



# WHITGIFTIAN ASSOCIATION

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## A Message from the New President

When I first played rugby for the OWRFC in 1959 little did I think that over half a century on I would be President of the Whitgiftian Association. In fact during the intervening years it seems that there were not many activities of both the OWRFC and the OWA that I was not involved with in some way or another - even to the extent of appearing as third slave in an amateur dramatic production staged at Croham Road many years ago.

And what changes we have seen over that period. Responding to an evolving world is not always easy, particularly for voluntary organisations, and great credit is due to Pip Burley and Alan Cowing for recognising that, unless fundamental change was achieved, the OWA's life expectancy in the 21<sup>st</sup> century was not good.

As a result of much hard work over the last few years we now have two separate organisations - the Whitgiftian Association and the Whitgift Sports Club - working alongside one another.

So we now stand at an interesting point. Having laid the foundation stones, we now have to build two successful organisations that will enable Whitgift boys to carry forward into their adult lives the friendships and interests they have developed during their years at Haling Park.

We're off to a good start! The new Whitgiftian Association website and all it offers is a masterpiece of 21<sup>st</sup> century communication, and absolutely essential to capturing and maintaining the interest of younger OWs.



I am planning that my 2014 Presidential Year will be an active and busy one, and I hope to meet as many WA members as possible. But do not hesitate to drop me a line if you have any thoughts or comments on the future development of our Association.

With best wishes,

**David Stranack**

*President, Whitgiftian Association, 2014*

## From the Editor

The WW1 Memorial Plaque in South Entrance was duly dedicated by Canon Colin Boswell during November's Remembrance Service in the presence of OWs. Please note that this year's Remembrance Service on **Tuesday 11th November** will be a significant event to mark the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the outbreak of WW1. The membership owes these former OWs their wholehearted support



and the main committee look forward to seeing very many members at this service, which will probably be followed by a lunch at the School.

Whilst the current run of OW funerals is to be regretted it was good to see that they were well supported by members, with standing room only at several venues.

Now, pay attention at the back! The Founder's Day Service will be held on **Friday 21st March** in the Whitgift House chapel at 7.00am with breakfast after at the School (please contact Piers Hubbard on 020 8657 2170 should you wish to stay for breakfast). Following last year's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Founder's Day Service, this year marks the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Fishmongers' Company travelling to Croydon to distribute money to the residents of the Almshouses, as directed in John Whitgift's will of 1614.

On the previous evening, **Thursday 20th March**, the Whitgiftian Association will host a music and drama soiree at the School when members and friends will enjoy performances from the immensely talented pupils. The evening will include extracts from current productions as well as varied performances. The event will take place in the Concert Hall where a light supper will be served and drinks will be available. Please make up a party, or just come along, to support the boys and enjoy their talents. The booking form is enclosed and available online.

**Richard Blundell**

*Editor, WA Newsletter*

## Whitgiftian Association Achievement Award - Save the Date!

Old Whitgiftians and their partners are invited to attend the inaugural WA Achievement Award dinner on **Saturday 29th March 2014**, during which the Award will be presented to OW Lt Col James Coates OBE (1981-88). To find out more and book your tickets, please call the office on **020 8633 9926** or go to [whitgiftianassociation.co.uk/events](http://whitgiftianassociation.co.uk/events). James has been widely praised for devising and implementing a strategy which set the benchmark across the whole of ISAF (International Security Assistance Force) in Afghanistan as the exemplar in exploiting the emerging surveillance technology. In 2011, the Daily Telegraph selected James as one of their top ten "Britons of the Year". We hope to see many of you at the event.



## From the Immediate Past-President



2013 has been a very encouraging year for the revitalised WA and I have been proud to be your President. We have made good progress and are in the midst of reaffirming our identity to our members and in particular to the 6th formers and young OWs who are crucial to our future prosperity. We are actively working on assisting younger OWs with quality careers advice and reaffirming our commitment to them in the crucial years after leaving School. It has been an action packed year with many highlights, including an excellent Annual Dinner at the 'RAG', with special guest General Sir Peter Wall; the Opening of the WA Office at School (near South Entrance), a substantial revamp to our website and the appointment of our two administrators; an extraordinary OW Army Dinner at the Rifles Club in September; well attended Regional

Dinners in Tiverton and Cambridge organised by David Stranack and John Humphries; Prefects' Supper held at Croham Road in September; a magnificent Vice Presidents' Dinner in the Old Library in November; the dedication of the replica Ypres Church plaque on Remembrance Day at School on 11th November. 2013 has also seen the opening of the wonderful new Boarding House at School, Peter Cox's very entertaining new book 'Memories of 'Whitgift' and the launch of our very own wine, the WA claret.

Much of this would not have been possible without the sterling and much appreciated efforts of our Chairman Pip, Treasurer Richard and the very enthusiastic and welcome contribution of our administrators, Vicky and Donna. Many thanks for your support over the last 12 months which I know my successor David Stranack can rely on during 2014.

Stuart Woodrow, WA Past-President (2013)



## News from the School

A great deal has occurred in this 14 week term. The Lower Vth Play 'Knock Knock' and the First Form Play 'The Piper of Hamelin', received very good reviews. The Upper School Play, Arthur Miller's 'A View from the Bridge', was an excellent production with outstanding performances from Alex King (L6th), Daniel Alsoof (U6th) and Doug Wood (U6th). Tickets for next term's 'West Side Story' (5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> March) can now be purchased online via the School's website.

The Music Department has been busy with 'An Autumn Collection' at Fairfield, a performance from the King's College Choir including OW Hugo Herman-Wilson (left 2012) at the School whilst violinist Dan-Julian Drutac (L6th) and pianist Dilyan Todorov (L6th) reached the 2<sup>nd</sup> Round of Young Musician of the Year.

The rugby season has continued with considerable success; the 1<sup>st</sup> XV has reached the 6<sup>th</sup> Round of the NatWest (formerly Daily Mail) Cup and will play Hampton School on 15<sup>th</sup> January at Whitgift. In the last two rounds there were very good victories over John Fisher School 29-6 and Seaford College 25-9. Six members of the 1<sup>st</sup> XV have also been playing for Harlequins U18. The U15 XV has progressed to the last 16 in the NatWest Cup. The U13 XV has also made good progress in their National Schools Cup. OWs Lorcan Dow and Frankie Taggart (last year's 1<sup>st</sup> XV) have been playing for Ulster U20s; Lorcan represented Ireland U19s against Australia, while Frankie has also been playing for Ulster Ravens in the British and Irish Cup.

The U15 Football team has reached the Semi-Final of the ISFA Cup after a 2-1 victory over Highgate. The U13 side has also progressed to the Semi-Final of the ISFA Cup and will play Manchester GS in February.

The U16 and U18 Indoor Hockey teams have again qualified for the National Indoor Hockey Finals at Whitgift on 11<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> January. Josh Coniglio (L5th) and Rob Durling (U5th) are training with the England U16 squad and George Oyebode (U5th), Ore Ogunlana (L6th) and Rhys Smith (L6th) with the England U18s. OWs Jonty Griffiths (left 2013), Luke Taylor (left 2013) and Rob Farrington (left 2012) played for England in the Hockey Junior World Cup in New Delhi, India.

In Squash, James Wyatt (U3rd) was Runner-Up in the U15 Canadian Open and is currently playing in the US Open. The swimmers qualified in six events (U14, U16 and U18 Freestyle and Medley) for the National Secondary Relays Finals. The U18 team of Kunmi Ogunfeibo (L6th), Fred Biggs (L6th), Marlon Gasparotto (U6th) and Henry Choong (L6th), won the Bronze medal in both the Freestyle and Medley – a first for Whitgift. Daniel Harding (U1st) won a Bronze at the Belgium International Karate Open. At the British Indoor Rowing Championships James Kerr (U5th) won the J16 Silver medal and Louis Mack (L5th) the J15 Silver. In golf, George Mullins (L6th) and Joe Carmody-Firth (U6th) have been selected for the Swifts Tour to the USA. In cricket, Dominic Sibley (U6th) and OW Jack Winslade (left 2013) are with the England U19 squad in Dubai playing in a Tri-Series with Pakistan and Bangladesh, preparing for the World Cup next year.

Pentathlon has gone from strength to strength over the last few years and OW Tom Lees (left 2012) in his first year at Oxford, reading Geography, was named Oxford University 'Sportsman of the Year'. He has cemented his place as one of the top modern pentathletes in the country and is currently ranked 4<sup>th</sup> in GB, despite being only 19 years old. He also claimed the BUCS title and helped Oxford win the Varsity match along with fellow OW Alex Fraser (left 2011).

A whole range of sports can be played at Whitgift as seen by the notes above. In a new initiative, on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November Whitgift took on Millfield at rugby, football and hockey over various age groups; Millfield came out on top in the rugby fixtures, but Whitgift took the honours at football and hockey. It is hoped that this format will be expanded next year to include more sports and more teams.

In the last week of term the Upper School Charity Concert took place in Big School on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December; the Carol Service at Croydon Minster on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December and term ended on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December.

On a rather sad note, I am sure that many OWs will be sorry to hear that Dai Lewis (Common Room 1957-1995) died at the end of November, aged 80.

*Phil Fladgate*



## Sportsman's Lunch

November 16<sup>th</sup> saw over 50 OWs, staff and parents (in a colourful array of club blazers) gather for the WA's annual Sportsman's Lunch. Pre-lunch drinks were held in the School's impressive new 6<sup>th</sup> Form Centre where we had an informative talk from Adrian Norris on the 1st XV's successful tour to Hong Kong, New Zealand and Cook Islands

as well as their season thus far. We also had an update from Phil Fladgate on the numerous OW successes in professional rugby. A superb meal in the Old Library accompanied by generous amounts of wine, a slug of port and a rousing performance of "Carmen", left us in excellent spirits to go out onto Big Side and cheer on the

1st XV against Dulwich. Whitgift came away the deserved winners (15-8) in an exciting encounter against the old enemy. Celebrations continued long into the evening at Croham Road! Another excellent lunch which, quite rightly, consistently attracts capacity numbers. Make sure you look out for the invitation to next year's event.



A great turnout for the Sportsman's Lunch at the School

## Vice Presidents' Dinner

Old Whitgiftians enjoyed a masterful rendition of Ysaye's "Ballade" for solo violin by seventeen year-old Dan-Luliun Drutac in the Old Library at the School on the evening of Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November. Dan is the recent winner of the School's International Music Competition.

The occasion was a Vice Presidents' Dinner hosted by WA President, Stuart Woodrow, and attended by forty OWs including nine Past-Presidents, twenty-four Vice Presidents and members of the WA Main Committee. The Headmaster, Dr Christopher Barnett, was Guest of Honour.

Following drinks in the Founder's Room, the party made its way to the familiar surroundings of the Old Library where the school kitchens excelled themselves by serving a first-class four-course dinner.



Lord Tope and Pip Burley

Following Dan's performance, the President welcomed OW author Peter Cox who, with a little help from WA Chairman, Pip Burley, entertained with a series of extracts from his book "Memories of Whitgift - the Boys' Own Tales". This was followed by a short update on WA matters by the Chairman



President, Stuart Woodrow, Jon Bunn, Keith Hopkins and Nick Somers

who concluded with a toast to the School and Headmaster.

Dr Barnett responded by congratulating the Whitgiftian Association on its recent re-launch and welcomed the greater engagement with sixth-formers, together with careers advice and mentoring. He went on to summarise recent developments at the School, including the opening of the Boarding House by HRH Prince Andrew, and referred to the role that he hoped OWs might play in the School's further development in the future.

The dinner saw the official launch of the Whitgiftian Association Claret, recently selected by a panel of OWs and now available to all members and registered OWs.

## 1952/53 Upper Fifth Reunion

We have discovered a real goodie from amidst the electronic wonderland (aka nightmare?) of 21<sup>st</sup> Century technology. Courtesy of Skype, Alan and Miriam Stocks were able to join us on 13<sup>th</sup> November 2013 at this year's Upper Fifth (1952-53) reunion. It was a pleasure to see those from Down Under in good form as

were Messrs: Ron Bernard, Roger Brasier, David Brewster, Ian Brown, John David, Brian Halfacre, John Hamilton, Kenneth Rokison, John Sutcliffe, John Webb and your scribe and to receive news from all our absent, extant colleagues: Messrs Hartley, Haywood, Hilton, Howard, Kennedy, Parkinson, Ryde, Tisdall and Trott.

We were all delighted to join together and celebrate another year without loss.

Conversation was plentiful, well fuelled by our resident hostess, Angela Warren, to whom everyone extended thanks once again for her generous hospitality. God willing we all soldier on toward our 62<sup>nd</sup> anniversary next autumn.

*Peter Warren*



**WA Claret...** The specially selected Whitgiftian Association claret is available to purchase for £65 (half-case) or £125 (full-case). Visit [www.whitgiftianassociation.co.uk/shop](http://www.whitgiftianassociation.co.uk/shop) to place your order.



## 1948 Prefects

Old Whitgiftians who were Prefects in 1948 have met for lunch for the last time at Whitgift School. The group of gentlemen has met regularly since the first reunion in 1958, a testament to the bonds that were built at Whitgift more than 65 years ago.

Roy Lewis, organiser of the reunions from the start and WA Past-President said, "There were 27 prefects appointed during the year and nearly all were at our original reunion in 1958. That number has dwindled now to 18. We've

got to the stage where we don't know who may or may not turn up! Some of us travel a considerable distance to attend and that gets harder as the years go by. There comes a time when you know to call it a day. Still, we are extremely proud of our record." The group of ten ex-prefects and their wives attended the final reunion lunch at the School at the Headmaster's invitation. They joined Headmaster, Dr



Christopher Barnett for drinks prior to making their way to the Old Library for lunch, some short speeches, and a healthy helping of nostalgia.

## Cricket Team Reunion



Whitgiftians who played in the 1963 1st XI gathered at Lord's on Wednesday 23rd October 2013, to mark the 50th Anniversary of the team.

Jeffrey James, Neil Tosh, Chris Teasdale, Roger Bibby, Peter Cox, John Rawlings, David Earl, David Jordan, Brian Allison, Stephen Dillon and Alastair Lack all attended, plus Ian McCall, the scorer, John Branston and Bob Schad.

Tim McCann sent apologies and contact details for three others - Roger Sharp, Duncan Gibson and Roger

Powell - are sadly not known. Alas, Ian Penfold has died.

The day began with a group photo of the 1963 team alongside WG Grace in the Coronation Garden at Lord's, followed by short tour of the Pavilion, with visits to the Long Room, the Committee Room and the Bowlers Bar.

An excellent lunch was taken in the MCC Committee Dining Room, with short but eloquent speeches from Jeffrey James, the 1963 captain and John Branston, who in particular recalled Eddie Watts.

Post lunch, Whitgiftians explored the museum, the indoor school and generally soaked in the surroundings.

The get-together was enormous fun, with a lively mixture of reminiscences of 1963 (in a rain affected season, the team played nine, won five, drew one and lost three) and catching up on the last fifty years. Everyone recognised everyone else and by a nice serendipity, the England team was also at Lord's for a photo, prior to flying out to Australia.

Perhaps other Whitgift teams 'fifty years on' may follow suit?

From left to right: Ian McCall, Jeffrey James, Neil Tosh, John Branston, Chris Teasdale, Alastair Lack, Roger Bibby (WG Grace), Peter Cox, John Rawlings, David Earl, Bob Schad, David Jordan, Brian Allison, Stephen Dillon.

## 1995 Reunion

A curry evening was enjoyed by Old Whitgiftians who left the School between 1996-99 in the early Autumn. Thanks to the Whitgift Sports Club for the great venue and a super meal.

## 1962/3 Prefects Reunion

The Prefects from 1962/3 continued the recent tradition of fiftieth anniversary lunches at the charming Horse and Groom in Belgravia, usually closed on Saturdays but opened specially by the engaging publican Aiden Ganly. We had the pub to ourselves for a lunch even the redoubtable Ma Henry would

have been pleased to call her own, even if there was no semolina. Seventeen made it in the end, fewer than in recent years - there are quite a few who live abroad or who've slipped off the WA radar - while one, John Knightley, school captain in 1964/5, was undergoing some tough chemo.



Brian Allison, school captain 1962/3, spoke after Peter Cox explained what had been happening at the WA and School, and read extracts from his *Memories of Whitgift* book about the Great Desk Swap of 1960, perhaps the most brilliant (and ultimately harmless) prank the school has produced. Some of those in the equivalent reunion a few years back were heavily involved, from the School Captain himself (Peter Stevens, who shall be nameless) downwards...

Back row: Peter Kelly, Humphrey Claxton, Bob Justice, Paul Champness, David Sweet, Michael Bussell, Roger Bibby, Nick Wagner, Ian McCall, Alastair Lack, Chris Jenkins. Front row: Brian Councill, Mike Smith, Peter Cox, Brian Allison, Ken Ellis, Robin Holt.

## News from the Veterans' Rifles Club

Welcome dear reader, to this the final report for 2013 from the WVRC; how the time flies! Indeed, the club has now exited its 117<sup>th</sup> year with new members and our continued involvement in the revival of school shooting. In respect of which the excellent news is that thanks to the great efforts by Peter (PJ) Morrison, the Home Office have granted approval for the formation of the *Whitgift School Rifle Club*. This will be of terrific benefit to all Whitgiftians. The Vets. will naturally continue to lend support as and when necessary.

This is traditionally a relatively quiet time of year for club shooting commitments, especially on the Full Bore front which drew to a close in mid-July, although on one surprisingly fine Sunday in mid-October, ten of our 'finest' gathered at Bisley for the final Practice Day of the year, in near perfect conditions! This resulted in some good performances aided by the fact that more members now have their own

guns: albeit the two Musgrave rifles purchased last year as 'club guns' are performing well and are every bit as good, if not better, than those used by other clubs.

On the Small Bore front, probably the less said the better about the poor final placings of both our A and B Teams in the Summer League, finishing 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> respectively in their divisions. At least we can only do better in the current Winter League - one can hope!

This is probably a good point at which to welcome some new members, namely Madhav Krishnan, who started shooting in the afternoon sessions at the school. Madhav has now left Whitgift but has since joined our ranks. Similar welcome must go to Joy Forzani, who following her introduction to shooting at the Staff Shoot last July organised by PJ has now joined the club and is learning fast. Greetings also to Mark Collins and Alexandra McDonald who both recently signed up. Welcome to you all.

On a final and festive note, the club's Christmas Shoot - competing for the Talbot-Smith Trophy - took place on the evening of 18th December. Organised by Graham Clark with Simon Lacey on 'stats', this event comprised six various disciplines, including Rapid Shooting, Clay Disc and finishing with a Sling-Free shoot. Quite a challenge for some of us more 'mature' shots! Prizes were of the usual 'festive cheer' variety, plus a pair of 7.62 cufflinks to the winner, in addition to the trophy. This year's winner was Nick Harman for the third successive year! How does he do it? A very enjoyable evening as usual and excellent that our new members were able to attend and participate.

In conclusion, to those of you interested in a chance to dust-off old shooting abilities - or indeed try it for the first time - and join in our various activities, please contact Simon Lacey at [secretary@wvrc.org.uk](mailto:secretary@wvrc.org.uk) or go to the WA website.

*Alan Hunter*

## OW Golf Society Report

The last action of the OWGS season saw John Gould win the Challenge Cup in the knockout final at Croham Hurst. John had to withstand a spirited fightback from runner-up Nigel Huxtable, who managed to beat his handicap yet still come up just short on the last hole. John's form in 2013 has been impressive; he has achieved the 'double' of the Hornsey Walker Cup (at Cuddington) and now the Challenge Cup. No-one has (yet) researched whether this is entirely unprecedented, but it certainly is for John!

The next event is the Halford Hewitt draw in January, when we will discover who are to be the School's opponents in April, and then the society AGM and annual dinner, which is scheduled for Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March, at the school.

The 2014 calendar has our four main meetings of the year taking place at Tandridge, Addington Palace, Effingham, and Royal Ashdown, plus an autumn tour to Kent - hopefully a sufficiently tantalising prospect for our existing members and for any aspiring golfers who would like to join us.

Please contact Peter Gale ([peterbgale@sky.com](mailto:peterbgale@sky.com)) for details.

### WORK EXPERIENCE

Can you offer a current Whitgiftian a work experience opportunity? The School is currently appealing to OWs in all professions to get in touch. If you might be able to help, email [office@whitgiftianassociation.co.uk](mailto:office@whitgiftianassociation.co.uk) or call 020 8633 9926.

## News from the Whitgift Sports Club

**OW Football Club** - The 1st XI have their strongest squad for 5 years and this is reflected in their results having won 5 of their last 5 matches and currently sitting 3rd in their division, 3 points off 1st place. This sequence of wins includes beating the division leaders twice! The second was a 2-0 win played on a rugby pitch. The match kicked off late because the mobile football goals had been chained together and the key had gone missing. Someone finally turned up with some bolt cutters and we could get the game under way!

An 8-5 drubbing of Old Medonians was a particularly good performance especially as the 1st XI were 6-0 up after only 30 minutes! Unfortunately some tiredness allowed the opposition to get consolation goals in the second half.

Another particularly noteworthy result was the recent 8-1 thumping given to Fulham Compton Old Boys II. The 1st XI did not have their best game of the season, however it did feel like the opposition had only 9 players at times!

In contrast, the Football 2nd XI are having a frustrating league season currently sitting 2nd from bottom. The lack of

consistent team week on week is causing results to suffer. Their best league result was at the start of the season when they beat London Welsh II, who are currently second in the division, 2-0. On the plus side they are still in the League cup with a match coming up which gives them a chance of getting into the quarter finals. Their most entertaining game was a 2-2 (Pen 5-4) win over Dorkinians 5th XI in the cup. Although they were playing well, they were struggling to put the ball in the back of the net and Dorkinians scored 2 goals in the 2nd half to go ahead.

With five minutes to go the 2nd XI got a goal back and with seconds left on the clock a goal mouth scramble resulted in an equaliser. The 30 minutes of extra time was mostly filled with players getting cramp. The match finished with the 2nd XI celebrating a penalties win in rather dark conditions.

We are always on the lookout for new players. If you are interested in playing football on a Saturday afternoon then please get in touch with us by sending an email to: [oldwhits@gmail.com](mailto:oldwhits@gmail.com).

*Jon Higgins*



## New Benefits to Members!

In the last few months a number of new benefits have been secured on behalf of WA members. In addition to discounts on tickets to most WA events and the Whitgift Sports Club bar, and receipt of regular publications, members are also now entitled to:-

*Special offers on WA merchandise via the new online shop*

*Discounts and special offers on national and local theatre, London attractions and dinner & show packages*

*NEW members' directory via the Members' Area of the website*

*Discounts at carefully selected local (and soon, national) suppliers and restaurants*

The cost of annual membership starts at just £30 (for those under 28) offering exceptional value for money. To find out more about current offers and deals, login at

[www.whitgiftianassociation.co.uk/members](http://www.whitgiftianassociation.co.uk/members)

If you have any difficulty logging in, please don't hesitate to contact the office at [office@whitgiftianassociation.co.uk](mailto:office@whitgiftianassociation.co.uk).

## Dates for the Diary

Fri	17 Jan	Chess v School	School	4.00
Sat	25 Jan	OWRFC Supporters Lunch	Clubhouse	12.00
Sat	15 Feb	OWRFC Supporters Lunch	Clubhouse	12.00
5-8	March	West Side Story	School	7.30
Sat	8 Mar	OWRFC Supporters Lunch	Clubhouse	12.00
Thurs	20 Mar	WA Music and Drama Soiree	School	7.30
Fri	21 Mar	Founder's Day Service	Whitgift House	7.00
Fri	21 Mar	OWGS AGM and Dinner	School	7.30
Sat	29 Mar	WA Achievement Award Dinner	School	7.00
Thurs	10 Apr	Halford Hewitt Golf v Stonyhurst	Sandwich	10.50
Sat	12 Apr	OWRFC Dinner	Clubhouse	7.00
Sat	26 Apr	1992-95 Leavers' Reunion	School	7:30
Fri	13 Jun	WA Annual Dinner	School	7:00

## What's On

Sat	4 Jan	OW 1stXV v Chipstead	H	Shield	2.15
Sat	11 Jan	OW Wands XV v Battersea Ironsides	H	LG	2.15
Sat	11 Jan	School 1stXV v Ravenswood	H		10.00
Wed	15 Jan	School 1stXV v Hampton	H	Cup	2.30
Sat	18 Jan	School 1stXV v St. Benedict's	H		12.00
Sat	25 Jan	OW 1stXV v Old Tonbridgians	H	LG	2.15
Sat	25 Jan	School 1stXV v Portsmouth	H		12.15
Sat	1 Feb	OW Wands XV v Old MidWhits	H		2.30
Sat	1 Feb	School 1stXV v Brighton	H		2.30
Sat	8 Feb	OW Wands XV v Teddington	H	LG	2.30
Sat	8 Feb	School 1stXV v Hampton	A		2.15
Wed	12 Feb	School 1stXV v Hartbury	A		2.30
Sat	15 Feb	OW 1stXV v Old Freemans	H	LG	2.30
Sat	1 Mar	OW Wands XV v KCS Old Boys	H	LG	3.00
Sat	8 Mar	OW 1stXV v Battersea Ironsides	H	LG	3.00

Please visit [www.whitgiftianassociation.co.uk/events](http://www.whitgiftianassociation.co.uk/events) for more details of events and to book your tickets online.

*If you would like to organise a reunion or other event for Old Whitgiftians, please feel free to get in touch with the WA Office. We will be happy to assist.*

## Recent Deaths

The WA has sadly been informed of the following losses:

*Colin Mead, Past President of the Association (1946-1953)*  
d. 30th October aged 77

*Dalton Dai Lewis, Master at Whitgift (1957-1995)*  
d. 24th November, aged 80

*Nigel Minett (1968-76) died earlier this year, aged 55*  
*Michael Casey (1957-65) died earlier this year, aged 66*

*Peter Bacon (1954-61) d. 21st August, aged 69*

*David (Dick) Boetius (1949-58) d. 8th November, aged 75*

*Brian Holmes (1943-48) d. 12th November, aged 82*

*Nick Selwood (1947-52) d. 15th November, aged 77*

*Bryan Huntley (1940-46) d. 25th November, aged 85*

*Col. Neville Hunter (1952-60) d. 3rd December, aged 71*

*Graham Millar (1944-52) d. 8th December, aged 80*

*David Richards (1968-74) d. 20th December, aged 57*

*Brian Lees (1941-47) d. 1st January, aged 83*

*If you hear of the passing of any Old Whitgiftians or ex-staff members, please do let us know by emailing*

[office@whitgiftianassociation.co.uk](mailto:office@whitgiftianassociation.co.uk)

*or telephone 020 8633 9926.*

## 500 Club

For only £12 a year per number you could win hundreds of pounds in our quarterly draws! Buy as many numbers as you like! *Autumn winners were:-*



£100 - Dr Peter Warren

£50 - Suzanne Piscina

£50 - Tom Woodrow

£50 - Alice Platts

Download an application form at  
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Submissions for NEWSLETTER 352 covering March / April closes on Saturday 15th February. All news and photographs (preferably emailed) should be sent to Richard Blundell at [editor@whitgiftianassociation.co.uk](mailto:editor@whitgiftianassociation.co.uk), to 7 Peaks Hill, Purley, Surrey, CR8 3JG or via the WA Office at Haling Park. Tel: 020 8633 9926 if you have any queries.