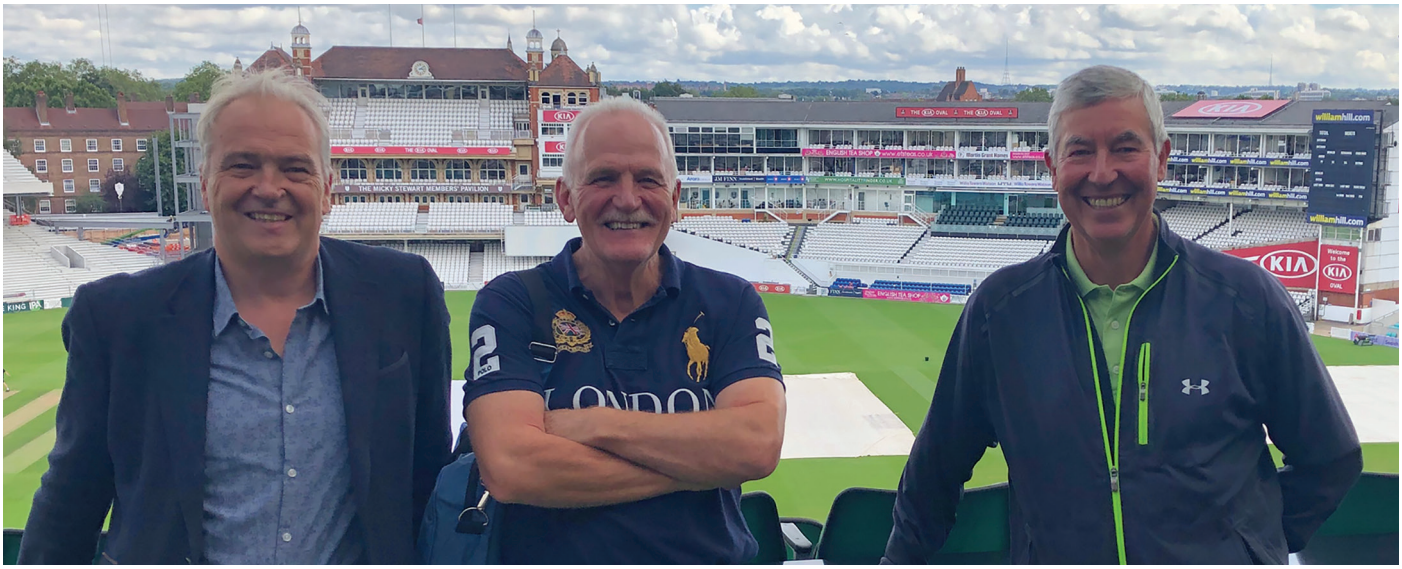
THE OLD WANDSWORTHIANS MEMORIAL TRUST
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OLD WANDSWORTHIANS MEMORIAL TRUST
25TH ANNIVERSARY
DINNER & DANCE AT THE KIA OVAL

Time has flown by since the OWMT last celebrated an anniversary in 2016, although next year will mark an important milestone, as the Trust reaches its 25th year since its formation in 1996. Following an on-line Trustee's meeting, it was agreed to commemorate this landmark by way of a "Black-Tie" event. Three volunteers were duly tasked with finding a suitable venue for the dinner. However, after visiting a number of sites, we were not convinced any were appropriate. After some head scratching, we discovered Alan Bone and Roger Holland were both members of Surrey County Cricket Club. It was decided we take a look at the Kia Oval in South West London as a possible venue, with Roger making an appointment to meet their conferencing manager Tom Harris.

Alan, Roger and myself met at the main entrance, and in keeping with the government rules on COVID-19 had our temperatures taken before we could enter the ground. Luckily, we all tested OK and were allowed through the turnstile, phew!

Once in the conferencing area we immediately realised that the Oval was shaping up to be the best venue to host our event. It has great links to public transport via the Oval tube and Vauxhall main line stations, and also recognising its importance as a sporting stadium, offered our celebration kudos. Tom offered us a couple of "free" cleansing ales while we listed the "pros and cons" of the venue. We soon agreed that it was the perfect space to host the 25th anniversary D&D and tentatively booked the Oval...which was later ratified by the Trustee board.

The date of the event has been set for Saturday 2nd October 2021. The Dinner & Dance will take place in the Ashes Suite commencing around 7:30 pm.

The weather in early October can still be pretty good. With that in mind, we viewed the upper garden terrace, which was absolutely perfect for an early welcoming glass of your favourite tipple. Views of the Kia Oval and surrounding London skyline are splendid, so we decided to also book the garden terrace for pre-dinner drinks.

In the new year, we will put more information on the OWMT Facebook page and website regarding the anniversary dinner.

Finally, the Trust will be subsidising this prestigious evening, so please put the date in your diary as we look forward to welcoming you all on what promises to be a really memorable night...See you there!

A MESSAGE ON BEHALF OF THE TRUST AND A WARM WELCOME ONCE AGAIN TO OUR ANNUAL NEWSLETTER

LES HERBERT



Can I start by saying this has been a very interesting and frightening year for the health of our nation and in particular the most vulnerable people. Our sympathies and condolences go out to everyone who has suffered illness or loss through the pandemic. We would also like to pass on our sincere condolences to all the families of former Old Wandsworthians, who sadly left us this year: *John Malandrone* (attended the school between 1947–51), *John Totham* (attended the school between 1945–51), *Roy Line* (attended the school between 1943–49), *Murray Deards* (attended the school between 1941–45) and *Bob Hammond* (attended the school between 1939–1945). These are the names which we have been informed about.

The year started off very positively with our annual Dave Pollard Memorial Lunch gathering at Imber Court. Once again we had over 140 former pupils and members of the WRFC. For me and many others, it is great to meet up with old school mates, rugby friends and also seeing new faces from the current OWRFC. It would be even nicer if we could see more from other sections of the Old Wandsworthians Association, so please spread the word. Guests do not need to stay to watch the rugby match, this is just a bonus for the many who enjoy supporting England.

It was not long after this the whole world started to change and in March came the national lockdown due to the Covid19 virus, which was spreading fast across the UK. This is something I and many of you thought we would never experience, and probably could not believe what was happening! Many lives were lost and many families were destroyed, but we also saw communities starting to pull together. It certainly happened in Lyme Regis where I live, as well as many other places.

This also had an impact on the Trust, as we were not allowed to travel and could not hold our normal meetings. Luckily for us, we were introduced to new technology by fellow Trustee Chris Brown. Yes, Zoom was wheeled out and it brought many of us, including our chairman Bob, into a different world! But more seriously, we were able to keep in touch and see each other via these virtual meetings. This allowed us to deal with funding applications and other business for the Trust.

We have a section about the 'Grantees' on pages 20–24 of this newsletter where you can read about their experiences in the last year. Please remember apart from holding annual events, we do support many young people to obtain sporting and educational qualifications. The grant application form 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 and my details are on the form. In the same section you can find the mandate for the Trust's scheme for you to donate £5 per month to help us fund our many good causes.

With lock down and the issues surrounding Covid19, we have still managed to keep in touch with St. Cecilia's School which is very much our spiritual home. They have, like many

schools been working hard to keep operating safely, but sadly as you may know, this years' Service of Remembrance had to be cancelled.

However, the school did manage to hold a small service which ensured the wreaths were laid under the Memorial Plaques.

We also have an exciting new project going on with St. Cecilia's, following a donation to the Trust from the late Ken Dore's family. The school was looking to fund a programme for students' mental health and wellbeing. It is now accepted that there are benefits in having a trained dog in a school environment to help young people adjust to their surroundings and challenges. With the help of the Trust, the school has now purchased a puppy (called Ken) who is being professionally trained to help and support students & staff.

We are actively working with the school and are very proud to be part of this project. In the new year, the trustee's hope to make a visit along with Ken Dore's family to see our therapy dog in action. We wish St. Cecilia's all the very best and look forward to seeing 'Kens' progression.

Last year I informed you that we now have over 500 former pupils on our records and although we have sadly lost some, we are still picking up more each year. Many are now making contact via the many Facebook pages about Wandsworth School and the Wandsworth area. This is great, but please still pass on the word about the OWMT. If you know of any former pupils, please get them to send me their details or pass them on yourself with their permission.

Also, send me any changes to your personal details so I can update my records. If you have an email address and this newsletter arrives by Royal Mail, then please send me your email address too.

I started my message on a sad note, but we are also looking forward to a brighter future and hope we will be meeting again soon. The Trust has already made plans for several events in 2021.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Dave Pollard Memorial Lunch
Saturday 27th February or Saturday 20th March.
Venue: Imber Court with a start time of 12:00pm.
We have two dates provisionally booked and will choose one nearer the time.

OWMT Service of Remembrance
Friday 12th November 2021.
Venue: St Cecilia's School
Date will be confirmed nearer the time.

OWMT 25th Anniversary Dinner & Dance
Saturday 2nd October 2021.
Venue: The Kia Oval
The Trust wish to celebrate this milestone by holding a Black-Tie event.
Details will follow in the new year. The OWMT will be heavily sponsoring this event with tickets offered around £72 on a 2 for 1 basis.

Some of the dates may change due to fluctuating Covid19 restrictions but we will let you know as soon as possible.

Finally, I would like to thank all the people who have contributed to this year's Newsletter. Also to all the Trustees for their continued support and hard work in keeping the Old Wandsworthians Memorial Trust alive.

Last but not least, to you for attending and supporting the Trust's events. Remember 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. Former sections of the OW Association and the relationship we have with Saint Cecilia's School, where our War Memorial is located on the former site of "Their" School, Wandsworth Boys.

On behalf of myself and the Trustees, we wish you a Merry Christmas and a safe and happy New Year.

Les Herbert (Secretary OWMT)

FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE TRUST
APPOINTMENT OF NEW TRUSTEES

BOB ANDREWS



Chris Brown was the last Trustee to join us in February 2013. In January this year a meeting was held too discuss inviting a new Trustee to the group. We decided to advertise in March, but due to the Covid 19 outbreak we postponed this until July, with a closing date for applications of 31st August 2020.

We had several applications and at our September meeting, we decided to appoint two additional Trustees. After extended discussions we agreed to offer the positions to Andy Archer & Femi Oresanya, who both accepted our offer.

I therefore, on behalf of my fellow Trustees, welcome them to the Trust.

We have included profiles of the new incumbents in this newsletter on page 14-15. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank my fellow Trustees for their time and enthusiasm.

Also included below are the aims of the OWMT, taken from the home page of our Web Site.

Bob Andrews (Chairman OWMT)

The trust was set up as a charitable organisation with the following aims:

- The furtherance of sporting and educational activities and the provision of welfare benefits for former members of the Old Wandsworthians Association and associates and former pupils and teachers of Wandsworth school, Wandsworth; former members of the Old Wandsworthians RFC and members of their immediate family and former and current members of Wandsworthians RFC whose application is supported by the Committee of Wandsworthians RFC.

- The provision of a permanent memorial for former pupils and teachers of Wandsworth School, Wandsworth, and the promotion of the gathering and association of former pupils and teachers of Wandsworth School, Wandsworth, former members of the Old Wandsworthians Association and associates, former members of the Old Wandsworthians RFC and former and current members of Wandsworthians RFC.

SAINT CECILIA'S SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE ON BEHALF OF THE OWMT

Owing to the Covid-19 pandemic and in light of the risks posed, we sadly had to cancel our gathering of former Old Wandsworthians to this year's Annual Service of Remembrance. We owe a huge debt of gratitude to Renata Joseph (Headteacher) who kindly agreed to hold the service on our behalf. This was duly recorded and placed on our Facebook and Website pages.

The Service was led by their new chaplain Alex Shoderu, along with several Year 7 pupils and a few members of staff. This year we had two wreaths, both were laid under the War Memorial Plaque by Renata Joseph and year 7 pupils Tiwalayo Ndosimao and Alfie McVeigh.

The wreath badge for the RAF was laid on behalf of Mrs Penny Dyer whose father was killed in 1943 on a bombing raid over Germany. (Pilot Officer Charles Pepper 3rd March 1943). We are hopeful Mrs Dyer will be able to join us in next years remembrance service.

Following the laying of the wreaths the last post was played by Hector Price, a sixth-form student.

The Dismissal was completed by Alex Shoderu:-

"For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord."

We remember all 154 named on the Old Wandsworthians Memorial Plaque, we also remember our Armed Forces community, the British and Commonwealth veterans, the Allies that fought alongside them and the civilian servicemen and women involved in the two World Wars and later conflicts.

"At the going down of the sun and in the morning. "We will remember them."



Renata Joseph (Headteacher) and Nicola Anthony-Jones (HR Manager).

A TRIBUTE TO JOHN TOTHAM IN A MODERN FORMAT

It was with deep regret we marked the death of a truly great and wonderful man in John Totham. A man who contributed so much to the Old Wandsworthians over many years both as a player, a coach, supporter, and was also a real inspiration to the people who knew him of all ages. In these very strange times, the numbers attending gatherings such as funerals were limited, so friends were not allowed to gather to remember and celebrate John's life. Therefore, it was decided by the Old Wandsworthians Memorial Trust that we would mark this sad occasion by setting up a zoom meeting. This would allow John's friends to log in and pay their respects with anecdotes from a bygone era and in some way play a part in the memorial service. John's funeral was scheduled for Thursday 7th May 2020 at 2pm, so at 10:30am on the morning of the funeral the zoom meeting was set up and 50+ Old Wandsworthians logged on to share their memories with others which was recorded in full by Chris Brown OWMT Trustee.



Please find below snippets of memories from some of the participants...

Alan Bone – *"Reading from a list of many sporting achievements such as, 'On winning the yearly sports day as captain of Morley House by beating Cromwell House by 1 point after an objection by Ian McLean'. 'John jointly coached the colts to a victory over Mid Whitgiftian's by 6 nil in the 1983 Surrey cup final', 'Played and won the inaugural Brussels tournament in 1971' and 'Rare occasion of Dick Moody taking a winning pass from John in the Imber Court sevens' to name but a few.*

Femi Oresanya – *"He had such a positive affect on my life and if I can influence one person in the way he influenced me then I would have done him proud".*

Will Bland – *"People said he was 20 years ahead of his time, but it was more like 40 as he would pop up outside our winger and take a pass".*

Jack Saunders – *"I was lucky enough to have him as my best man at my wedding many years ago and I found him one the most genuine people I have ever met"!*

Dave Snare – *"I was looking after the Harlequins under 21's. True to his character, John ran this large tournament at London Irish, which was a national event sponsored by Guinness, it was great to catch up with him after so many years".*

Micky "Buzby" Gover – *"We were on tour in 1977 and drinking in the Trout Inn, having spent a lot of money when the manager approached*

and asked us to finish our beers and leave because his regulars were coming in. John was at the bar and being the gentleman, asked the manager if he minded if he bought the last round, the manager agreed and John promptly ordered 50 pints of bitter"!

Pete Eastwood – *"The first memory I have of John is at school winning the 400 yards running race. Coming round that top bend and winning in 60 seconds, he was a top bloke and a top athlete"!*

Chris Langham – *" I was having trouble with two miscreants in the local nick and got them into the charge room. One of them decided to have a go, and there were desks and chairs flying all over the place. The new desk sergeant (John) stuck his head around the corner and said "I see you're in charge of the situation, let me know if you need a hand". Later, he said I thought you handled yourself well in there, so do you want to play rugby? ...that was the start of my Old Wandsworthians rugby career!*



Chris "Freckly" Munton – *"He had an ability to be all things to all. He could charm the ladies, gain respect in the community, be as tough as nails on the pitch and one of the boys in the club house, he was absolutely amazing and I loved him"!*

Dave "The Fly" Millen – *"I found out John was a copper, so I used to greet him with "hello fuzz". We carried on that banter for as long as I can remember, he was a real character, I'll miss him".*

Les Herbert (Trustee) – *"My first experience was seeing John compete in silly bar games like 'bottle walking'. He used to go out miles and place one bottle and come back on the other. A lean, mean machine, what a great guy"!*

The main reason to set up this "gathering" was to give evidence to John's family of how well loved and respected John was to all those who knew him and this on-line platform offered a chance to be recorded for posterity and the opportunity to be treasured by John's family.

The recording of the Zoom gathering was sent to John's son Paul and his family. On the next page is the email reply Paul sent back to the Trustees via Chris Brown...



The funeral went well thank you. We laid Dad to rest at 2pm. En route to the cemetery we went on a slow meander through Claygate.....the village we moved to in '79 and where Dad spent over 40 years of his life.

On this trip we passed the Foley Arms (Claygate's Youngs pub). Dad called it the 'Holy Foley'. There, we were delighted to see a number of OW's in their finery as we ascended the hill. Chris Munton (in his yellow trousers!!) & striped blazer came into view from half a mile away ....I also spotted Micky Curtis in his OW playing shirt and Professor Moody.....it was an absolute joy to see them, and made me so proud.

At the cemetery we were met by Dominic Brockes & Alan Bone, both in their blazers; and an old friend of mine Yogi (Mike Kerslake) General Manager from Imber Court.

Looking through the zoom call images.....it's lovely to see so many familiar old friends. A few notable ones.....great that Mick Munton made it onto the call. Mick & Dad go back over 70 years; the two of them along with Angel Vila were in 3rd Putney Scouts together. Angel too was on there, which I'm really pleased about. Dad's best friend from Wandsworth school days. Best man at Mum & Dad's wedding and my Godfather. Dad passing away has hit Angel hard. Femi Oresanya represented the Colts and, I was told by Dominic, shared a few memories and reflections about Dad on the call. Also, did I see Terry Mackie on there in an England shirt!!!!!

The OWs fraternity Chris is something very special. Les has been an absolute star, linking in with me regularly since Dad died. So many wonderful messages of sympathy & support from friends far & wide, including some kind words from your brother Steve in Australia.

Anyway, thanks again Chris, this gesture of solidarity means a great deal to me and my sisters.

Take care of yourself. Stay safe & God bless.
Paul Totham.

MURRAY DEARDS

Murray got a scholarship to Wandsworth School in 1941 and was then evacuated to Woking for the duration of WWII. He worked at a solicitors after leaving school until he was conscripted into the army for two years national service.
In 1951 he joined the Old Boys and played second-row in our very successful 1st XV teams of the late fifties and early sixties. When the Claygate ground was bought in 1958, he was one of the 'band of brothers' who helped build the original clubhouse.



Murray moved from Wandsworth to Caterham on his marriage to Margaret and had two children Katherine and Stuart. 'Mud' as he was affectionately known remained a stalwart OW throughout his life and regularly supported our periodic get togethers.

ROY LINE

We are sad to advise of the death of Roy Line, aged 89 on 2 July 2020. Roy was an active supporter of the Club before he moved in 1984, initially to Chicago and then to Prestbury, Cheshire.

He, nonetheless, continued to follow the Club's fortunes and was a regular visitor to events and dinners when the opportunity allowed. As well as being a talented all-round sportsman, Roy had been successful in business and having initially trained as a cost and works accountant, found sales and marketing more suited to his nature. He had a successful career in the car care industry initially as managing director of Simoniz, before being poached to take a similar position with its competitor Turtle Wax, managing their worldwide sales activities and UK production base.

He always found time for sport and continued to play squash well into his sixties and then took solace in golf when the exertions of squash finally took their toll. Roy and his wife Ann celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in 2004 before her sad passing in May 2006.

Roy, stayed in Cheshire, where his daughter Beverley also lives, whilst his sons, Clive and Mark remained in Surrey. He continued to enjoy travelling and remained very active until recent years.

It still remained a highlight to receive the Old Wandsworthians newsletter and catch up on the latest news and "From Grammar to Comprehensive" was a fixture on the coffee table in his lounge.

Roy was always ready with a story and, whilst time takes its toll, there will still be many who will have enjoyed his recollections of school days, national service and rugby, football and cricket matches.

A private family funeral took place in Cheshire in July 2020.

BOB HAMMOND

Bob Hammond was born in 1928, a true Old Wandsworthian. Like Murray Deards, Bob was evacuated to Walton Firs during the second world war.

He served in the RAF as a conscript and then went on to became a Civil Servant. When Bob joined the Old Wandsworthians in 1946, he made a massive contribution to both the OW Association as secretary as well as a regular 1st XV player.

Bob also played a major role in the purchasing of the ground and building of the original club house in Claygate.



OLD WANDSWORTHIAN APPOINTED MAYOR OF EPSOM & EWELL

In March 2020 fellow Old Wandsworthian Humphrey Reynolds was appointed Mayor for the borough of Epsom and Ewell, and it was my pleasure to talk to Humph (as he is better known) about his journey from his Wandsworthians rugby days to this lofty civil appointment...and also another chance to show off the blazers!

Q1: *Firstly, Humph does your blazer fit you and how does it look with the mayoral chains of office?*

A1: I know you were a bit worried about the size, but it was absolutely fine even though you were surprised I have a middle area problem. I've actually lost weight below my waist and I'm on a smaller size of underwear now, and also talk like this (high pitched voice).
The blazer shows off the mayoral chains very well, I'll send you a photo via WhatsApp when my son gets home.

Q2: *When did you go to Wandsworth school?*

A2: 1954 –1961, When I was leaving, the careers master Horace Albury called me in and said "What are you going to do when you leave next year Reynolds?", I said "Come back here sir", Mr Albury went on, "but what are you going to do?", "Games" I replied. He paused for a minute and said "Nah, you can't do that"!

Q3: *I remember my first game for the "Dubs" against Old Reedonians 3rd XV and you were the skipper. So when did you start playing rugby for the Old Wandsworthians?*

A3: Not until quite late because I spent a lot of time after school running, but not playing rugby. Eventually I moved into a flat with a bloke who was an Old Emanuel and I went and played for



them in their 2nd team. They said I couldn't play for the 1st team because I didn't go to the school and that's when I went to my school team the Old Wandsworthians. In fact, my first game was a bit of a story because we were away to Bec Old Boys and our then 2nd team captain Keith Norman asked me if I would play for them as

they were short of players. So my first game for Wandsworthians was running around for Bec!

Q4: *Do you have a favourite memory of playing down at Claygate?*

A4: Yes, sitting in the bath after a game and Tony Berry turning up the water as hot as he could…it was unbearable. You also can't forget the mud. In fact my wife and I came to this agreement that after a game I would go and have a shower with my full kit on, too get rid of the muck before bringing it home and asking Gill to wash it. That worked alright, because we're still married!

Q5: *How long have you been married to your long-suffering wife Gill?*

A5: Well, I am 78 years old and we got married in December 1969. I remember ringing her up on a Tuesday and saying "I've got everything organised, so we're getting married on Friday! Can you get your Mum down" (as she was up in the Midlands) "OK" was the reply from Gill. We got married in Wandsworth Town Hall the same day and place as Nicky Henson and Una Stubbs (who btw only lasted 14 years!) We had two great boys, one is a teacher and the other works for the E&E council, working in the managing group for Bourne Hall and the Play House.

Q6: *After your illustrious rugby career ended, did you miss playing and did you stay in touch?*

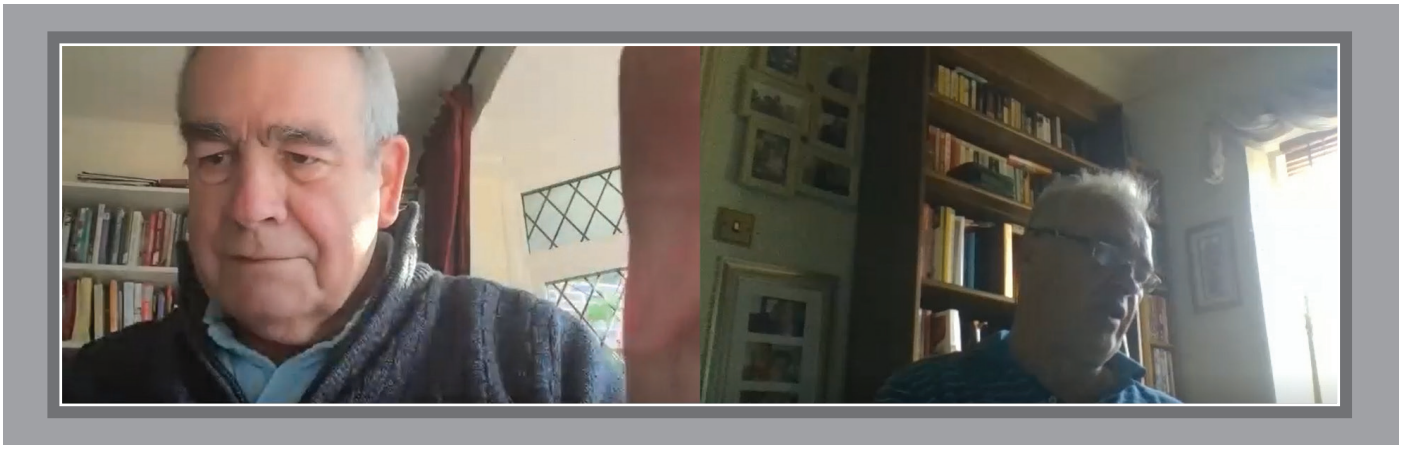
A6: I like to think I had a lot of friends down there [Claygate] but in terms of packing up it was not long before my 40th birthday and we were starting up a new company towards the end of 1981. I had one game against Barking Park and we got absolutely stuffed, I handled in the scrums and rucks more times than you've had hot dinners, it was a tough game and that's when I decided enough was enough. Vic "the crab" Lever and David Pollard were my mates and Dave left an indelible mark on me as his knee hit the back of my calf after a scrum collapsed and I had to go off the pitch, never done that before!

Q7: *When did you set up your company after playing rugby?*

A7: In 1981 we set up a company to overprint envelopes. I know it sounds boring, but we used to over print 15 million per month, so if ever you went away and wrote to your Mum (once a year for you Pogo) it most likely was one of ours. But it shows how many we printed, in fact at one point we were the biggest company of its type in Britain actually.

Q8: *How did you get involved with local politics and what was your motivation?*

A8: Well, I was a Liberal, and I used to fight local elections as a Liberal with very much a message of 'this is what we are going to do', but alas we didn't get elected. We were in E&E and it was the only independent council in the country. It's run by the resident's associations and this year there are 38 seats on council of which 32 of them are residents, 3 Labour, 2 Liberal Democrats and one Tory in Tory E&E, think about it!



The right honourable 'Humph' and Pogo in full swing.

I decided the only way to affect the people around here in Ewell village was to become a local councilor which I became in 2011.
It came about as I had a heart attack in 1999 and I had to finish work. On recovery, I found a job round the corner to where I live over at Bourne Hall.However, I couldn't stand working for the Council so I left in August 2010.
The next election was May 2011, where I got elected and I have been here ever since.

Q9: *You were appointed Mayor of the Borough of Epsom & Ewell in May 2020, so tell us about the Mayoral role?*

A9: I haven't been doing much due to Covid-19, but I am available for Bar mitzvah's, childrens party's and anything else!...It has been rather quiet so far.
I was asked to be deputy mayor the year before and you get quite a spill over from the role as it has become quite popular with a lot of demands on your time. I had a busy year last year, so I was looking forward to this year as mayor which I thought was going to be a lot busier, but it's not. All sorts of clubs and societies have shut down. They might meet virtually, but they're not having face to face meetings. Also, if you're running a charity, you can't invite 30 people to a dinner because of the restrictions and restaurants just won't do it...so it's proven very difficult and disappointing really.
The sort of things I am doing as mayor are ringing up staff members around the council in all the departments to see how they are getting on. A lot of them are working from home, so how do you do that as a team? We have three zoom meetings a week with all departments from dustmen to lawyers...a bit like this zoom meeting now...but obviously on a more secure platform.
Housing officers, how do you speak to housing officers that are not allowed to go around to people's houses? It ain't easy I tell you, as people are desperate even in this borough of ours which is reportedly affluent.
I have been going around to local businesses and pubs that have re-opened after the lockdown and it's lovely to see the smiles on their faces as they're so pleased to be working, but it has been so difficult.
Unfortunately, the council will not increase the time in office and they have already put my name on the honours board. I have only been passed it once and I am sure it had RIP on it!

Q10: *The Old Wandsworthians Memorial Trust celebrates its 25th anniversary year at the KIA Oval on 2nd October 2021, will you and your good lady wife be joining us?*

A10: I'll do my best to join you, but it won't be in my role as mayor as it would have finished by then. But yes, we will struggle up to the Oval to join you all.

Thanks, Humph.

CHOIR NEWS

After our very successful reunion last year we regrettably had to cancel the proposed dinner for 2020. Our contact list has grown to 250 and we have a very active Facebook Group with over 160 former members of the school choir and orchestra regularly engaging.

We do intend holding a reunion in 2021.

For further information please contact:
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MEET SAINT CECILIA'S NEWEST RECRUIT

KEN THE DOG

Saint Cecilia's Church of England School is enormously grateful to Ken Dore (OW) who generously left us a bequest in his will which allowed the school to buy a dog, whom of course, we named Ken.

Ken the School Dog was appointed in March this year, to the role of Bethany Centre Dog. This Centre is where the school's support classes and interventions take place for pupils with special educational needs and disabilities, alongside other types of interventions such as literacy, numeracy and counselling.



Ken has charmed his way into the hearts of pupils and staff. The Textiles teacher has made him a bespoke school tie, and the general office staff have found space for a special shelf for all his treats, toys and goodies. There is even an allocated Ken section on the school budget.

Ken is only 8 months old, so still a puppy. For that reason, he works occasional days at present, and his hours will increase as he grows. He is fully insured, undertaking a programme of training classes, and has a Job Description which includes...

- **The supervision of intervention sessions with pupils.**
- **The promotion of well-being for staff and pupils.**
- **Spreading a little happiness.**

Ken attended the school's GCSE and A-level results days in August this year, offering support to pupils at an anxious time for them owing to the cancellation of this year's public examinations. He provided a welcome distraction, proving to be particularly skilled at both nuzzling and playing.

Ken has also supervised some of the literacy and numeracy sessions in the Bethany Centre, helping pupils with their reading and maths work. He will increasingly attend other interventions as they begin to return to near normal after Christmas.

He had his first intervention success, when in the early weeks of September, one of our younger pupils came to the Medical Room, tearful and overwhelmed with the return to school after such a long time away over lockdown. Ken was despatched to attend, and within a few minutes, the pupil was happily on there way back to lessons.

Ken also writes an occasional column for the weekly Staff and Parents' newsletter. This column focuses on the work of the Bethany Centre, and of course Ken's role in it.

When not at work, Ken lives with the school's Premises Manager, Andrew Barrett. This means Ken gets to walk the school site in the morning, unlocking all the gates and doors, and getting to know the building better than anyone.

MEMORIAL TRUST ANNOUNCE
TWO NEW TRUSTEES

ANDY ARCHER



Hello Old Wandsworthians,

I would like to introduce myself to those of you who don't know me. I am a former pupil of Wandsworth school, who has also been a member of the Wandsworthians rugby club for over 38 years. It is a great honour for me to be accepted to join the Old Wandsworthians Memorial Trust as a new Trustee. My principle role will be to assist Dick Moody as Editor of the Trust newsletter and also to have input in the day-to-day decision making of the Trust.

I would also like to congratulate and welcome fellow Old Wandsworthian Femi Oresanya to the Trustee board. We both go back many years and I am sure he will be a valuable addition, playing an important part in the Trust's future.

Below is a short profile, telling you a little more about my involvement with the Old Wandsworthians over the years.

I look forward to seeing you at one of the Trust's organised gatherings in the near future.

best wishes,
Andy Archer

PROFILE

DATE OF BIRTH:
26 March, 1965

EDUCATION:
1970-1976: John Milton Primary School, Battersea
1976-1982: Wandsworth Comprehensive School

REPRESENTED SCHOOL:
Rugby, Football and Cricket

DOMESTIC LIFE:
I live in Epsom with my wife of 22 years, Mandy.
We have two boys – Herbie (19) and Will (16)
...not forgetting Florence, the family dog.

OCCUPATION:
1982-85 – Joined snooker table manufacturer in Balham
1985-89 – Ass.Schoolkeeper – South Thames College Putney
1989-92 – Apprentice Typesetter
1992-2010 – Graphic Designer (Children's Publishing)
2010-2018 – Freelance Graphic Designer
2018-Present – Freelance Graphic Designer and part-time postman for the Royal Mail

OLD WANDSWORTHIANS CAREER:
My first appearance for the Old Boys was in 1981 playing for Ian 'Slippery' Maclean's 4th XV away at Old Epsomians, whilst still a school boy. A year later Terry Mackie, who was our 1st XV school coach, introduced two gentlemen, John Totham and Gerry Johnston to the team at a school 7's competition. After a short speech they pronounced that we were hopefully to become the nucleus of the newly-formed Old Wandsworthians U18 Colts, and that they wanted to manage and coach the team.

We, as a group, agreed and so started three memorable years, culminating in winning the Surrey County U18's cup in 1983.

The Colts were a close-knit group, and at this point I would like to thank John and Gerry for all their enthusiasm, encouragement and input, along with the constant support of Dave Smith, Dave Arnold, Fred Evans, Dick Moody and Ron (the coach driver), without whom none of our success on the pitch would have happened.

1984-85 – My first senior 1st XV appearance. Around the same time I, and a number of OW Colts, represented Surrey at U18 & U21 level.

1985-86 – I left the club for a short period to play for Harlequins U21's, but returned to the Old Boys after realising it wasn't for me.

1988-89 – Elected 1st XV captain. I volunteered again for a second stint a couple of years later.

2007-2008 – Team Secretary

2008-2009 – Club Coach

2020 – Trustee to the Old Wandsworthians Memorial Trust

I played regularly for the club over many years – from U18 Colts, U21's,1st XV, down to the 5ths – until 2005/06 when I finally decided to hang up my boots at the age of 40.

Brilliant memories and friendships have been cemented over this period, and I will be eternally grateful to the Old Wandsworthians for being such a major part of my life.

FEMI ORESANYA



Dear fellow Wandsworthians,

I dare say many of you are wondering who I am.

Well, I am a proud Old Wandsworthian and I am honoured to become one of the two new Trustees for the Old Wandsworthians Memorial Trust. My main role will be to contribute to the decision-making process that the Board of Trustees make in fulfilling the objectives of the Trust. I also hope attract former old boys to join and forge more links with St Cecilia's, the School on the site of our former School.

I want to congratulate Andy Archer (who everyone knows) for also becoming a Trustee. Andy was a year above me at school and even though the years did not really mix, I got to know Andy through the rugby. And we've been friends ever since.

To date, I have been able to distil my life into six words, 'Former Egg Chaser turned Drawer-in-Chief', but for those who would like a fuller profile, please read below:

PROFILE

DATE OF BIRTH:
13th June 1966

EDUCATION:
1977- 1984: Wandsworth School
1985- 1990: Welsh School of Architecture, Cardiff University
1988: BSc (Hons) 2:1 Architectural Studies
1990: BArch Masters in Architecture

REPRESENTED SCHOOL:
Athletics, Basketball, Rugby, Choir, School Plays, Deputy Head Boy

DOMESTIC LIFE:
I live in Shirley Park, Croydon with Gillian, my darling wife. We have two boys – 17 and 15. Both are keen rugby players at John Fisher School in Purley and both are in the Harlequins junior academies for their respective age groups. I also have two adult children from previous relationships. My son is in his final year at University and my daughter is a registered Midwife. She and her husband blessed me with a granddaughter nearly 2 years ago. Finally, there is Lola our dog, a 7-year-old beautiful black standard Schnauzer.

OCCUPATION:
Since qualifying in 1994, I have worked as an architect for only four practices. I have been at HOK since 1999 and today am one of the Principals there. My professional experience encompasses the Public & Institutional (P + I), Corporate, Commercial, High End Residential and Hospitality Sectors. I have acted as architect, design and project manager for a number of prestigious projects nationally and internationally.
I have had responsibility for the total running of projects from conception through to completion, which has encompassed client liaison, fee negotiations, project resource and budgeting, master planning, concepts, planning, design development, value engineering, contract administration, project and site management.

As part of the Leadership Team at HOK, I am the market sector leader for the Central Government and Justice sectors but also assist in others. Notable highlights include the £450m Francis Crick Institute, £350m Government HQ PFI redevelopment project in Whitehall, a super prime residential project in Windsor, the new Caernarfon Crown Court, Newport Magistrates Court, Snaresbrook Crown Court and The Old Bailey Crown Court refurbishment project. I am currently leading the team on projects all over British Isles. Over the last 15 years, part of my role at HOK has also been developing opportunities in Sub Saharan African and we are now designing and delivering projects in Nigeria, Sierra Leone, Ghana, Gabon, Mozambique, Tanzania and Egypt.

PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE AND ACADEMIA:
I have always been interested in mentoring and examining at RIBA Part 3 Level. Throughout my career I have been able to combine these pursuits as well as lecturing at various universities on subjects such as the business of architecture and professional practice. I am a Part Time Tutor at The Bartlett School of Architecture (UCL) and a RIBA Part 3 external examiner at University of Cambridge. I am also a member of the RIBA Validation board and Chair of the RIBA Architects For Change expert advisory group, which seeks to improve equality, diversity and inclusion in the education and practice of architecture and was recently elected a RIBA London Council Member.

RUGBY LIFE:
The first time I picked up a rugby ball was in my first year at Wandsworth School. "Run as fast as you can, don't get caught and place the ball over the try line" were my first set of instructions from Mr Read, my then PE Teacher. Realising that I was fast but not big, life preservation kicked in and I followed those instructions to great success. Over the next few years and under the guidance of Mr Snare, Mr Williams and Mr Mackie, I and a few others made it into the Surrey Schools Squad before joining the Old Wandsworthians U18 Colts. I loved every moment of being in the Colts and have many fond memories being coached by the legends John Totham and Gerry Johnston who took us to great success at both 7's and 15's. Were it not for the fact that I gained a place to read Architecture at Cardiff University, I would have continued playing for the Old Wandsworthians.

During my time as an undergraduate, I played for the University's 1st XV and on returning to London, I joined the Harlequins for a couple of seasons before the reality of trying to qualify as an architect became my primary goal. So, I left and decided to play local rugby. I played for a few clubs including Shirley Wanderers and the London Nigerians for a few seasons before eventually hanging up my boots.

I returned to rugby when my boys started to show an interest in the sport. They joined Streatham-Croydon RFC in 2007 and before I knew it, I was coaching there. Today, I'm an RFU Level 2 Coach and am Head Coach of the Mini and Juniors section at the club. My reason for becoming so involved at the Club is because of the positive experiences I gained from playing rugby as a young person which has moulded me into the man that I am today. I try to give back to the children of my community what I gained from Rugby.

I am a regular attendee at the annual Remembrance Service at St Celica's and have been to many Dave Pollard Memorial Lunches at Imber Court. I look forward to meeting you all at the forthcoming events – I'd better dust of my Golf clubs too.

THE DAVE POLLARD MEMORIAL LUNCH

IMBER COURT

This year's DPML lunch took place on Saturday 8th February and was attended by some 140 Old Wandsworthians who were treated to lunch and wine courtesy of the Trust.

They also had the pleasure of seeing (...and hearing!) England defeat Scotland for the Calcutta Cup, a match played in atrocious conditions. No matter, the result was everything.

Prior to lunch, updates were delivered by Alan Bone and Les Herbert and hopefully you will have seen some of the photos from the day circulated on various platforms.

The winner of the Trust's sweep stake prize of £250 was Micky Burris, a great prize for a wonderful cause. We would like more people to join the scheme which enables us to help our youth, support the school and some incredibly deserving individuals. If you would like to join please go to our website and print off a standing order, by clicking the "Donation scheme" on our webpage: -

http://www.old-wandsworthians-trust.com/wandsworth-school/donation-scheme/









The format for the day was pretty much the same as usual with the bar opening early and not closing until well after the match had finished. I am sure you will all agree, we were looked after wonderfully well by Imber Court and their staff.

Whilst we had a record number of attendees at the lunch, we are asking you to please get in touch with guys you went to school or played sport with in the past.

Subsequently, we had people attending this year for the first time who haven't met old friends in over 20 years. There are a lot more OW's out there, so please have a think and spread the word.

As an Old Wandsworthian networking event, it seems to work extremely well and any feedback or thoughts for the future, will be gratefully received.

Finally, all that has happened in 2020 with Covid19, we are still hoping to hold the DPML again in 2021 and have two provisional dates, pencilled in...

February 27th – Wales v England
March 20th – Ireland v England.

All details will be finalised in the New Year.

The Trustees look forward to seeing you all again and thank you for your support.





MORE SEVENS REFLECTIONS

THE ARTICLES PROVIDED FOR LAST YEAR'S NEWSLETTER HAVE STIRRED MEMORIES TO SHARE WITH READERS. THOSE COMMENTARIES WERE WELL RECORDED BUT MAY BE REFERRED TO IN LINKING TO OTHER SEVENS EVENTS.

Mike Burriss

Another aspect for the success of the Old Wandsworthian's 7's team performances over the years was the consequence of players being encouraged to join training sessions to develop their skills, and from this, good squads emerged.

It was important that experience of tournaments should be achieved, so teams where entered at different venues which benefited all. For example in the mid-sixties, a team was selected to participate in the annual Oxford sevens, which attracted a number of major clubs, and in 1966 OW's reached the final rounds. From this and other tournaments the club identified the strongest squad which culminated in our success at the Middlesex and Surrey sevens in 1969, together with regaining the *Totham Trophy* at our own tournament in September of that same year.

The following year 1970, we reached the semi final, which meant we had qualified, for the final rounds of the national Old Boys 7's tournament held at Richmond, the following week.

OW's together with Old Haberdashers had developed in response to the RFU's centenary celebrations. We were again semi-finalists of our own tournament in 1971 and went to Moseley Birmingham for the finals.
(They returned to Richmond the following year)

At the beginning of the 1971/72 season, little did we know what an excellent year it would become, winning 26 games and scoring over 600 points, and losing only 4 games.

This success gave us a lot of confidence entering the 7's season. Unfortunately, I have no details of earlier tournaments until the Middlesex preliminaries on 22 April 1972.

Our first game was against Old Haileyburians 2's who we beat 36–0 which reflected a dominant display of ball skills, support play and confidence in abilities.
Our next opponents were Old Dowegians and again we played with confidence with assured handling and support play winning 28–6. This meant we would be facing Richmond 1st in the third round.

We prepared as we had done in the previous rounds, endeavouring to relax and encourage each other that we had a chance. Also, knowing Richmond's expertise, standard of play and quality of players which included internationals.

We received a tremendous reception from our supporters and the rest of the large crowd all around the pitch. The first half was cat and mouse, with each side probing for gaps to exploit. The half ended with Richmond leading 6–4, with Ian Stephenson scoring our try in the corner. In the second half, OW's stepped up their game and reclaimed the lead through Ian Stephenson again. This was followed by strong running tries from Jack Saunders and Mike Burriss to give us a lead of 18–6. Richmond rallied but could only managed one more try in the last seconds before the final whistle.

The score at the end of the game was 18–12 and the OW's were going through to the final preliminary round, having given an excellent performance.

Our opponents were Old Paulines, for whom this was a home game and OW's gave another very assured performance with their confidence sky high after beating Richmond. This lead to a comfortable 14–0 victory. The realisation

came to fore that OW's had reached the then pinnacle of 7's rugby...the Middlesex 7's finals at Twickenham on 6th May 1972.

The final rounds were two weeks away and the team wanted to maintain momentum, so we were able to gain entry to the South Coast 7's at Havant RFC. We travelled down in a coach full of supporters, together with those who made their own way, all arriving in plenty of time to prepare. It proved to be very helpful to have a number of games, but we eventually lost in the semi-final by a couple of points.

MIDDLESEX 7'S FINALS

Although we were the first game on and Twickenham was not full, we still received a very warm welcome from the crowd with our supporters very much to the fore.

Harlequins, as we know, are one of the biggest first class clubs in the country with a number of internationals and their selection reflected this on the day. However, we were not deterred and had confidence in our own abilities, but it was not to be, losing 24–10, with Dave and Paul Snare, scoring in each half.

Though disappointed with the outcome of the match, we came away with heads held high as to what we had achieved. The experience we gained was memorable and the support we received from club members, parents, family's and friends was very much appreciated.



Back Row: Ian Stephenson, Mike Burriss, Dave Snare, Paul Snare
Front Row: Pete Dutch, Jack Saunders, Tony Berry

Caitlin Riley

University of Birmingham



The past year at Birmingham University ended very abruptly. Until then, my first year was going very well. I attended university regularly for a variety of lectures which were interesting and informative. These included safeguarding, child abuse, and child psychology.

My first work placement was at Harborne Primary School which was just outside the city. My work duties included looking after the children, supporting their needs and overlooking health and safety requirements and ensuring they were all being followed. I was assigned to reception where the children were four to five years old. It was the Autumn term. So as well as introducing the children to school life, we also had other activities including working towards the Christmas production for the parents. This meant that I had the opportunity to work along side teaching colleagues and other Staff preparing costumes, music and props and helping the children learn their moves.

In the Spring term, I changed to a new placement in a nursery school where the children's ages ranged from 3 months to 5 years old. This nursery was located in the centre of the city. As I was already a qualified *Early Years practitioner*, I had an opportunity to be a room leader in the baby room which gave me many responsibilities. I had to lead a small team of three unqualified nursery staff and organise the day. The work placement was for three days a week which was included in my course. An enjoyable part of this work placement was that we could take the children out to the park on special occasions. This activity introduced the children into physical activities and in particular fine motor skills which is important in their development.

Since March I have had to complete my course work online at home due to the pandemic which has been extremely frustrating and difficult financially as my student accommodation costs were not refunded. The grant that was kindly donated by the OWMT enabled me to finance my travel expenses to my work placements and fund a deposit for my student accommodation for 2020/21 which is located in Birmingham City centre.

The next academic term will be studying new topics which I will try to incorporate in my placement plans. At present, I am due to return to the nursery work placement for the Autumn term.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Trustees for the grant they awarded me, which has proved an invaluable source of financial support at a difficult time.

Caitlin Riley

Megan Evans

University of Bath



I would like to express my gratitude for the Old Wandsworthian Trust for the support they have given me.

I received the grant in my first year at University and it helped me a great deal. I am currently studying Social Work and Applied Social Sciences at the University of Bath and having the support from the trust was invaluable in providing the resources I needed to thrive and get the best out of my University experience.

It allowed me to buy the books that I used to study my subject and complete assignments to the best of my ability. It also helped a great deal with transport costs to get the bus to University to attend my lectures, along with other extra-curricular activities that I participated in to socialise with my peers and learn new skills. The grant also helped me to pay for my living expenses, such as rent, bills and food.

As part of my course, I completed a work placement at Swindon Carers Centre, a charity which provides support and respite activities for people who care for family members with a number of illnesses and disabilities. Part of my role was to complete assessments with carers and help to organise and facilitate trips and activities. Some examples of the trips and activities we took our carers on were Thorpe Park, indoor surfing and skydiving, soft play parties, arts and crafts groups, and many more. These trips are designed in a way to give carers a break from their caring role, have fun and look after themselves.

This placement involved a two hour commute each day, which inevitably came with extremely high travel costs and other expenses, therefore the Grant was extremely helpful in ensuring that I was able to pass my placement and help to improve the lives of many carers.

I am on track to graduating from University with a 2.1 and qualifying as a social worker. I am hoping to start a career in children's services, which has been made far more possible with the support I received from the Old Wandsworthian Trust; therefore, I am very grateful to have been awarded with the grant.

Kind Regards
Megan Evans

Rosie Forrester

Kingston University



Dear Trustees,

I hope you and your families are keeping well in these unusual times! Firstly, I'd like to thank you all for you continuous donations to the trust that helps myself and the other grant holders continue with their education and help achieve their ambitions! Despite this year being hindered by Covid-19, my second year of university has been extremely (if not more) busy! I am in my second year at Kingston University studying Psychology. My modules included brain behaviour and cognition and mental health; areas that I will continue to study in my final year where I will be specialising in Neurological science and neuro-rehabilitation with forensic psychology. The workings of the brain are a passion of mine and I'm super excited to delve deeper into the subject next year!

With Psychology being such a science based subject, its essential to my studies that I have the correct and up to date resources to keep up with the constantly developing discoveries. The grant I was rewarded allowed me to buy the newly released textbooks that helped my complete research projects. In addition, my exams this year were cancelled and the university closed early. These exams were then replaced with essays, and with the limited resources supplied by the university the books I brought at the beginning of the year with the grant were very beneficial. I finished by second year with an overall 70%, equating to a First.

Alongside my studies, I am a keen rugby player and this grant has helped me develop my play massively over the last two years! I began playing with little experience and with the support provided by the trustees I'm entering my third year of university rugby and my second year of captaincy at the university. The grant I received helped me to train more often to increase my strength and stamina in the gym, as well as to provide me with better equipment on the field with proper boots and kit! I have been fortunate enough to be scouted by and play for the Harlequins Woman's developmental team where I have worked on my technical skills that continue to improve and help me play at a higher level. My development has lead to me entering my third season as a Harlequins player, where I will now captain the team. This opportunity is one that I may not have been able to achieve without the support of Old Wandsworthians, so I would like to thank everyone for their continued support in my sporting journey.

Overall, the Old Wandsworthian Trust allowed me to achieve so much this year, both academically at university, and within Rugby with the Harlequins III's. I'd like to thank you all again for the support!

Rosie Forrester

Stephen Curtis

Cardiff University



Dear Trustees,

Firstly, thank you for the generous grant that I received last year. Since then, I have been kept busy. I became a second year Architecture student at Cardiff University in September 2019, and the year has been one of the most intense of my academic life. My first project involved designing an apartment complex in the heart of Cardiff, which would conclude with a day of presenting a display of my work. The design process had me working with wood, paper, card, foam, all sorts of CAD software, and had me spending a small fortune on printer ink; all of which was paid for with the help of the grant that I received. Another project of mine involved a meticulous technical analysis of building construction, which was completed through the aid of online journals and books on different architects. My final project of the year had me using CAD modelling and photogrammetry to turn a building of choice into a 3D model using stereolithography.

Without the help of the Old Wandsworthians Memorial Trust, I would not have had access to all of the resources that have allowed me to retain a high grade throughout the year. The access to physical materials and certain softwares is so integral to my course that I believe the grant has helped significantly in the improvement of my work over the time that I have been at the University.

In addition to my studies. The grant has enabled me to participate in college activities. I have been heavily involved in my football team in Cardiff, and hope to get back into rugby this year as well. A new set of kit and a pair of boots have been a must for me this season.

The grant will also help me to manage the insufficiently subsidised Architecture study trip, visiting Dublin this February, where we will visit various Architectural projects.

Again, I'd like to thank everyone for the support I have received, it has made a big impact on my studies and has helped me to achieve the high standards that I set for myself.

Best wishes,
Stephen Curtis

Josh Bell



University of Bath

Firstly, I would like to say thank you to the Trust for the generous grant I received last year.

Since last receiving the grant, I have entered my final year of University studying Politics and International Relations at Bath University. In my second year, I chose a wide-range of modules, but took a particular focus on security issues in the Middle East. For my dissertation in my final year, I am exploring Pakistan-China relations and how ideological links between the Pakistani Army and China influences this. I have remained as treasurer of my University Skydiving club and am lucky to have a great group of friends who I share an 8-bed converted chapel house with.

Alongside this, I have continued my role with the Army Reserves. During my second year of University, I remained at Bristol University Officer Training Corps, running all media for the Unit as well as creating an online recruitment campaign to attract new Officer Cadets. I travelled to both France and Norway on skiing trips, whilst also completing training weekends and exercises with Regular Army Units.

Last summer, I commissioned from the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst as a Second Lieutenant, completing all four modules of the Reserve Commissioning Course. I have since gone on secondment to a mixed Regular and Reserve Unit, working on Operations and deploying to Nigeria alongside a Security Capacity Building team. At the start of the year, I transferred full-time to a Reserve Unit based in Bristol, where I aim to spend the next year further developing as a Young Officer before joining the Regular Army.

The grant I received last year was put towards various items. The money spent on better outdoor gear was much appreciated whilst Nordic skiing, where we faced the combination of winds of over 70mph and sub-zero temperatures on one particularly arduous day. I have also used the grant to continue my Adobe Creative Cloud subscription, increasing my technical proficiency in a variety of skills such as video editing and production.

These skills have come in useful in all aspects of my life, whether it be creating content for personal projects, our University Skydiving Club, or the Military.

Finally, I would like to reiterate my thanks to the Memorial Trust for their continued support and I look forward to staying in touch in the future.

Josh Bell

Zoe Dixon



Swansea University

Dear Trustees,

I would like to thank you for your support throughout my Sports and Exercise Science degree at Swansea University. The grant has supported me throughout my degree by helping to provide books to support my degree but also help towards playing hockey for the university team. I graduated in July 2019 with a lovely graduation ceremony right on the campus beach.

I thoroughly enjoyed my three years studying Sports and Exercise Science at Swansea University. The degree enabled me to pursue my love for sport both academically and as a sports player. A highlight of my final year studying Sports and Exercise Science was writing my dissertation and contributing to women's rugby research with my study, 'Quantifying movement patterns derived from global positioning systems for international women's rugby union matches: comparing the use of fixed time epochs and rolling averages'. During the writing of my dissertation I worked with specialist software and international women's rugby players, which I thoroughly enjoyed and found really interesting. My results will form part of a larger and ongoing study. I also received first class honours for my dissertation, which helped me to achieve an upper second-class honours degree overall.

As well as completing my course I was part of the Swansea University Hockey Club which on a Wednesday I would play against teams such as Bristol, Gloucester, Cardiff, and Aberystwyth. With the University Club and the local Swansea Hockey Club joining together to make 7 ladies' teams for the Saturday leagues where I played for the 2s and 3s. The Ladies 1s have just been promoted into the Women's Premier Division. The ladies 2s and 3s play within the highest league in Wales, Premier Division 1 which has allowed me to play teams as far as Bangor, Cardiff and Newport. I have really enjoyed playing hockey throughout my time studying Sports and Exercise Science and will continue to play for Swansea Hockey Club throughout my Adult Nursing degree which I started in September 2019. I am using my sports science degree to help me in my nursing degree to encourage and promote the health and wellbeing of nurses.

I would like to thank again the financial support I've received from the Old Wansworthians trust which has helped me through my Sports and Exercise Science degree, allowing me to focus on my sports and education without the added worries of being financially unstable.

With thanks,
Zoe Dixon

Isobel Jacques

Nottingham Trent University



Dear Trustees,

Firstly, a big thank you for the continuous financial support from The Old Wandsworthians Memorial Trust. Year two has provided yet another challenging but intellectually and socially adventurous year, studying Law with Criminology at Nottingham Trent University.

The grant has helped me in providing a gateway of access to all the resources needed for this section of my degree. Throughout the year I bought various books for my modules, some of which include: Tort law and Criminal law. Without the opportunity to access these by hand I would have struggled to obtain as greater depth of knowledge online solely. Furthermore, the grant has also helped with travel expenses to events at the University, such as job prospectuses, which has given me a further insight to a possible career path.

Sadly, due to COVID-19 such experiences were cut short. This pandemic has not only changed my life but everyone's around me. As a result my University exams converted online and I had to return home due to safety. At first I found revising at home a struggle as I did not have the opportunity to go to the library to revise or research which I normally would have done at University. However, such an experience came to a silver lining as I learnt to adapt to my surroundings.

Since most places were closed and isolation became the norm, I found myself surrounded with less distractions since almost all shops, pubs and clubs were shut.

This allowed me to focus even more solely on these exams which I hope will provide as good as grades as the recent coursework which I have received back as a 1st.

Going forward I will also cherish all that I have learnt in this difficult time and will continue to adapt and implement these skills ongoing.

Although, I found good in a bad situation, the devastating effects that COVID-19 has had is saddening. I hope this pandemic can be put to bed sooner rather than later and like most people I am excited to see all my University friends and family who I have greatly missed.

Best wishes,
Isobel Jacques

Milli Robins

St. Martins, London



Dear Trustees,

The student grant from the trust has allowed me to advance in my studies in ways that would have been unreachable to me before. In this last year the trusts grant has helped towards the cost of materials for my Fine Art degree at Central St Martins, University Arts London.

From the University I am not supplied with any art making materials, making this an additional cost to my course that I was unable to afford. The trust has allowed me to explore my creative ideas and produce a large collection of art work that otherwise would not have been possible.

This last year my artistic style has changed and developed.Without the funding to explore this, my practice would have not expanded in the way it has. My main influences in my practice come from the impressionist artists such as Bonnard, who really has had a dramatic influence on me.

My main medium is acrylic on paper. However, for the last year I have also been experimenting with screen printing and digital work. I am unsure of how my practice will develop in the future, but I am excited to keep experimenting and trying.

Additionally to this, the funding from the trust has gone towards costs of art gallery visiting fees and transport to exhibitions. Across the country, and the city, are many exhibitions that I have always wanted to see but never had the means to access. This really has allowed me to see some works of art that I have been looking at my whole life.

I want to say a massive thank you to the trust and everyone involved who has allowed me to do this.

Many thanks,
Milli Robins

Jeanie Forrester



UCA

I would like to thank you for the grant awarded to me this year. This has been my final year at university, and I am proud to say I graduated with a First in Illustration from UCA. It has been a tough year to finish on, but the grant helped in many ways.

I started my final year with writing my dissertation on 'How Cars are used in Visual Narratives, through Consumer Culture and Social Constructs'. This was awarded me an A. Throughout the unit I learnt about psychology in the way we perceive people and how we perceive ourself by what we own. But also how an object can be an integral part of a narrative. The dissertation and research itself went on for 8 months, and I thoroughly enjoyed studying and researching for it.

I was also doing a unit called External Brief. For this project I entered the Folio Society Illustration Competition, which asked me to design three illustrations for a poem book. This project was helped by the grant as I experimented with a new method of paper art. However, the project ended up digitally. The project required a lot of research and time as I learnt about language from the 16th century to different naval terms and equipment.

Professional Practice was a hard unit as it required a 12 month career plan, and to grow a list of contacts for when I graduate. This unit was handed in at the beginning of March. Luckily, I had visited and contacted people in the creative industry before Covid 19 came into full force. I had visited a visual development company as well as had contact with animators and publishing companies. However the career plan I wrote became null when lock down started. I still learnt so much from talking to people within the industry and they gave me tips and advice going forward. I also created a portfolio and website that I am still adding to now.

UCA sent students home in March. I was meant to be at university until May, where I would hand in my work and have a graduation exhibition. Although I started the Final Major Project on Campus, I had to complete the majority of the unit at home...which was tough. For my final project I wrote and illustrated a children's book on 'Awareness of water pollution'. The grant went towards this project as it allowed me to buy the software needed to create my book from home. While researching this book, I learnt all about the problem of water pollution,
I also enjoyed illustrating the book.

I would like to thank the OWMT for their support during my four years at university. The grant has been helpful in many ways and allowed me to develop as an illustrator resulting in a First. Although, the current situation in the world has slowed down the creative industry, I am still looking for work or internships where I can use my skillset and creativity and keep improving.

Joe Herbert



St.Mary's University

To all the members of the Old Wandsworthians Memorial Trust. I would like to say a huge thank you for your generous grants that supported myself in completing university. I graduated from St Mary's University Twickenham in 2019 with upper second-class honours and went on to complete my first year of teaching in the 2019/2020 academic year, therefore achieving a fully qualified teacher status.

I am now continuing as a teacher in my second year with the same school. The grants supported me financially with commuting to and from school placements and contributed towards textbooks and resources that were essential to acquire within my course. From purchasing a range of resources that could be manipulated within the classroom, my teaching allowed children to immerse themselves within their learning during exciting, hands-on lessons, with feedback given from my mentors to say how they noticed the children enjoying their learning...which is what learning should be about!

With the experience that I have gained at university, I have been able to manipulate this within the beginning of my teaching career which has been reflected in feedback I have received throughout my NQT year from my mentor as well as other staff members.
As I move into my second year of teaching, I am still able to implement the knowledge and understanding that I have gained from university with the help of the trust in funding to support my studies.

I had an amazing three years whilst studying at university and the funding offered from the trust made those three years even more incredible.

I would like to reiterate my thanks to the OWMT for their continued support throughout my time at university. I hope the trust can continue it's amazing support for other students like myself.

Joe Herbert

WANDSWORTHIANS RFC

RUGBY IN LOCKDOWN

A SEASON LIKE NO OTHER

It has been an interesting start to the 2020/21 season with Covid running rampant.
At the start of November we had the unfortunate news that the rugby season had been cancelled, leaving us reeling with many players keen to strap on the boots and start working the shoulders again.

Thankfully there has been some positivity for the club in spite of the Covid situation. We have been training and working hard on our handling skills and fitness in preparation for the new 'Ready4rugby' competition. The game is a modified touch rugby hybrid that allows more ball handling and running skills without any contact. Not as exciting for the big boppers, but definitely increases the fitness after a few too many lockdown beers.

After 2 rounds we have had some great success with 25 players taking part from the club. This includes 5 new players as well as the ever green Peter Brown and club president Ash Ali.

In the first round of the competition we managed 2nd and 4th place. In round 2, we came 3rd and 5th. A great show from our two teams especially playing against the recently relegated Streatham and Croydon side from Surrey 2. We hope to continue this competition in December and will be hosting our own leg as soon as we get the go ahead. As a rugby club, we can't wait to see you all at the next Trustee event and as always welcome everyone to come and support the boys at our matches.

Cheers Captain Locky



REDRUTH 2005

WHAT GOE'S ON TOUR

...NORMALLY STAYS ON TOUR!















OWMT DONATION SCHEME AND PRIZE DRAW

Over time we have received many enquiries from Old Wandsworthians asking how they can donate funds to help the Trust, while others want to make a contribution towards the many events that the Memorial Trust arrange on behalf of all of us.

In 2012 the Trustees launched a scheme to provide a mechanism for people to make donations and raise funds. This continued support helps with the ever-lengthening list of requests from our members.

Apart from having the satisfaction of helping many deserving causes, you will also have the chance to win £250 from our prize draw.

The winning ticket will be drawn at the annual Dave Pollard Memorial Lunch. To qualify you have to be signed up for 12 months.

To help the Memorial Trust Fund, please download and print the form on our website.

Complete the standing order mandate for £5 per month. Fill in your bank account details and send to your bank…it's that easy!

This small amount can make a big difference to the Trust's ability to fulfil their grant requests.

We thank you for your continued support.
Best wishes – The Trustees



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.

ROLL OF HONOUR 1914 – 1918

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NEXT YEARS' SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE, WILL BE ON
FRIDAY NOVEMBER 12TH 2021 AT SAINT CECILIA'S SCHOOL.