everything he has done, especially with everything he did with you.

If you have a moment i would be very grateful to hear some of your memories with dad, the good, the bad and of course the ugly.

Perhaps one day i might have the opportunity to walk out onto a pitch wearing the colours of OW.

Of course at this point we havent decided on his funeral and any arrangements, but if you would be able to represent the club then please contact me for information. Could you please pass this email onto anyone i have missed off.

Thank you again.

Sam”

Peter was a quiet member of Old Wandsworthians gifted, a atheletic player who played flanker or wingforward who was also Captain of the 1st Fithteen. He was a skilled ball player and very fit. The club excelled when Peter and a number of young same age people move quickly into first XV and the 7 Asides Squad.

Peter excelled in 7's and was one of the few guys who was present when the club won the London Old Boys Tourment several, times. The club seven also won the the Imber Court Sevens organised by the Police. The players who played the most rugby were Tony Berry, David Snare, Paul Snare, **Peter Dutch**, John Millman, David Millen, Jack Saunders, Roger Mance, Stewart England, Micky Burris and Roger Haywood.

As with Ian Maclean Halina Watts interviewed Peter as part of Trustees project for the future>

Peter James Dutch
25th October 1944- 14th October 2018.

Figure 31



Rugby at School and with the Old Boys

Whilst playing for the school 1st XV I also played for the Old Boys on a number of Saturdays together with Stuart England and Roger Mance. We used to get a lift down to the ground with Phil Timothy, a definite Welshman, who taught French at school and drove an oldish small van. The school boys used to play for the 5th team alongside many good players who were now playing the game for pleasure, rather than win at all costs. That is not to say that they did not want to win, which they often did. Having played rugby for years, and at a good level, they knew everything that there was to know about the game but lacked the energy sometimes to put it into action. That is where the school and other young lads came in. We did the chasing and tackling whilst they read the game and popped up when needed. I played in the back row alongside Bob Hammond. This lasted for a couple of years during which time I learned an awful lot about rugby. It was like having your own coach on the field with you, teaching you where to run, when to tackle and how to make it effective, how to read what the other side would do and so on. Only later did I realise exactly how indebted I was to Bob for helping me transfer from school to big boy rugby.

I did play a few times for the Surrey County Clubs, which was composed of players from a number of 2nd rung clubs within Surrey. I played at such places as Brighton against the Sussex 2nd XV and went to Holland and Brussels to play against their "National" teams.

I was also part of the most successful Old Wandsworthians sevens team reaching the finals of the Middlesex 7s twice and playing at Twickenham. We also won a number of other lesser competitions and did well against the "senior" clubs.



Figure 32. Peter's son Sam stands between Peter Hawkes and Chris Munton

Peter was honoured with a service in the St Mary's Church, Iwerne Minster near Blandford Forum. It was a beautiful day and the service was a fine tribute to Peter as a fine gardener! and someone who contributed a lot to village life. the village is one of the nicest in the area and the weather was perfect for a typical Old W's goodbye to Peter in the grounds of St Mary's Church.

Old Wandsworthians Rugby

A message from the President of Wandsworthians RFC, Richard Pennington. Old Wandsworthians Rugby Football Club's 90th Season

I am incredibly lucky and privileged to be writing to all in this our **90th** Season.

Honestly, I love the history of this club and I cannot wait to hear your stories when I see you at the many events, we are holding this season. Firstly, thank you to those of you who attended our 90th Season launch day, it was a fantastic day and we had 62 Wandsworthians there plus friends and family making over 120 people there to support the club (and have a beer or two). The club bar ran out of Youngs for the first time which I think is a very proud thing to do as a Wandsworthian, especially considering that they have events with more people who obviously drink far less than a Dub. Thank you to those who have already signed up for and paid for our events this season, it would be great to have you all there, especially for the Dinner & Dance, so please pay and contact me ASAP. Formal shirts, playing shirts, previous seasons shirts & commemorative coins

We have beautiful Oxford white formal shirts to buy for £25, we have our beautiful 90th Season playing shirts to buy for £35 (you can add your name to the back), we have previous seasons kit to buy for donations to Tour and finally we have bespoke commemorative silver coins for all subs payments. Pitch Side:-

On the playing side we have recruited a handful of new players this season who are already fully committed and engrossed in the Dubs spirit. We have won a few games and enjoyed quite a few socials. You are all very welcome to join us on game days to cheer the boys on, after all its because of you that we are all here playing now, thank you for that, it really does mean a lot to us.

Planned events/Dates –

- ◆ **15th December**- Curry Cup & Christmas Party (Game at Kings Sports Ground New Malden & Curry at The Berrylands Pub), friends & family encouraged – Book with me
- ◆ **12th January**– Presidents Lunch - £20 Midday meet – Book with me
- ◆ **23rd March** – AGM & President's v Chairman's game
- ◆ **6th April** – Dinner & Dance - £30. Tables are of 10 if you'd like a table. Places are only reserved once you have paid. Book with me once paid.
- ◆ **26th April** – Tour weekend with a 90th

Season attitude

It would be amazing to see you all around the club at some point this season but if not then I will see you all at the Lags Lunch which is always an amazing day. Bring on the next 10 years. Penny President WRFC.

Contact and payment details are :-Email = Se7en6ix@hotmail.com

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Your name & the event as a reference.

Many Thanks,

Richard Pennington

President of Wandsworthians RFC