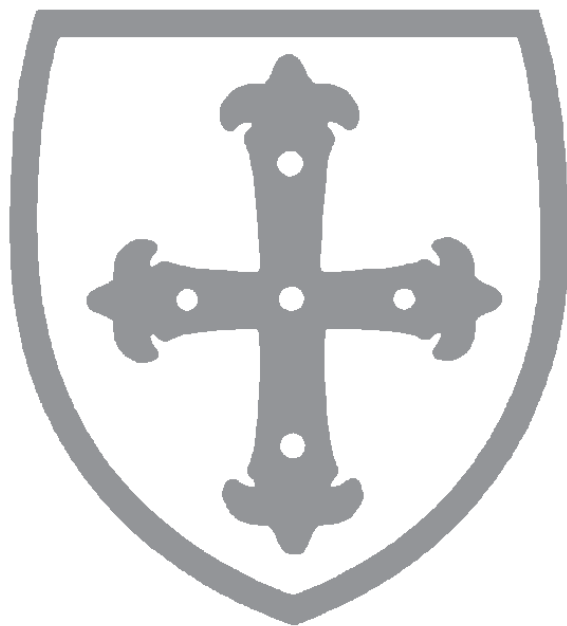


# OLD WHITGIFTIAN ASSOCIATION



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# OLD WHITGIFTIAN NEWS

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## Editor's note:

This is the third edition of *Old Whitgiftian News*, originally produced to fill the gap in publication of the *Whitgiftian* but now appearing to have taken on a life of its own. Judging by the large number of favourable comments received, it seems that this newsletter is a worthwhile undertaking and I expect it to be continued when the *Whitgiftian* reappears. I was asked by the School to provide a short "catch up" piece on OW matters for the omnibus edition of the *Whitgiftian* which is now in publication, so the hibernation period seems close to an end. Those OWs interested in more frequent information on the School's progress may also care to look at the termly newsletter, *Whitgift Life*, which is available on the School website ([www.whitgift.co.uk](http://www.whitgift.co.uk)).

That indefatigable correspondent, **Ian Munro** (1959-64), pointed out that The Times obituary of John Smallwood, a Church Commissioner, included a quotation from Smallwood's work on the Archbishops of Canterbury since Augustine: "John Whitgift was a man born for the benefit of his country and the good of his church ... his patience, persistence, strength, understanding and, perhaps above all, integrity were invaluable". It is not a bad array of virtues for us, as heirs to his benefaction, to remember in the fifth century of John Whitgift's Foundation.

Last year, I referred to the large number of OW deaths that the newsletter records. In a publication that attempts to be a document of record this is sadly inevitable, but it also offers an opportunity to celebrate the remarkable lives of our fellow OWs. In this edition there are obituaries of **Kenneth Lockwood**, MBE, the celebrated veteran of Colditz, and of **Bishop James Roxburgh**, whose photograph appeared in *Old Whitgiftian News* a few years ago, dressed in the full bishop's outfit including gaiters and top hat, as well as brief news of an OW, **John Williams**, who has died at the age of 101. One recent death that does not fall within the period covered by this edition is that of **Martin Turner** (1931-40), who died on 7 April 2008. Martin's remarkable life as international sportsman and devoted OW will be covered in the next (2008) edition.

For as long as I can remember the *Whitgiftian* has included a section entitled OWs Overseas. In recent years the responsibility for producing this has been taken by **Robin Holt** (1958-63). Robin has said that the overwhelming majority of the correspondence that he receives from overseas provides details of address changes and feels that the role of Overseas Home Correspondent is no longer relevant. May I therefore ask that, in future, OWs overseas (and remember we do want to hear from you, not just when you move house) send letters and messages directly to the Clubhouse either by traditional or electronic means (the e-mail address is [clubhouse@owa.org](mailto:clubhouse@owa.org)). The OWA is very grateful for the work of Robin and his predecessors.

If I may repeat what I said last year: we should like to know more about the lives and careers of OWs and there is no need to wait for an obituary to keep the Association informed.

The Subscription Treasurer continues to make a plea for those OWs who still pay their subscription by standing order to consider a transfer to direct debit. Standing orders cost the OWA both time and money because each one requires manual identification and data entry; direct debits are processed automatically and incur lower bank charges. The necessary form may be obtained from the OW Clubhouse or downloaded from the website: [www.owa.org/downloads](http://www.owa.org/downloads).

*Nigel Platts*

## John Straw (1941-47)

President, OWA 2007-8



John was at School from 1941-47 under the headmasterships of Ellis and Marlar. He was a talented sportsman (1st XV, Fives and Athletics) and after School became Surrey champion for high jump and high hurdles. John left School at sixteen to take articles with a firm of chartered accountants and subsequently worked as an accountant in industry with Rootes Group, the car manufacturers, and then with Harringtons, purveyors of nappies to royalty. In 1960, John became a management consultant with the firm which became Deloitte Robson Morrow and was a partner there before setting up his own consulting practice, which he still runs.

John has been a dedicated OW from the days when he played for and captained the OW 1st XV to his current long term service on the committee of the Whitgift Benevolent Society. Although he lives in Emsworth (where he can indulge his passion for sailing), John claims that he can easily commute to Croham Road in his famously aged Ford Mondeo Estate – those who have seen John in action during his year of office will not disagree, for there can have been few OWA Presidents who have been so “hands on”. Surely there has not been a previous President prepared to roll up his sleeves and produce management accounts as well as attend committee and other meetings relating to every aspect of OW activity. We are very lucky to have a President of such practical energy and we are grateful that John has been prepared to give so much time in what is a busy life. No doubt when his term of office is ended, he will have more time for his family (Jane, three children and seven grandchildren) for sailing, skiing and riding, but it seems more than likely that he will want to keep a close involvement in a wide range of OW matters.

## Reunions

Last year it was noted that OWA Day in 2005 and 2006 took place in September and coincided with the School’s Open Day. As a result there was much to see and admire and the School looked superb but poor attendance led to a decision not to hold OWA Day in 2007. The enthusiasm of **David Stranack** (1949-55) as Chairman of the OWA has led to a decision to revive OWA Day in 2008. The results of the significant effort required to organise this event will be reported on next year.

The Annual Dinner (number 112), in September 2007, successfully presided over by our President, **Chris Jenkins** (1956-63), was held at BAFTA in Piccadilly.

*Other reunions:* The OWA hosts or assists in the arrangement of many reunions, large and small, including decade reunion dinners and lunches (notably well attended, particularly by those of more mature years) and regional dinners, as well as the dinners and events held at Croham Road by the sporting clubs and other groups. It is always particularly pleasing, however, to hear of informal get togethers of OWs: one example was the reunion in Hong Kong which brought together six whose dates at the School were 1963-71



(**Jonathan Legat, Paul Stone, Steve Brown, Tim Hancock, Nick Beacroft and Roddy Sage**); another was the lunch arranged by **Gerald Bowthorpe** (1949-56) for **Tim Forbes** (1955-60) and his wife Gael to meet up with old friends and rugby team mates during their trip to

Europe for the Rugby World Cup. **Peter Warren** (1947-56), Convener of the Upper Fifth, writes to let us know that the Upper Vth of 1952-53 are still meeting on an annual basis: “ ‘Unique’ would be a brave claim, but ‘rather special’ would surely be fair for an English public school class that has met annually since the latter half of the 1950s. Indeed, for a number of us, the reunion in 2007 saw us

celebrating the 55th anniversary of our reunions – which were initiated in Cambridge by way of tea club meetings in King’s College by our classmate the late John Maynard – and the 60th anniversary of friendships begun in the 1st form in 1947. And I guess that combination really is unique.

Eighteen of our extant twenty-one met at the Athenaeum in London for luncheon on 24 September and warmly welcomed as our guest the sole survivor amongst our Magistri in 52-53, Bob Schad. Present were Messrs Bernard, Brewster, David, Halfacre, Hamilton, Hartley, Haywood, Hilton (from Belgium), Hayward, Rokison, Ryde, Stocks (all the way from Oz), Sutcliffe, Tisdall, Trott, Warren and Webb. Few formalities interrupted our loquacious chatter but we took time to recall Whitgift and those to whom we owed so much in our education – to which toast Bob kindly responded; to note those unable to attend (but who had kindly sent their news and good wishes), namely Messrs Brown, Kennedy and Parkinson, and remember those who, alas, have gone ahead to meet the School Founder, Messrs Anderson, Bicknell, Gribbin, Jenkins, Maynard and Rowson.

For those present, all but three now septuagenarians, this was a time to enjoy lively conversations and, above all, the ever-closer friendship of a group whose collective memories of Whitgift, Croydon and life in Britain in the 40s-60s and whose diverse careers and interests provide no shortage of fascinating material for the would be raconteur to offer and the ardent enquirer to seek. And in this, as behoves an Upper Vth, we did not fail!”

*The regular meeting of this remarkable group, and the additional news from Dr Roderic Warren (1958-65) that the V1th Science B of 1963 have met at least once in recent years – see correspondence section – serves to remind other OWs that small group reunions are well worthwhile. The OWA will always be happy to help with contact addresses.*



## An OW discovered

From time to time information comes to hand of OWs of earlier generations whose career reached rare levels of distinction and deserves wider recognition. One such was **Dr Arthur Arnold Osman** (1905-09). In an article by Stewart Cameron of Guy’s Hospital, Osman is described as a “forgotten pioneer of nephrology”. Osman trained at Guy’s Hospital after he left Whitgift. During the First World War he served in the Royal Navy and was awarded the DSC (his service and decoration is not recorded in the OW War Memorial Book). He was one of the first physicians in the world to specialise in the management of renal disorders, the first (in the 1930s) to recognise that nephrology needed to be a speciality, was almost certainly the first to describe himself as a “nephrologist” (1945), founded the first nephrological society in the world - The Renal Association (1950) - and organised the first international meeting devoted entirely to the kidney and its diseases (1953). It would appear that this remarkable man would have been better known to posterity if he had been attached permanently to a major



hospital but, during the Second World War, the bombing of London resulted in parts of Guy’s Hospital being removed to Kent where Osman settled at Pembury Hospital. In the words of Cameron, he “... worked in what, by international standards, was an obscure service hospital outside the metropolis. However, his monument is visible, like Sir Christopher Wren’s when we stand in St Paul’s Cathedral, all around us. It is called nephrology”. At Pembury, Osman was nicknamed “the Wizard of Oz” and he is remembered there in the renal out-patients and dialysis unit linked with Guy’s and named the “Arthur Osman Renal Unit”. Osman died in 1978. His obituary in the *British Medical Journal* described him as “a man of strong personality yet pleasant ... with a sense of humour which delighted his friends. He will be remembered as a brilliant doctor and a true friend”.

## An OW super hero?

The career of **Dr Peter Bourne** (1953-57) is remarkable: psychiatrist with the US Special Forces in Vietnam (and awarded the Bronze Star, Air Medal and Combat Medics Badge), adviser to US government and deputy campaign director and confidant to President Jimmy Carter, Assistant Secretary-General of the United Nations, university vice-chancellor and llama breeder at his farm in Wales. A visit to his personal website, however, reveals a different cause for celebrity. In 1980 the publication of the novel, *The Bourne Identity*, surprised Peter because the name Bourne was fairly unusual. Like the novel's hero, he had served with US Special Forces in Vietnam and Peter was at the time regularly in the news. A conversation between the author Robert Ludlum and Peter's father led Ludlum to confirm Peter Bourne's suspicions that he had chosen the name of his amnesiac secret agent, Jason Bourne, as a result of reading about Peter in the news media and especially *The Washington Post*. All we need now is to discover that Spiderman or the Incredible Hulk is based on an OW – readers may be able to nominate suitable candidates.

## OWs in the News

It is not often that it can be said that **all** OWs are in the news but this occurred in November 2007. Sally Cox, a civil servant living in South Croydon, appeared on BBC2's show *Arrange Me a Marriage* which aimed to apply the principles of Asian arranged marriages to non Asian subjects. Sally's friends and family were seen trying to find her a soul mate but the selected candidate did not create the necessary spark. Sally said that what she was looking for would be a "clean cut, middle class boy". She went on to say that in Croydon terms it would mean "a Whitgift educated lad who has gone and got a professional career like a doctor, lawyer or somebody working in the City". *The Croydon Advertiser* headline read "All I want for Christmas is a Whitgift educated man".

A lengthy interview in *The Daily Telegraph* allowed **David Freud** (1961-68) to expound his theories on how the private sector can help reduce Britain's welfare dependency. The Freud Report, commissioned by Tony Blair and completed shortly before he resigned as Prime Minister, looked critically at the welfare system "a mess nobody understands or can manage". Although his report was not acted on, David has subsequently been recruited as an adviser to the Work and Pensions Secretary to find a way to reduce significantly the 3.1m people who are not working – "I think we can get about 1.4m back to work". As his interviewers suggested "David Freud's family background may have been a useful preparation for politics – his great-grandfather, Sigmund, would have had a field day with the 'psychological flaws' and competing egos of the Labour Government". It is interesting to note that the Chief Medical Adviser to the Department of Work and Pensions, who will presumably take a major interest in changes to the system, is **Dr Peter Wright** (1955-62).

Under the headline "Husband finds new love on road to recovery", *The Times* of 8 May 2007 brought news of the 3,000 mile trek across America by **Phil Goddard** (1969-77) in memory of his wife, Jayne, who died of cancer in 2006 at the age of 49. Phil walked an estimated 7.4m steps across thirteen states, wearing out three pairs of boots and a dozen pairs of socks. The walk, which raised more than £40,000 for International Cancer Research, was completed on what would have been Phil and Jayne's eighteenth wedding anniversary. Phil took some time off to do voluntary work rebuilding hurricane-shattered homes in New Orleans and there met Pam Dean, who, he says has "helped me turn a corner". Phil said that he saw his journey as a "healing experience".



The pleasures of the table at Colwell Park Hotel near Malvern have been extolled in previous editions of OW News. This hotel is owned by **Iain Nesbitt** (1957-62) and is highly regarded by food writers. The most recent accolade is recommendation in *The Times* of 3 November 2007 as one of the "Top Ten Sunday Lunch Spots" nationwide. The description of "great local ingredients", "good value", and "friendly atmosphere" makes a trip to the glorious Malvern Hills a near obligation, not just a pleasure.

**Rt Rev Colin Buchanan** (1944-53), former Bishop of Woolwich and now an Assistant Bishop in the Diocese of Bradford, criticised Gordon Brown for surrendering the power, under the royal prerogative, to choose diocesan bishops. In an article in the *Church Times*, he went on to attack the Church of England for its deference to secular attitudes as “breathtaking – the angels themselves must laugh”.

Member of the band St Etienne and redoubtable correspondent of pop music and architecture, **Bob Stanley** (1976-83) had a tilt at British attitudes to modernism in architecture (“We know what we like. It’s not modern” *The Times*, 9 June 2007). Bob’s Croydon roots are reflected in his comments about the Fairfield Halls which are “the only other example in Britain of the Royal Festival Hall’s ‘egg in a box’ design. Battered, disfigured and covered in Letraset it may have been over the past 40 years, but Croydon’s RFH Junior still shares the gentle curves, the smiling façade, the relaxed and welcoming feeling of its elder sibling. As part of the local council’s vision of the future, the Halls are threatened with demolition. ‘It’s funny’, a press officer says, ‘but when we come to pull it down in a few years’ time that kind of building will probably be fashionable again’.”

The correspondence pages of *The Spectator* are always worth perusal. Those of 7 July 2007 were particularly pleasing as **Dr Peter Urben** (1956-64) provided a scientific antidote to commissioning “another exhibition of panicked paranoia from Melanie Phillips or another hysterical hackette”. He explained that terrorists who attempted to explode a “limo-bomb of petrol and gas cylinders” should be ridiculed because such a contraption could never work and “to believe it displays an understanding of the physical universe scarcely worthy even of a PPE undergraduate”. It would appear that to become explosive petrol and propane require mixing with air within narrow composition limits and “large volumes, such as car bombs, of such uniform mixture will not form spontaneously under any normal ventilation conditions”. His comments were picked up with some amusement by Matthew Parris in his column in *The Times*. Peter Urben speaks with authority as an Oxford chemist: those who were his School contemporaries will remember his propensity to cause small explosions during history lessons by the liberal use of chemicals spread on the floor of room 22 (Douglas Hussey’s room). He showed a considerable interest in making a noise at an early age and his current views accordingly demand respect!



In September 2007, the Croydon Advertiser included an appeal for relatives of a young Second World War soldier, a sketch of whom, dated 12 December 1940, had been found in the artist’s papers by his family in Scotland. The soldier was named as **Anthony Dubois** (1930-38) and other information showed that his parents came from Sanderstead. The appeal led to the sketch being claimed by **Martin Dubois** (1938-40), the youngest and last surviving of six Whitgiftian brothers of the family. Five of the Dubois brothers served in the army during the War (Martin was too young) and two, including Anthony, a Second Lieutenant in the Royal Tank Regiment, were killed in action in the Middle East. Anthony died on 7 May 1941, aged 20.

**Greg Gaffney** (1981-89), hit the headlines in the Brighton **Argus**, when he tackled a handbag thief in the centre of Brighton. Although successful in catching the thief and bringing him to the ground with a tackle, attributed to rugby skills learnt at “prestigious Whitgift School”, Greg was somewhat rueful to note that his mobile phone was broken in the incident and that his suit was ripped – “I certainly wasn’t dressed for rugby. It was worth it though. I’m just pleased we got the bag back”. This story was brought to the attention of the OWA by **Andy Chiles** (1992-99), a journalist at the *Argus*. Readers will be pleased to see that, like the BBC, we have correspondents in many locations!



The June 2007 obituary in *The Times* of Richard Law (not an OW), banker and subsequently a noted writer on opera, mentions his part in opera recitals when at Oxford and recalls a now long dead OW, **Andrew Pavlovsky** (1936-44) - “... with the amazing Andrew Pavlovsky at the piano ...”. Pavlovsky



died in 1957 at the age of 30 and was described in his obituary in *The Times* as "... a person of such rare gifts and promise that his death ought not to go unrecorded". At the time of his death he was already forging a successful career in the Civil Service after reading Greats as a classical scholar at Lincoln College, Oxford. The obituary records that his intellectual energy was inexhaustible. He taught himself Hebrew and Old Slavonic and was fluent in Russian, German, French and Italian as well as being a brilliant amateur pianist, a critic of the highest standards and with a "musical knowledge and maturity of judgment extraordinary in so young a man". It is remarkable that this name should be recalled in the obituary of an Oxford contemporary almost exactly fifty years after his death was recorded in the *Whitgiftian* of July 1957.

The Daily Telegraph of 22 October 2007 recorded the comments of **Professor Paul Wordsworth** (1965-70) on the discovery of two genes that significantly increase the risk of a disabling form of arthritis (ankylosing spondylitis). According to Paul, who is a consultant rheumatologist at the Nuffield Department of Medicine at Oxford University, "the identification of these genes points the way very clearly to new methods of suppressing the inflammation" of this disease and "offers exciting possibilities of treatment for other inflammatory conditions".

## Honours, Awards and Appointments

### Operational Honours

**Major Jon Swift** (1987-94), Royal Regiment of Fusiliers: Mentioned in Despatches for services in Afghanistan.

### Birthday Honours List 2007:

**Richard Barnes** (1957-65): MBE, for services to education and music.

### New Year's Honours List 2008:

**Ian Flanagan** (1948-1954): OBE, Vice President Perennial-Gardeners' Royal Benevolent Society for services to horticulture.

**Anthony Oliver** (1952-57): MBE, for services to the community in Wimborne, Dorset.

**Peter Dunn** (1956-64): MVO, formerly senior audit manager KPMG, for services to the Royal accounts.

### City Livery Companies:

**Dr Peter Warren** (1947-56): Master of the Guild of Educators.

### Ecclesiastical:

**Rev Brian Macdonald-Milne** (1947-53), Adviser of the Melanesian Brotherhood and assistant priest in the parishes of Waterbeach and Landbeach: Honorary Canon of St Barnabas' Cathedral, Honiara, Province of Melanesia.

**Rev Peter Kelly** (1956-65), Vicar, Swinmore St Barnabas and Rural Dean, Bishop's Waltham: Honorary Canon, Portsmouth Cathedral.

## Academic and Professional



**Lord Borrie** (1946) has retired as Chairman of the Advertising Standards Authority and, with effect from March 2008, became Chairman of the Ombudsman Council for Estate Agents. He points out that new legislation requires that "every estate agent should belong to a redress scheme and our council overlooks the work of the ombudsman and his full time staff". In his view, the new appointment will "keep me busy". He is active in House of Lords debates, particularly on employment and criminal justice.

News of **Professor David Kingston** (1948-56) (pictured left) of the Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University has been provided by **Dr Terry Cooper**



(1952-59), a near contemporary who also lives in the United States. David Kingston's work has been recognised with the Ernest Guenther Award in the Chemistry of Natural Products. The report of this award in *Chemical and Engineering News* refers to his early love of chemistry "honed by building explosives that he field tested in nearby countryside" as a schoolboy in Croydon and his subsequent interest in natural products chemistry as an undergraduate at Cambridge. Natural products chemistry looks for therapies in the natural world that will contribute to human health. His best known work is the systematic study of paclitaxel, which is marketed by Bristol-Myers Squibb as Taxol, a drug used to inhibit rapid division of cancer cells. David Kingston has also isolated more than 200 bioactive natural products from the forest and coral reefs of Suriname and Madagascar, which has led in part to the establishment of Central Suriname Nature Reserve which protects 1.6 million hectares of forest. As recognition of his remarkable career two trees, *Cordia Kingstoniana* from Peru and *Taxus Kingstonii*, a new yew tree found in China, have been named after him. The yew genus is the source of paclitaxel. His work with the International Cooperative Biodiversity Group programme, in some of the least hospitable parts of the planet, has been described as "nothing short of remarkable. Its success is a tribute to his insight, perseverance and belief in the importance of natural product research". In 1999 David Kingston was recipient of the Research Achievement Award of the American Society of Pharmacognosy and was the 2002 winner of the Outstanding Scientist of Virginia award.

**Dudley Shallcross** (1977-84), (pictured right) has been appointed Professor of Atmospheric Chemistry at the University of Bristol. Dudley is also Chair for Bristol of the Royal Society of Chemistry and a member of the steering group for the Science Learning Centre South West. In 2006 he was the first ever recipient of the Society of Chemical Industries International Chemical Education Award and in 2007 received the University of Bristol's Engagement Award for the Faculty of Science.



A contemporary of Dudley Shallcross, **Paul Shutler** (1977-84) is Assistant Professor of Mathematics and Mathematics Education at Nanyang Technical University in Singapore.

**Lord Wedderburn of Charlton**, FBA (1943-45): has been elected a Master of the Middle Temple. He was also nominated as one of ten "Exemplars of excellence" in the teaching of law in *The Times* law supplement of 16 October 2007. He was described as "widely acclaimed by numerous prominent lawyers, judges, academics and civil servants he taught" at Cambridge and the LSE. So valuable was he considered after graduating that he was offered his college fellowship while on platform 10 at King's Cross Station.

The award of an MBE to **Richard Barnes** (1957-65) is noted elsewhere. Richard has taught, for over thirty years, at Lady Manners School, Bakewell and is currently Head of Upper School. His principal interest is choral music and, as well as being director of the successful school choir, he is Musical Director of the Bakewell Choral Society. In 1996 he was awarded the honorary diploma ARSCM by the Royal School of Church Music in recognition of his work directing residential courses for young choristers.

**Steffan Griffiths** (1982-90), formerly a classics master at Eton, is now Usher (Deputy Headmaster) at Magdalen College School, Oxford whilst his brother **Toby** (1981-89) is Deputy Head of Lanesborough, the preparatory school of RGS Guildford. Their father **Brian** has now retired from the School staff after 37 years. Steffan is working with the new Master of Magdalen College School, **Dr Tim Hands**, who was Second Master at School (1994-97). As reported in the last Old Whitgiftian News, Tim succeeded **Andrew Halls** (Staff 1984-88), who is now Headmaster of King's College School, Wimbledon. The world of independent education seems astonishingly inter related!

Another former member of staff, **Dr Anthony Seldon** (1983-89), now Master of Wellington College, is rarely absent from the news, either as a leading headmaster with trenchant views on the role and future of the independent sector or as a political biographer of Prime Ministers Major and Blair.

## Administration

**Mike Gooderson** (1962-66), after many years membership of the Scout Association, was elected a Trustee in September 2006. In September 2007 Mike was elected Chairman of the Trustees and of the Council of the Scout Association of the UK. The Scout Association, which celebrated its centenary in 2007, is the largest co-educational youth movement in the UK with a growing membership approaching 500,000 (worldwide some 28 million). Mike has always taken a close interest in supporting children with special needs: this included ten years of running a Scout and Guide group at Great Ormond Street Children's Hospital – he still runs a group at the Norwich and Norfolk Hospital. He has also been a JP for sixteen years and is Deputy Chairman of the local bench and youth panel.



**Howard Bairstow** (1958-66) is a Conservative councillor for the Falkland Ward of Newbury on the West Berkshire Council.

### Business

**John Rawlings** (1958-65) is Chairman of Skipton Building Society. After reading modern languages at Cambridge he joined the Foreign Office before moving into merchant banking where he became Deputy Chairman of Morgan Grenfell.



### The Services

**Major-General Peter Wall**, CBE (1965-73) has been appointed Deputy Chief of the Defence Staff (Commitments) and promoted to the rank of Lieutenant General with effect from August 2007.

**Brigadier Rudi Wertheim** (1967-75), formerly Commander of the Armoured Centre at Bovington Camp, is now UK Military and Defence Attaché in Beijing.

**Colonel Nigel Gilbert** (1956-1963), a former regimental colonel of the Royal Logistics Corps, is now Captain of Invalids at the Royal Hospital Chelsea. He is also on the committee of the Cormorant Club, the association for alumni of the Joint Services Command and Staff College.

## Sport (see also Universities)

The career of **Danny Cipriani** (2001-06) both on and off the rugby field attracts attention in all parts of the national media. After a remarkable season in 2006-07 in which he was, aged 19, a member of the London Wasps team that won the Heineken Cup at Twickenham, he was selected for the England Saxons team that won the Churchill Cup and then was a member of the England World Cup squad in autumn 2007. Although Danny was left out of the final squad that played in the World Cup, he came back into contention for the full England team after a series of exceptional performances for Wasps in the early part of the new season. Selected for the 2008 Six Nations' Championship squad, he made his début as a substitute against Wales in a game that English supporters would wish to forget. A second cap as a substitute against Italy followed and, after selection for, and subsequent well publicised exclusion from, the team to play Scotland, Danny made his starting début against Ireland. The result was the stuff of childhood fantasy: seven kicks at goal, all successful, robust and imaginative play in all aspects of the game and euphoric acknowledgement by the commentators and critics.



**Richard Thorpe** (1998-2003) has become a regular first team player at London Irish and scored a hat trick of tries against Newport Gwent Dragons in the Heineken Cup, while Tajiv (Tosh) Masson (1996-2003) has been a regular first team player at Harlequins. Mark Foster (2000-02) remains a first team squad player at Gloucester but has had fewer opportunities in the Premiership during season 2007-08 as a result of extensive star recruitment by the club. James Inglis (1996-2004) is in the Harlequins first team squad and Adam Thompstone (1999-2006), formerly of Harlequins, and Nick Canty (1999-2006) are Academy members at London Irish.

It gives great pleasure to report that during the 2007 season, and for the first time since the retirement of **Raman Subba Row** (1943-50) in 1961, an OW recorded a first class century. **Laurie Evans** (1998-2004), playing for Durham University, scored 133 not out against Lancashire. He also scored half centuries for Durham against Nottinghamshire and for MCC against the West Indies touring team. Laurie finished the season with a first class batting average of 52.14 and a position of 29 in the national averages. **Matthew Spriegel** (1998-2005) also played first class cricket (for Loughborough University, which he captained) and captained Surrey 2nd XI. Both Laurie and Matthew have obtained full contracts with Surrey. **Jason Roy**, **Tom Winslade** and **Navid Chaudhry** (all present Whitgiftians) also played for Surrey 2nd XI during the season.

**Ian Kibble** (1995-2002) is playing hockey for Hampstead and Westminster in the National Premier League while his brother **Simon** (1993-2000) was part of the Walcott (Bath) rugby team that achieved promotion to South West Division II in season 2006/07.

**Victor Moses** (2004-07) and **Lee Hills** (2000-06) have been playing for Crystal Palace during Championship season 2007-08. Both have scored goals. There have been rumours of interest by Premier League teams for both Victor and Lee and transfer prices of £5m and £3m respectively have been suggested. Victor has been described in the national press as “the next big thing in English football”. **Rhys Coleman** (2001-06) with Charlton Athletic, **Jack Page** (2000-06) with Leyton Orient and **Sam Page** (1999-2004) with MK Dons have all been progressing well in the professional game.



**Antony Owers** (1961-69) has been appointed Patron of Croydon Harriers. Antony, who was at one time Team Captain of the club, succeeded the late Lord Weatherill in this role.

**Peter Gale** (1963-69) is a trustee of *The Cricket Foundation*, the charity behind the highly acclaimed Chance to Shine initiative which seeks to bring cricket to inner city children.

## Universities

**Ross Broadfoot** (1996-2003) of St Edmund's College won a rugby blue for Cambridge in the 2007 University Match. Ross, formerly of Leicester Tigers and Bedford and a freshman at Cambridge, kicked a penalty goal before leaving the field with a leg injury.

**Adam Healy** (1997-2005) and **Tim Catling** (1997-2005) were members of the Oxford Blues squad. Tim played several games for the Blues team, but was not in the squad for the match against Cambridge. Adam and Tim both played in the successful Oxford Greyhounds team (university second team) that beat the LX Club their Cambridge counterparts. In addition, **Tom Roberts** (2005-07) and **William Hall** (1999-2006) played for Cambridge Under 21s against Oxford and **Ifor Capel** (1998-2006) has played for Oxford Under 21s as well as winning a half blue for Judo.

## Publications

In his splendid, recently published, book *The Discovery of France*, Graham Robb (a non OW Oxford academic) introduces a scene one night in May 1891, south west of Chartres, as a small group of people peered down a long, deserted road. Robb quotes the words of C Briault in his 1895 book *Les Pyrénées et l'Auvergne à bicyclette*: “All at once, three shadows surged out of the darkness, passed like a fleeting vision and disappeared into the night. One of us called out, ‘Who was that?’ – ‘Mills’, came the reply. – and without a moment's delay, we remounted and raced back towards Chartres, to the Hôtel du Grand Monarque, where the checkpoint had been set up.” The British amateur, **George Pilkington Mills** (1882) was on his way to winning the first Bordeaux-Paris bicycle race. Later in the year, a longer race Paris-Brest-Paris was organised: to ensure that no interloper should win, only Frenchmen were allowed to enter! Mills, who died in 1948, was a pioneer in cycling (both bicycle and tricycle) winning many

competitive races and establishing records between Lands End and John o' Groats. He was also an early motorist and champion shot. In the First World War, when he served as a Lt Colonel in the Bedfordshire Regiment, he was awarded the DSO and was twice mentioned in dispatches.

A commemorative volume to celebrate the work of **Professor Wolfgang Liebeschütz**, FBA (1940-45) has recently been published by the Institute of Classical Studies, London. A copy has been acquired for the School archive. Wolfgang Liebeschütz is a distinguished classicist and was Professor of Classical and Archaeological Studies at Nottingham University. He is now an Emeritus Professor; his most recent book was *The Decline and Fall of the Roman City*.

## The Arts and Entertainment

**Neil Gaiman** (1974-77) is the author behind two recent Hollywood films. *Stardust* is a fantasy adventure, directed by Matthew Vaughn and based on Neil's novel, starring, among others, Robert de Niro, Michelle Pfeiffer, Siena Miller, Rupert Everett and Ricky Gervais. The film is described as an adult fairy tale but has "more whimsy and humour" than the book. It was rated "#7 movie of 2007" by the film critics of Associated Press and has, so far, taken in excess of \$136m at the box-office. *Beowulf*, a retelling by Neil of the Anglo-Saxon story directed by Robert Zemeckis, stars Ray Winstone, Anthony Hopkins and Angelina Jolie. This film, which makes use of the most advanced animation techniques, has proved successful in cinemas and on DVD and has been described as taking "intriguing liberties with the heroic narrative".

**Simon Nieminski** (1978-86), formerly Organist and Master of the Music at St Mary's Episcopal Cathedral in Edinburgh, was appointed in September 2007 Organist at St Mary's Metropolitan Cathedral, the Roman Catholic Cathedral of Edinburgh. Simon studied at the Royal College of Music and Pembroke College, Cambridge and was subsequently Organ Scholar at York Cathedral. His extensive professional work includes concerts, radio and television broadcasts and events at the Edinburgh Festival. Simon has made numerous recordings and accolades include "This is a splendid release ... there is a lot of poetry here." – *The American Record Review* and "Simon Nieminski's playing is utterly convincing and at one stroke establishes him as a recording artist of the first rank." – *Organists' Review*. Simon's biographical details include the following intriguing description: "Simon Nieminski was born in London and descended from an unlikely mixture of Edwardian Japanese acrobats, Lancastrian music hall artistes and a Polish army veteran".

**Martin Jarvis** (1953-60) had the opportunity in *The Times*, prior to his appearance at the Cheltenham Literary Festival in October 2007, of describing the challenge of re-creating Jeeves on stage and in radio recordings. Among many anecdotes one stands out – on stage in New York, proceedings were interrupted by the ringing of a mobile phone. The actor playing Bertie Wooster ad-libbed "I say, Jeeves, is that a mobile phone?" Jarvis/Jeeves responded "I hardly think so sir, they haven't been invented yet!"

## Miscellaneous

Many OWs will know Suzanne Piscina, who works in the office at Croham Road. It transpires that Suzanne is the niece of **F/O Michael Jones** (1948-54) who was killed on active service at the age of 21, while stationed at RAF Changi, Singapore in 1958, when his RAF Shackleton crashed in the South China Sea. His name is recorded in the new Armed Forces Memorial in Staffordshire and he is buried at Terendak Military Cemetery, Malacca, Malaysia.

**Grant Eustace** (1954-62) scripted a training film for the army, *Tank 862*, which won a gold award at the 2007 World Media Festival. Grant says that corporate writing pays the bills (242 scripts to date) but the army film is closer to the bigger projects which he is attempting to get off the ground since it is a twenty five minute drama with no narrating voice.

*The Sunday Times* of 30 September 2007 included a remarkable 1914 photograph of zebras pulling a cart advertising tea (to mark the photographic archive of London Zoo becoming available on line).

The tea in question was *Mazawattee*, unavailable for many years but a leading brand in pre First World War Britain and owned by the Densham family, at least ten of whom were OWs. The best known of this family was **J B Densham** (1894-98) who competed in the 400m hurdles in the 1908 Olympic Games.

## OW Sport

The last edition of OW News reported satisfactory results and resounding success for rugby and hockey in season 2006-07. For OWCC, season 2007 was again frustrating with the 1st XI narrowly missing out on promotion. There was spectacular success in the Surrey 20/20 competition, which was won against Premier Division opposition and in the Development League which was also won. For OWRFC and OWHC, the step up in 2007-08 after promotion resulted in mid table placing for both. The resounding success of junior cricket at Croham Road has led to similar plans in hockey and rugby and much work has gone into reviving the junior rugby that flourished twenty years ago. OWFC did not have quite as good a season in 2007-08 as in some previous years, but there is much enthusiasm to continue to make progress. Smaller clubs like the Veterans Rifle Club, Swimming and Fives continue to attract a firm core of support. The Fives Club is notable for organising a regular tour to the West Country and a remarkably consistent array of players has made this an annual event: it is not clear how good the fives is, but age cannot wither the players.

We still wait to win the Halford Hewitt golf tournament, although it would be wrong to defer news of success in the 2008 Plate competition until OW News 2008. After losing a close match in the first round of the main competition against the eventual (and regular) winners, Tonbridge, the excellent Whitgift team fought through to the Plate final where they beat Berkhamsted.

## Deaths

We have, with regret, to record the deaths of the following OWs reported since the preparation of the previous edition of OW News:

**BAGLEY** – In 2007, Derrick Herbert (1927-32), aged 92

**BENNETT** – On 5 February 2007, James Victor Frederick (1929-36), aged 87

**BYATT** – In 2007, Derrick Alfred Henry (1938-46), aged 77

**BRUDENELL-DALE** – On 16 February 2007, James (1923-30), aged 93

**BUTTFIELD** – On a date unknown, Edgar Henry (1925-29)

**COLLIS** – On 8 April 2007, James Philip (1939-46), aged 79, President OWA 1981-82, father of P S (1965-72), A J (1968-75) and C J (1973-80)

**HALLETT** – On 20 October 2007, Paul Stephen (1976-84), aged 41

**HORSMAN** – In 2003, Graham Joseph Vivian (1930-38), aged 83

**HOWES** – On 24 July 2007, Captain Martin Thomas Hedley , RN Ret'd (1942-48), aged 76

**HURDITCH** – In May 2007, John Alexander (1949-55), aged 69

**KIDWELL** – On 3 October 2007, Raymond Incedon, QC (1936-44), aged 81, brother of M H I (1945-50)

**KYLE** – In July 2007, Peter Jeremy (1949-54), aged 70

**LAKIN-HALL** – In December 2007, Cedric David (1947-52), aged 72

**LESLIE** – On 9 January 2007 Lt Col Ian Blacker (1943-48), aged 76

**LLOYD** – On 12 December 2004, Reginald David (1962-70), aged 52

**LOCKWOOD** – On 8 October 2007, Captain Kenneth, MBE (1923-28), aged 95

**LUPSON** – On 22 November 2007, Denis Norman (1930-33), aged 90, brother of the late A H (1924-29)

**McCANN** – On 8 December 2007, Robert Craig (1924-32) aged 93, brother of R E (1932-37) and father of T C (1956-64)

**MARTIN** – On 27 July 2006, Geoffrey John (1945-51), aged 72

**MARTIN** – On 31 July 2007, John Stuart (1937-39), aged 80

**MOFFIT** – In May 2007, William Nigel (1947-56), aged 69

**MONK** – On 1 September 2007, Leonard Ashby (1932-40), aged 85, brother of Rear Admiral A J (1932-40)

**MURDOCH** – On 5 November 2007, John Edward (1941-48), aged 76, father of C E (1977-85)

**NURSE** – In April 2007, Edmund Hart (1935-40), aged 83

**OWENS** – Hugh Derrick Thomas (1936-42), aged 81

**RAWLING** – On 31 January 2007, Michael (1943-51), aged 74

**REEVES** – On 5 June 2007, William Arnold (1928-33), aged 89

**ROXBURGH** – On 10 December 2007, Rt Rev James William (1933-39), aged 86, brother of the late Lieutenant A (1934-40)

**TYE** – On 16 June 2007, Dr Ian (1948-56), aged 70

**VARCOE** – On 24 November 2007, Richard (1945-52), aged 73, son of W (1914-20), brother of C J (1948-55), brother-in-law of D B Rhodes (1951-60), uncle of R G C (1976-84) and P W (1973-74)

**VENNING** – On 22 June 2007, Peter Wentworth (1928-35), aged 90, brother of the late J W (1928-34)

**VONBERG** – On 17 February 2007, Rev Canon Michael (1937-44), aged 80, brother of D D (1931-39), son of W C (1906-10)

**WALKER** – On 29 March 2006, Brian Anthony (1936-41), aged 82

**WALLIS** – On 17 June 2006, Michael John (1930-38), aged 86

**WATERHOUSE** – On 5 November 2007, William Robert (1944-48), aged 76

**WILLIAMS** – On 11 November 2007, John Edward (1917-24), aged 101, father of G J C (1940-49), uncle of D C (1950-57)

**WORGER** – On 13 January 2007, Kenneth Gordon (1935-41), aged 83

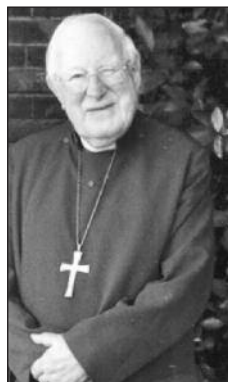
**WRIGHT** – On 16 June 2007, David Charles (1950-56), aged 67

## Obituaries

### Rt Rev James Roxburgh (1933-39)

After Whitgift, James Roxburgh went up to St Catherine's College, Cambridge and then studied theology at Wycliffe College, Oxford. Bishop Roxburgh's 63 year ministry began in Folkestone where he served under Edwin Cook, a former missionary in China and later Archdeacon of Bath. Subsequently as a curate in Handsworth, Birmingham he served under Bishop J H Linton, a former missionary in Persia. Both of these men had a great influence on the way in which Roxburgh later trained more than 40 curates. It was the missionary spirit which led him to accept tough parishes, Bootle, Drypool in Hull and Barking, prior to becoming Archdeacon of Colchester, then Bishop of Barking and in retirement Assistant Bishop in the Diocese of Liverpool.

In bomb battered Bootle, he helped revive St Matthew's, preaching at the dock gates and organising an ecumenical mission. In Drypool the church needed rebuilding after war damage. His move to Barking was the start of





twenty five years in the Diocese of Chelmsford and he eventually became Area Bishop. His service was recognised by his appointment as a Freeman of the Borough of Barking and Dagenham in 1990.

In 1961 he attended the World Council of Churches' Assembly in New Delhi. He was a long term member of the Church Assembly and, from 1970, of the General Synod as well as being a life long supporter of the Church Missionary Society and a Council Member of the Church Army.

**James Roxburgh, Bishop of Barking, born 5 July 1921; died 10 December 2007.**

*Adapted from the Church Times, 11 January 2008*

Each year James Roxburgh led a commemorative service to those, including his brother Lieutenant **Allan Roxburgh**, RM (1934-40), killed in a landing craft disaster off South Pembrokeshire in April 1943. In 2003, the 60th and last memorial was held to the 73 men lost from LCGs 15 and 16 and the 6 men from the crew of the rescue ship HMS Rosemary who also died. The roll of honour was read by **Eric Lovatt** (1930-38) a friend of both Roxburgh brothers and contemporary of James Roxburgh both at Whitgift and St Catherine's College, Cambridge.

### **Captain Kenneth Lockwood (1923-28)**

Captain Kenneth Lockwood, who died on Monday aged 95, was one of the first six British Army officers to arrive at Colditz Castle in 1940, and remained there to play a key role in many of the escape attempts made during the next four years and five months; later as secretary of the Colditz Association for 50 years, he was charged with representing the prisoners' views as the legend mushroomed and became distorted by modern publicity.

A neat, tidy man, Lockwood had a careful way of speaking that could confuse and even demoralise German guards, as when he explained that one escaper had shrunk himself like Alice in Wonderland.

Known as "the ear", he was the invaluable right-hand man to Pat Reid, chairman of the escape committee. He first demonstrated his gift for running things as accounts manager of the prisoners' shop. This seemingly innocent task meant that he had the care of 80,000 unsmokeable German cigarettes which he was able to sell to a guard for 700 Reichmarks, thereby providing a float for escaping operations.

Whenever escapers needed help, Lockwood was on hand, slipping one a 50-Reichsmark note, finding a pair of rubber-soled shoes for another to climb down the wall, or hiding incriminating evidence from constantly snooping guards.

When a manhole that led down to the drains was discovered in the shop floor, he arranged for the ever-present German sergeant to be distracted while he swiftly removed the shop's key to take an imprint in some soap; this was then used to fashion a replica that enabled prisoners to enter the shop at night to work on a tunnel.

When 12 prisoners made their break through it, their leader Pat Reid arrived at one end, followed immediately by Lockwood, to find that guards had been posted at both ends. "So we came out and just roared with laughter, and that defeated the Germans completely," Lockwood recalled. "They couldn't understand it at all."

He also pretended to be ill in the sick bay so that those working on another tunnel could hide under his bed before continuing with their digging, and acted as stagehand for the prisoners' show 'Ballet Nonsense' while helping Airey Neave, the future Tory MP, to make his "home run" back to England.

As news of Lockwood's role in the camp reached London a stream of parcels from supposedly innocent English friends were sent to him by the escape organisation MI9. One consisted of handkerchiefs containing sugared almonds, which revealed instructions for a detailed code when dropped in water; others included money and maps.





Since these were often discovered by the authorities, Lockwood used a skill he had learned at prep school to make maps from jelly. This involved pressing the tracing of a map of Germany, made with an indelible pencil, on to a melted Chivers jelly. When the paper was drawn off the solidified pudding, there was the map. “The system was good for about 30 copies, working rather like a printing press”, Lockwood remembered. “And the jelly was never wasted at the end of it. We ate it.”

The son of a London stock exchange jobber, Kenneth Lockwood was born on December 17 1911, and went to Whitgift, where he was taught French and German by a master who used to recount his escape as a student from Berlin on the outbreak of the First World War. Young Kenneth worked for his father’s firm, starting as an office boy before becoming a “blue button” clerk on the floor and a dealer.

In 1933 he joined the 22nd London Regiment (Queen’s Royal West Surreys), a Territorial unit known as “the Bermondsey Boozers”, along with other young men from the exchange. After mobilisation in August 1939 he did training at Yeovil then was sent abroad to Le Mans, where he took the opportunity to drive a lorry round the famous racing circuit.

To get the men fit, the regiment was then marched in full kit to the Belgian border, where Lockwood made himself unpopular with older officers by criticising an order to dig trenches; he pointed out that these had not stopped the German invasion of Poland.

Two weeks after the Germans attacked France in May 1940 he was captured during the retreat to Dunkirk. Lockwood was first sent to Laufen Castle, near the Austrian frontier, where the guards assured the prisoners that the Geneva Convention did not apply within its walls. He was one of six men who, with the aid of two nails and a stone, spent three weeks digging a tunnel that came out in a wooden shed outside the camp. Dressed as a woman, Reid got out first with two others. The following night three more, including Lockwood, also disguised as a woman, made their way through the tunnel – he found that the biscuits with which he had filled his bra crumbled as he scrambled through. But as neophyte escapers, they wore only the crudest civilian clothes and carried no papers.

They split into two groups. Reid’s was captured first. Lockwood’s took a train, which turned out to be going in the wrong direction, so they had to double back, and were arrested on the road to Switzerland when they were mistaken for burglars. All six men were threatened with execution for stealing bicycles that were the property of the Reich, for possessing a compass and cutting up a German army blanket. But after a week in solitary confinement they were dispatched to Colditz, the sinister medieval fortress on the Mulde river in eastern Germany. As they were marched into the courtyard the six wondered uneasily if they were about to be shot. But when some Polish prisoners suddenly appeared in their quarters with bottles of beer and news of exploration in the castle’s 700 rooms, the “Laufen Six”, as they were called, cheered up. By early the next year they realised that they were in a camp for bad boys – those who had tried to escape from elsewhere – and started to make new plans.

By April 1945 Reid had made a successful break, but Lockwood was still in Colditz when an American relief force finally arrived – and was deterred from shelling the castle only by signs hung out by the prisoners.

Although his incarceration was hardly comfortable, Lockwood realised how much harder the war had been for some others when he was with an American patrol which entered a nearby concentration camp. The Hungarian Jewish inmates had manufactured ceramics until they were shot by the SS. When four of the Jews who had survived by hiding under the bodies were found, the American doctor in charge told Lockwood to give each man a sip of water only, lest too much killed them. He also ordered a captured German to fetch more water. The German refused – so the doctor called him out into the street and shot him.

With such memories, Lockwood settled back into his father’s firm on the stock exchange before moving to run an office on Jersey for almost 10 years. But he realised how much he had appreciated the prison-camp camaraderie at the launch party for Reid’s bestselling book, *The Colditz Story*; this was to lead to the successful film of the same name, in which John Mills played Reid and Lockwood was portrayed by Richard Wattis. The former prisoners decided to form an association for regular meetings, and Lockwood, who had no wife, agreed to become the painstaking secretary responsible for organising

reunions and keeping contact with members at home and abroad.

By the 1980s, what had only been one of a large number of wartime servicemen's organisations had turned – thanks to an aura of schoolboy bravado nurtured by the flood of books, films, television dramas and documentaries – into an unrivalled symbol of the wartime generation's dashing, frustrated, yet upright youth. While uneasily accepting his steady evolution into “Mr Colditz” in the public mind, Lockwood retained his dogged common sense. At first he denied that his members would ever agree to revisit the castle, but eventually admitted that he would like to go back to see what escaping opportunities they had missed when it became clear that others were similarly tempted. But if he sometimes changed his mind, he was keenly aware of the dangers of distortion by reporters, desperate for new angles on a familiar story. He found himself rebutting suggestions that the association would be glad to contribute to the restoration of the castle as a hotel, or that the German guards had really been the prisoners' friends, whatever grudging respect had occasionally been shown by both sides. He was particularly exasperated by an ITV drama, *From Colditz with Love* (2005), which showed the prisoners too well dressed, too well fed and being made to beg for their lives on their knees before a German firing squad.

Lockwood was appointed MBE in 1990.

The importance of his role was shown in the Channel 4 documentary *Escape from Colditz* (2000), in which survivors returned to the fortress for the cameras. He retraced his first steps through the gate into the castle's courtyard, inspected the spot in the lawn where he and Reid had emerged from their tunnel to meet waiting Germans, and demonstrated how he had made maps from jelly. At the launch of a full-sized model of the glider which the prisoners had been building in the eaves of the castle when the Americans arrived, Lockwood was among those who watched it fly at an airfield in Hampshire.

In his last years Kenneth Lockwood was unable to hear those who spoke to him face to face, but he kept in touch with his dwindling membership through a special telephone which he used in bed at his Gloucestershire cottage.

By the time the association was wound up in 2006 he concluded that enough had been written about Colditz.

***Captain Kenneth Lockwood, MBE, honorary secretary of the Colditz Association, born 17 September 1912; died 8 October 2007.***

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### **William Waterhouse (1944-48)**

William Waterhouse, who has died aged 76, is most widely remembered as an outstanding principal bassoonist with London orchestras and a chamber musician. However, he was also a distinguished scholar of his instrument, collecting its literature and publishing rare works.

Born in South Norwood, London, he learnt the piano from an early age. When war broke out, he was evacuated to Barnstaple, where he sang in the church choir. After his father's death in 1942, he returned to London, where the National Gallery concerts instilled in him a love of chamber music. His education at Whitgift School, Croydon, was rich in music and enabled him to learn fluent German.

His life as an orchestral player started at school, playing the clarinet in the Purley youth orchestra. He also became a member of the Oaks Farm orchestra, where visiting professional conductors encouraged him: Norman Del Mar lent him a bass clarinet on which he would fill in missing bassoon parts. Just before Waterhouse's 15th birthday, Anthony Baines encouraged him to try the real thing, so he borrowed and taught himself to play an old Buffet French-system instrument. He then



borrowed £85 to buy a Heckel bassoon from the London professional Vernon Elliott, and took lessons from him.

At the age of 17, he won a scholarship to the Royal College of Music, studying the bassoon with Archie Camden and viola with Cecil Aronowitz; to his great delight, the composer Gordon Jacob taught him harmony. On a visit to Norwich, he picked up four flutes and a pair of bassoons for less than £1; during his first visit to Paris, he discovered 18th century editions of bassoon music; and so he started collecting.

Two years national service was spent with the RAF central band at Uxbridge. On Waterhouse's return to the RCM, he embarked on an external music degree at London University. He passed the first part, but his schedule with the Philharmonia Orchestra prevented him from taking his finals. "Playing under Cantelli, Toscanini and Furtwängler was inspirational – and the money paid for my first grand piano," he explained.

On a Philharmonia tour conducted by Herbert von Karajan, Elisabeth Schwarzkopf told him where to find the best secondhand music shops in Vienna, and he added to his collection. Another great friend and mentor was the composer Gerald Finzi, who asked Waterhouse to help him edit the concerto for bassoon by the 18th century Coventry composer Capel Bond, and helped him get into print as an editor.

On leaving the RCM, he sat next to his teacher, Archie Camden, in the Covent Garden Opera orchestra from 1953 to 1955, before joining the orchestra of Italian-Swiss radio in Lugano (1955-58). During this happy period, he bought his first car, learnt Italian and skiing, explored the art and architecture of the region, and climbed mountains. While taking part in a music competition in Munich, he met an RCM friend, Elisabeth. Two years later, they married.

On his return to London, Waterhouse was able to walk straight into the vacant first bassoon position in the London Symphony Orchestra. Here he met the clarinetist, Gervase de Peyer, who invited him to join the Melos Ensemble. With them, he recorded all the wind chamber music of Beethoven, and works by Nielsen, Janacek, Poulenc, Schubert and Jean Françaix – the *divertissement* for bassoon and strings, which was dedicated to him. His only solo recording was of the long-neglected sonata for bassoon by the Swiss composer Anton Liste (1772-1832).

In 1965, he was invited to join the BBC Symphony Orchestra as co-principal (with Geoffrey Gambold). With more time available, he adjudicated, taught (he was professor at the Royal Northern College of Music, Manchester, 1966-96), translated German, and edited for *Musica Rara* and Universal Edition in Vienna. Together with Henry Skolnick, he founded Bassoon Heritage Edition in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, which printed classics in facsimile. In 1972, the BBC allowed Waterhouse to become visiting professor at Indiana University, Bloomington. On his return, he was commissioned to write all the bassoon entries for the *New Grove Dictionary of Music*.

He continued with the BBC Symphony Orchestra for another 10 years, but he began to tire of the "phoney" world of the radio studio. Again, luck intervened: Lyndesay Langwill, the great bassoon expert, made Waterhouse a literary executor. This led to the immense task of preparing a revised edition of Langwill's massive index of *Musical Wind-Instrument Makers*. When Langwill died in 1983, Waterhouse inherited all his books and archive material. He soon realised that an entirely new work was needed, requiring a great deal more research. The project took 10 years, during which time Waterhouse visited 12 countries.

The many works dedicated to him included Gordon Jacob's suite for bassoon and string quartet (one of his finest) and *partita* for solo bassoon. In addition to his *divertissement*, Françaix made Waterhouse the dedicatee of his trio for oboe, bassoon and piano.

The culmination of his work was the building of a library next to the family retreat in Gloucestershire. Complete in July 2000, it houses all his books, manuscripts and instruments. He is survived by Elisabeth, their son Graham, a cellist and composer living in Munich, London-based violinist daughters Lucy and Celia and a sister and brother.

***William Waterhouse, bassoonist, writer and editor, born 18 February 1931; died 5 November 2007.***

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## **Lt Col Ian Leslie (1943-48)**

Ian Leslie was one of the outstanding Whitgift characters of his generation, growing impressively in physical size and breadth of personality year by year. He excelled in several sports, notably rugby football where he was a brilliant centre in the Junior XV which scored 245 points to nil in the 1944 season, thanks largely to Ian and his fellow centre Clive Portman. Playing for the 1st XV for three years 1945-48, he was one of a set of outstanding outsides in the teams of those years finding any weaknesses in the opposing defences and breaking through by hard straight running.

And he was no duffer at cricket, playing for the 2nd XI for three seasons. He could be quite deadly as a medium fast bowler incorporating a highly individual off-putting lock-step in his run up to the wicket. As a portent for the future he gained 1st Athletics Team colours for putting the shot.

Besides being promoted to Company Sergeant major in the JTC in 1948, Ian was a tenor drummer and a bugler who performed most effectively on a post horn before morning school in a trio with Jacobsen and Allt.

Academically he graded VI Science A and for relaxation took part in the more light hearted meetings of the Debating Society. He was an editor of the *Whitgiftian*. He was House Captain of Smith's and succeeded Ronald Ferrier as School Captain. He will be remembered for presiding magisterially over the Prefects' Court where he could call upon some very strong armed athletes to remind the guilty, when appropriate, of the gravity of their offences.

Ian was commissioned into The Black Watch from RMA Sandhurst in the summer of 1950. On joining the 1st Battalion it was quickly apparent that he was to be a key member of the regimental athletics team as a specialist in shot put and hammer. He also caught the skiing bug and after three years in Germany had become pretty competent. After a regimental signal officer's course at Hythe he was banished to the jungles of South America. British Guiana was basic in the extreme; there were virtually no telephones and radio communications were particularly difficult. The skills of the signals platoon were thus much in demand but Ian refused to ask his Jocks to do anything he was not prepared to do himself. His personal highlight of this tour was the ascent of Mount Roraima. After several weeks of planning, Ian and a brother officer set off, returning successful four weeks later absolutely black with sunburn, covered in horrid sores and having lost an enormous amount of weight; something that Ian fortunately could afford.

Summer 1956 saw him as an instructor on the platoon commanders' course at Warminster followed by training company commander at Stirling Castle; next Staff College, company commander with the 1st Battalion in Minden and then 2 i/c of the United Nations Force in Cyprus. Here his efforts to mediate between the two communities in the Polis/Ktima sector were constantly thwarted by United Nations HQ in Nicosia, who believed in the rotation of detached companies far too frequently, as Ian vehemently pointed out, for the Army to achieve anything of lasting value to the divided communities. However, in spite of these constraints he achieved a very great deal and earned the respect of everyone with whom he worked.

In 1968 he was medically down graded as a result of the serious skin problems he had been suffering for a number of years. Sadly, this meant that he could no longer be considered for command of a Battalion. Bitterly disappointed, he accepted that he was destined to finish his service on the Staff. He had always been a highly efficient Staff Officer and his appointment as Military Assistant to the Deputy Supreme Allied Commander Europe proved this. As a Lieutenant Colonel he was a member of the Tri-Service Planning Team at HQ UK Land Forces and then a member of the Regular Commissions Board at Westbury. By now he and his wife Xandra had found Somerlea Farm; thirty rather muddy acres in Somerset with a fantastic barn and a very old but somewhat rundown house. The farm started with the arrival of some orphan lambs and, as soon as he could, Ian retired from the Army. The flock of sheep was growing; the cattle had arrived and were starting to breed. The Leslies became totally immersed in the "Good Life".

Ian was regarded with the greatest admiration and affection by his brother officers who were universally of the opinion that had it not been for his debilitating skin complaint, Ian would have been promoted

to high rank.

*This appreciation was prepared by Ian Leslie's old friends **Captain John Jacobsen**, RN retired (1941-48) and **Alan Older** (1940-48) who acknowledge the help received from the Editor of *The Red Hackle*, the Regimental Magazine of *The Black Watch*.*



### **Captain Robert Avis, RNR, OBE, VRD\*, DL (1962-70)**

As noted in the 2006 edition of OW News, Robert Avis died on 12 June 2006 at the age of 54. His early career was as a director of the family furnishing company, Stockwell and Oxford, which for many years was a significant retail business in Croydon, but his real love was for the sea. He was a member of the Royal Naval Reserve and rose to become a Captain (an extremely high rank for a reservist) and Commanding Officer of its London Headquarters, for which he received an OBE and the Volunteer Reserve Decoration and bar. In addition, he was a magistrate and a Deputy Lieutenant of Greater London. It was, however, his activities with the Royal Yacht Association and the Royal Yacht Squadron that brought him to the attention of a wider public. Robert had innumerable qualifications as yacht master and examiner for those seeking advanced seagoing qualifications and was regularly in charge of organising major nautical events. Among the last of these was mustering the pleasure fleet that attended the Solent review to celebrate the 200th Anniversary of Trafalgar: over a hundred craft, expertly marshaled by Robert and his team, paraded past HMS *Endurance* from which the Queen took the salute. Robert's CV recorded that he had sailed approximately 380,000 sea miles, of which 35,000 were in command of warships and 75,000 in command of support ships.

### **Jim Collis (1939-46)**

Jim Collis, who died on 8 April 2007, aged 79 was the most loyal and enthusiastic Old Whitgiftian imaginable. Growing up in South London, he won a scholarship to Whitgift School where he did almost everything that could be done: Senior Prefect, Captain of Athletics, CSM in the Corps. He won the cross-country two years in a row. He was in the first eleven for cricket and the first rugby fifteen. He was selected for the London Public Schools at rugby as a penetrating centre and a good kicker, and claimed (tongue in cheek) to have dropped the very last four-point drop-goal ever - though it is not clear whether this was a local or a global record. After some years of senior rugby he became a leading administrator of the game and was President of Surrey County Rugby Union for three years and Chairman of the Old Whitgiftian Rugby Club for five. Naturally he became President of the OW Association in 1981-82, as well as Captain of the OW Golf Society. He invariably turned up to support the Whitgift golf team in the famous Halford Hewitt competition on the Kent coast. He was at Sandwich just three weeks before his death, in the vilest weather, limping along and keeping up, and always knowing the score. He loved the game and he loved Purley Downs Golf Club, where he was a member for many years and Captain in 1991. He was actually playing golf at Purley Downs when he was struck down.

Turning to his working life, after reading history at Exeter College, Oxford, Jim embarked on what was to become a distinguished career in industry, at first with Proctor and Gamble in the north-east, then for a time in London doing advertising research, before becoming the youngest ever director of the Rank Organisation. He was Managing Director of Rank Bush Murphy, where his work drew the attention of the ailing Royal Worcester porcelain firm, who head-hunted him to pull them out of a trough. He went on to run AMDEA, representing the electrical manufacturing industry, often fighting government interference. I well remember hearing him doing just that on the Today programme, where he was exactly the Jim we all knew: articulate, polite, but firm and persuasive.

Jim had a remarkably successful life but many of the qualities which most drew affection and respect

were the more subtle ones – modesty, for example, and balance, a whimsical sort of wit, common sense and strong principles. His self-effacing humour was beautifully illustrated when he gave the prizes at a Whitgift Speech Day. The Chairman for the evening used the occasion to vent his fury about boys who wore long hair – this was in the sixties. When Jim stood to make his speech he began by passing his hand over his shining pate, and said “I’m glad I shan’t incur the Chairman’s displeasure.”

He was utterly without vanity. He was more caring of others than himself and gave a lot of time to Benevolent Societies, notably at the Old Whitgiftians and Surrey Rugby, finding ways to help those in financial difficulties or suffering from sickness or distress.

His was altogether a life of devotion – devotion to his family, his church, his school, his clubs, his village, his principles.

*Adapted from the tribute by Dick Glynne-Jones at the Mass Requiem held at St Joseph’s Church, Redhill, on Thursday 19 April 2007.*

## Brief lives

### James Brudenell-Dale (1923-30)

James Brudenell-Dale could claim to be the man who introduced Britain to the credit card. He led the team that developed and launched Barclaycard, Britain’s first all purpose credit card, in 1966. The move began a huge shake up of Britain’s banking industry.

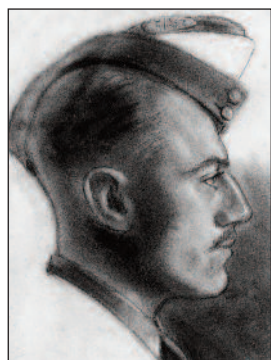
The scheme was launched in the teeth of widespread opposition – MPs were sceptical and some managers refused to allow Barclaycard staff into their branches – but Brudenell-Dale’s team sent 1.25million cards unsolicited to those identified as creditworthy. The massive advertising campaign included the first use of direct mail by a British bank.

During the War, although initially declared unfit for military service, he managed to join the Royal Navy and served as a Lieutenant. Two of the ships on which he served were damaged by mines and he was mentioned in dispatches. He liked to recall how on D-Day, in the pre-dawn darkness, his ship was approached by a huge tank landing ship, from which a loud American voice cried, “Say, buddy – which way’s France?”

**James Brudenell-Dale, banker, was born on 28 May 1913. He died on 15 February 2007, aged 93.**

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### Robert McCann (1925-31)



Bob McCann, who has died at the age of 93, had a distinguished career at School. As a cricketer, he was 1st XI wicket-keeper (a role occupied by his son, Tim, a generation later) and scored 50 against the MCC. The captain of School Fives once asked him for a game: Bob won easily and found himself in the Fives team (that Fives captain was **Robert Dougal** (1924-31) later better known as a BBC television newsreader). In his main sport, rugby, Bob was wing forward in the 1st XV for several seasons. He also passed exams with ease and earned the qualifications to go to university. Like many of his generation, however, he chose to accept a job, in his case at the Bank of England. He remained there for his whole working life and rose to become a Senior Principal. He played for the Bank’s 1st XV either side of the War when they had a team capable of giving the leading sides a good game. He played Fives for the Bank and even won medals for table tennis.

During the War, Bob McCann was a navigator in the RAF and completed several “death” missions over Germany. His squadron suffered so badly that survivors were relocated. Bob ended the War in 617 Squadron, the “Dam Busters” and that Squadron provided a guard of honour for his funeral.



### **Captain Martin Howes, RN (1942-48)**

Martin Howes joined Whitgift in 1942 and left as a House Prefect in 1948. His best sport was shooting in which he represented the School at Bisley for four years from 1945 to 1948, in the Cadet Pair competition in 1945 and then in the First Eight shooting in the Ashburton Shield, the full bore competition for schools. Whitgift did not win the Shield in Martin's time but the team was always well placed.

In 1947-48 he was a stalwart wing forward in the School 2nd XV and the Smith's House 1st XV and was promoted to Corporal in the Corps. He left School from VIth Science A having passed the Public Entry Examination for a Cadetship in the Engineering Branch of the Royal Navy. There was then the highly competitive hurdle of the Admiralty Interview Board to be cleared. This involved a range of practical leadership tests and interviews to assess the candidate's Officer-Like Qualities, known colloquially as "oily qs". From a large number of applicants, Martin was awarded one of the few places on offer for the Ordnance Engineering Branch. On 23rd September 1948 he joined the Royal Naval College at Dartmouth together with two other Whitgiftians, Mountain and Jacobsen. Martin made his mark during this initial training period and passed out to the Cadet Training Cruiser HMS Devonshire for two terms of sea going training. This entailed visiting the West Indies and the Baltic and learning such essential skills as entertaining guests at cocktail parties on the quarterdeck.

After specialist training in both marine and ordnance engineering, Martin joined the fleet as the Ordnance Engineer on a number of capital ships. These appointments were interspersed with shore postings at various times carrying responsibility for design approval, trials, maintenance, repair and refit of gunnery, guided weapons systems and all forms of ordnance in the Navy. His naval career spanned the introduction of guided weapons and Martin was heavily involved, particularly in the trials of new armament.

In 1956 Lord Mountbatten set up the General List of Officers which spread general naval duties to all branches. Thereafter posts which had previously been the preserve of seaman officers were open to officers in all the combatant branches. As a senior Commander, Martin was appointed as Commander of HMS Nelson, the Naval Barracks in Portsmouth. He filled this post to Their Lordships' entire satisfaction and was promoted to Captain as a result. After further senior weapon engineering posts he retired from the service and went to live in Spain where he died on 24th July 2007. His son is Brigadier Buster Howes, currently Commanding Officer of the Commando Brigade.

*This appreciation was prepared by Martin Howes' old friend and Dartmouth contemporary, Captain John Jacobsen, RN Retired (1941-48)*

### **John Williams (1917-24)**

John Williams, who has died at the age of 101, was the last survivor of the famous Corps of Drums that in 1921 played for and was photographed with the Prince of Wales (the future King Edward VIII). He was also a founder of the School's Christian Union in 1923 (and the last survivor of that original group). Among his possessions was an autograph book which included signatures of a number of well known masters including S O Andrew, G E H Ellis, E E Kitchener, W H Dodd, M H H Mason and the celebrated inventor of the "direct method" of French teaching, Marc Ceppi. This book has been presented to the School archive by John's son, **Grenville Williams** (1940-49) and will remain as a fitting memory of a long life. At the time of his death, John Williams was the oldest Old Whitgiftian.

### **Richard Varcoe (1945-52)**

Richard Varcoe, who has died at the age of 73, was one of a large family of Whitgiftians both by birth and through marriage. He left School, where he had been a prefect, in the 2nd XV and captain of swimming, and went to Exeter College, Oxford where he captained the university at both swimming and water polo and obtained half blues for both sports. As a navigator during national service in the RAF, he trained in Canada. By profession he was a management consultant and later a head hunter in



an executive search company. Like numerous other members of the family, he was a stalwart of the OW Rugby Club.

### **Raymond Kidwell, QC (1936-44)**

Raymond Kidwell, who has died at the age of 81, was a distinguished lawyer. He was a QC for nearly forty years and sat as a Recorder and Deputy High Court Judge for some twenty years. He left School in 1944 and went on to Magdalen College, Oxford where he took a 1st class degree in law followed by a further 1st class to become a Bachelor of Civil Law. His time at Oxford was interrupted by service in the RAFVR between 1944 and 1948. His glittering Oxford career included the award of the Vinerian Law Scholarship and the Eldon Law Scholarship and on moving to Gray's Inn he was Arden Law Scholar in 1952 and Birkenhead Law Scholar in 1955. Raymond was called to the Bar in 1951, became a Bencher of Gray's Inn in 1978 and a member of the Bar Council 1967-71 and of Senate 1981-85.

From 1952-55 he was a lecturer at Oriel College, Oxford and later he was a member of the Winn Commission of Personal Injuries (1966-68) and a Judge of the Isle of Man Court.

The work for which he is perhaps best known is the investigation (1978) into the affairs of Peachey Property Corporation Limited where he was appointed Joint Inspector (with Stanley Samwell, a Chartered Accountant) under Section 165(6) of the Companies Act 1948. This report set out the many "very grave acts of wrongdoing" of Sir Eric Miller, the Chairman of Peachey, including the purchase with £42,000 of company funds of an emerald and diamond necklace as "an investment" which was subsequently sold to reduce Sir Eric's personal overdraft. This report remains an important document in the development of the regulation of directors' conflicts of interest and was extensively referred to in the subsequent consultative document from the Law Commission and the Scottish Law Commission. As with many similar reports, the text makes lively reading (a reflection presumably on legal rather than accountancy drafting) but it is unlikely that any other published document includes the words "arcane" and "hieratic" in a single sentence commenting on accounting standards.

For many years Raymond Kidwell was a Vice President of the OWA.

### **Leonard Monk (1932-40)**

Leonard Monk left School at the beginning of the War and served as an officer in the Queen's Royal Regiment, partly in the code breaking centre at Bletchley Park. After the War he went up to The Queen's College, Oxford and then taught at Portsmouth Grammar School and Hymer's College, Hull before spending many years as Senior History Master at Trinity School. Leonard was the brother of **Rear Admiral Tony Monk** (1932-40).

### **Denis Lupson (1930-33)**

Denis Lupson, who has died at the age of 90, trained as a photographer and was an official War photographer (both stills and ciné). Denis was the only stills photographer present at the surrender of the German forces in Italy. After the War he worked for various news organisations and later as a librarian for the Daily Telegraph from 1961-81. Denis was the younger brother of the late **Arthur Lupson** (1924-29).

## **Correspondence**

**Dr Robin Moffatt** (1938-45) wrote to inform us that, although he has recently celebrated his 80th birthday, he remains a police surgeon in South London and commented that providing "expert testimony in Crown courts remains challenging and tends to keep the central nervous system in working order". He also notes that he attended a birthday luncheon for **David Raeburn** (Headmaster 1970-92) held at Wadham College, Oxford, that he had become a life member of the British Medical Association and also of the Max Miller Appreciation Society (the brainchild of **John Henty** (1946-52), the latter

membership being “to keep the balance right”. Mention of David Raeburn is a reminder that he is still active in the world of classics, teaching at New College, Oxford. One of his pupils in 2007 was the daughter of **Jim Mackison** (1958-65): the Whitgiftian connection remains!

The arrival of the OWA report for 2006 caused a long lost OW, **Tony Steward** (1940-44), a preparatory school friend of our President **John Straw**, to make contact from Canada. Tony said that he left School early “after a nasty accident in the gym” and went to HMS Worcester where he played for the 1st XV and then went to sea, initially with Clan Line and Caltex Tankers and then in the Royal Canadian Navy. After twenty years ashore in the real estate business, Tony went back to sea and spent fourteen years as Captain of a research ship associated with anti submarine warfare. Another spell on shore followed retirement in 1996 but since then the call of the sea has proved irresistible and, although settled on Vancouver Island, he remains a relief Captain for the DND (the Canadian equivalent of the Royal Fleet Auxiliary).

**Peter Cox** (1955-64) met up with a contemporary, **Colin MacFarlane** (1955-63) during an otherwise frustrating visit to Australia to watch England play cricket. Colin has been in Australia almost since leaving School and, despite being (in his own words) a self-confessed “thickie”, claiming that Lower VIth Economics was created for him, has had a very successful business career. He now spends his time running a facial reconstruction charity in South East Asia using local doctors to carry out life changing surgery at minimal cost. Colin’s charity can be found at [www.operationleft.org.au](http://www.operationleft.org.au).

Another long lost OW made contact after some 35 years. **Dr Roderic Warren** (1958-65) indicated that he would be interested in an OW biologists or medical gathering as he would be retiring in late 2008 from his job as a consultant medical microbiologist with the NHS in Shropshire. Roderic said that he was for a short time secretary of the OW Biologists’ Association but was out of touch for many years until e-mail contact was established between members of the Biology VIth of 1963: all but one member of that class, including visitors from the US, met for a dinner in Reading. “Quite an event as most of us had not seen anyone from Whitgift for over 40 years. Interestingly, I do not think there was a single member of Cecil Prime’s and Robert Jones’s class who had not made a contribution, some of them distinctly distinguished”. Roderic went on to say that he trained at Cambridge (Gonville & Caius College) and the Westminster Hospital and was consultant in charge of the microbiology department at Addenbrookes Hospital, Cambridge and an honorary lecturer of the University. After nineteen years in Cambridge, he moved to Shropshire and became one of eight regional directors of the Public Health Laboratory Service, responsible for the West Midlands. When the PHLS was dissolved, Roderic continued to run laboratories in Shropshire whilst continuing an academic connection with the University of Birmingham.

*Editor’s note: It is fascinating to hear news of the careers of OWs, particularly after many years of silence. Readers, please do not hesitate to make contact and let us know what you have been doing for the last ten (or sixty) years.*



