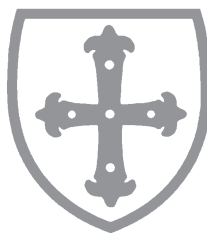


WHITGIFTIAN ASSOCIATION



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DATES FOR THE DIARY

Thur	4 Jul	OWGS President's Meeting	Woodcote Park		
Fri	5 Jul	Whitgift Life	School	11.00	
Sun	7 Jul	WA Henley Regatta Trip	Henley	10.30	
Thur	11 Jul	WVRC NRA PSV and Dinner	Bisley	4.30	
Sun	14 Jul	OW Corps of Drums Concert	Brighton	2.00	
16 – 19	Jul	Surrey CCC 2ndXI v Kent CCC 2ndXI	School	11.00	
22 – 26	Jul	OWCC Cricket Week	Home		
Sat	27 Jul	Benevolent Society AGM	Clubhouse	10.00	
19 – 23	Aug	OWRFC Junior Camp (5 – 15 years)	Clubhouse	9.30	
Sun	8 Sept	OWGS Autumn Meeting	Royal Ashdown		
Sun	15 Sept	OWGS Barnett Trophy	The Addington		
Fri	20 Sept	2000-2003 Leavers Reunion Supper	Clubhouse	7.30	
Fri	27 Sept	OW Corps of Drums Meeting	Clubhouse	8.00	
Sat	5 Oct	OWRFC Supporters Lunch	Clubhouse	12.00	
Fri	11 Oct	1992-1995 Leavers Reunion Dinner	School	7.30	
Fri	18 Oct	East Anglia Branch Dinner	Cambridge	7.00	
Fri	25 Oct	1996-1999 Leavers Reunion Supper	Clubhouse	7.30	
Sat	16 Nov	Sportsman's Lunch	School	12.00	

WHAT'S ON

Mon	1 Jul	School 1stXI v Felstead	A		11.00
Sat	6 Jul	2ndXI v Egham	H	LG	1.00
Sun	7 Jul	Trust XI v East Grinstead	H		1.30

Sat	13 Jul	1stXI v Camberley	H	LG	11.30
Sun	14 Jul	Trust XI v Sunbury	H		1.30
Sat	20 Jul	2ndXI v Oxshott	H	LG	1.00
Sun	21 Jul	1stXI v Wallington	H		2.00
Wed	24 Jul	1stXI v Paralytics	H		11.30
Sat	27 Jul	School 1stXV v Hong Kong	A		
Sat	27 Jul	2ndXI v Streatham	H	LG	1.00
Tues	30 Jul	School 1stXV v J.McGashlan		New Zealand	
Sat	3 Aug	1stXI v Beddington	H	LG	11.30
Sun	4 Aug	1stXI v Catford	H		2.00
Sun	4 Aug	School 1stXV v Murchinston		New Zealand	
Tues	6 Aug	School 1stXV v Waimea		New Zealand	
Thurs	8 Aug	School 1stXV v Cook Islands	A		
Sat	10 Aug	1stXI v Farnham	H	LG	12.30
Sun	11 Aug	Trust XI v Spencer	H		1.30
Sat	17 Aug	2ndXI v Sinjun	H	LG	1.00
Sun	18 Aug	1stXI v Hamsey Green	H		2.00
Sat	24 Aug	2ndXI v Thames Ditton	H	LG	1.00
Sun	25 Aug	1stXI v Sutton	H		2.00
Sat	31 Aug	1stXI v Cheam	H	LG	12.00
Sun	1 Sept	1stXI v Worcester Park	H		1.00
Sat	7 Sept	School 1stXV v OWRFC XV	H		2.30
Sat	7 Sept	1stXI v Normandy	H	LG	12.00
Sun	8 Sept	1stXI v Hayes	H		1.00

FROM THE EDITOR

From the Queen's Birthday Honours congratulations are due to Gen Sir Peter Wall on his Order of the Bath GCB, and to Keith Smith (Master) on his MBE as Lt Col of the School CCF.

In my day it was a great pleasure to watch Chris Saville and Jerry Cooke play each other in the Varsity Match, but Whitgift rugby has moved on to greater heights and to witness Elliott Daly for the Barbarians play against Marland Yarde for England at Twickenham was something special, especially as each player scored a very good try! Elliott went on tour with the Barbarians to Hong Kong and played against

the British Lions on their way out to Australia, and despite the high humidity he kicked his trademark penalty from the halfway line. Whilst Marland went on tour to Argentina with England and scored two tries on his debut in the second test.

Just to prove our members are always on the move JB Gill is leaving the boy band JLS and starting up a deer farm, whilst Lawrence Okoye is giving up the discus for American football and has joined NFL San Francisco 49ers.

Apologies are due to the members for the late arrival of the last electronic edition of the newsletter (347), but sometimes these glitches occur even in the best organisations.

DEVON COAST TO COAST – Nick Somers

This bike ride took place on 9 June with just under 500 competitors on what was one of the hottest days so far this year. The organisers ran a superb day for us and residents of most of the villages we passed through turned out to cheer us along which, along with your kind and generous sponsorship, provided much motivation. Much like mermaids calling to sailors to crash on rocks, it seems that Devonian drinkers in the village pubs have a custom of waving their pints as you cycle past in an attempt to entice you to stop and lie down in their beer garden. I resisted their charms and cycled on. The final leg down the steep hill into Ilfracombe was fantastic. For some reason, my bike goes downhill really quickly and I spent the last couple of miles trying to set off the speed cameras leading into

town. It appeared as though all of Ilfracombe turned out to cheer us in over the finish line with huge amounts of applause which provided quite an emotional end to the ride.

VETERANS RIFLE CLUB - Alan Hunter

Welcome to Summer - or so the calendar says, but now the norm seemingly! Since my last submission, we have nearly completed our Summer Full Bore season having enjoyed the mixed weather conditions experienced these past couple of months.

A shorter than usual report this time as I lack the more specific data that I normally have for the FB competitions...however:- On 14 April we shot the first of three rounds in the LMRA League over 300 & 500 yards: finishing in 3rd place.

Some weeks later the Vets. Entered two teams in the LMRA.

PSV Match over 300 & 600 yards. First shot in 1978 having been instigated - and the winner's trophy provided - by the WVRC. The winners - as usual - were Old Epsomians, no surprises there!

Our leading scorers were Adrian Oliver and Ian Todd with 92.1 and 92.7, respectively. The Surrey PSV was shot on 18 May likewise at 300 & 600 yards: sadly I do not have results for this event [Surrey RA website yet again et al!] but doubtless the OEs - as above - will have featured!

The following day the Vets competed in the 2nd round of the LMRA League, over the familiar 300 & 600 yards. This time finishing in 2nd place.

The third and final round of the LMRA League took place on 9 June, over 900 & 1000 yards. We again finished the day in 2nd place, with a final ranking of 2nd place on aggregate over the three rounds, behind Lloyds TSB and beating East Barnet and Old Haberdashers. Last year we finished in 3rd place on aggregate, so well done all.

All credit and thanks to those members who have represented the Vets. so well and who have also made some very early morning starts to several of these Bisley matches.

Namely, Messrs. Graham Clark, Justin Coe, Jack Furtado, Nick Harman, Simon Lacey, Paul Nalson, Adrian Oliver, Ian Todd, John Twyford and David Westnedge.

Our final Bisley competition of the season is the National Rifle Association PSV, to be held on the afternoon of Thursday 11 July with one shoot at 500 yards. We are entering 3 teams of 5 as per most years. This event will be followed by the annual informal dinner at the Artists Rifles club house, bringing our annual FB competition calendar to a conclusion.

The Whitgift Rifle Club [aka the Junior Section of the WVRC] maintains its momentum under the excellent leadership of staff member Peter Morrison, with some assistance from the Vets. At the moment however, exams etc. are affecting the weekly Tuesday and Wednesday afternoon shoots for the obvious reasons.

New equipment, namely slings, gloves and the latest design in shooting jackets are about to arrive and will enable the boys to move up a gear in their shooting experience and technique when the new term starts.

This time last year we were celebrating our Small Bore 'A' Team's victory in the Forsyth Trophy against the winners of the other 6 divisions of the 2012 Summer League!

Sadly the performance of both our A and B teams in the Winter League that followed is best forgotten and we can but hope for greater success in this Summer's matches of which 4 ex 10 rounds have so far been shot... watch this space.

Like all clubs and societies, the Vets' longevity [117 years] and continuance relies on a loyal and supportive membership, but as both anno domini and circumstances inevitably dictate, we need to encourage new members to our sport other than current pupils. With this in mind, I should like to remind readers that the Vets. is open to all OWs, plus both former and current members of the teaching and OWA staff: no medical checks are required!

The Veterans' Small Bore shooting activity takes place every Tuesday evening throughout the year at the school range [19.00 - 21.00 app.] after which some may care to enjoy a beer or join the occasional Tuesday evening outing of the unofficial 'Veterans Curry Club' for a post-shoot gastro workout!

Given the above, if any of you have a yearn to follow up a chance to revitalise old shooting abilities, or indeed give it a try for the first time, please contact Simon Lacey at secretary@wvrc.org.uk or have a look at the Vets' [slowly] developing website on www.wvrc.org.uk.

GOLF REPORT – Peter Gale

Early mention should be made of the Autumn Meeting. This is to be held on a Sunday, 8th September, to attract new members who may not be in a position to come to the midweek meetings earlier in the year. There will be a choice of the West course at Ashdown, for those who do not want to tackle the carries on the Old Course, and the entry fee will be very reasonable. The society is keen to attract new, and especially younger, members and with this in mind, is offering to subsidise the green fees of any potential new member under 35 at this event. Whatever your age, why not organize your own fourball and come along together? Contact Peter Gale if you are interested.

England bowler Jimmy Anderson would be pleased with figures showing 2 for 5 after 11. At the Captain's Day meeting in April, namesake Don (Don 'Toofer' Anderson) could be equally proud after he pitched in from 100 yards to earn himself an eagle two at Tandridge's 11th, and five stableford points. Certainly it stunned his playing partners into silence after they had ribbed him for walking forward to survey the hole position before his shot. Possibly they should have realised by then that this was going to be a special round; the eagle left Don only one over par at that stage. He went on to score 46 points, romping to victory over schoolmaster Simon Beck, who scored an impressive 40 points himself, and 12 year old schoolboy George Kemp, 34 points. All very impressive, especially for the 18 other entrants, who trailed in behind. A number of our regular society members were unable to attend the event as it coincided with Gerry Bowthorpe's funeral. Gerry was a very popular and respected member of the Society and we paused to honour and remember Gerry during the evening.

Grafton Morrish captain Nic Gates reports below on a successful qualifying round at Royal Wimbledon. Congratulations to the team.

The competition for qualification to the finals of the Grafton Morrish took place at Royal Wimbledon on the afternoon of Sunday 12th of May. There was a relatively stiff breeze and a few showers, and as a consequence the course was playing harder than usual. The format of the competition was foursomes scratch stableford, with 3 pairs playing for each school. There were 18 schools competing, with the top 7 combined scores qualifying for the finals in Norfolk in September.

Whitgift were paired with Highgate and St Georges, Weybridge. The first pair of Alex Atkinson and Nicolas Gates had a frustrating finish of two bogies but still finished with a relatively strong score of 28 points. Our second pair of Martin Hayes and Matt Dawton had a splendid finish with 4 birdies in their last 6 holes giving them a total of 35 points, just one over par and the highest score of the day. Our third pair of Peter Blok and Martin Down both very kindly volunteered to represent the school at the last minute and in the conditions scored a very respectable 17 points, bringing our total for the day to 80 points, which placed us 3rd, comfortably qualifying for the finals.

The lamb shank at Shirley Park (30 May) was cooked for four hours at 150 degrees, and was delicious. The golf in the match vs OMWs took just as long, but the play was probably not quite to the same standard, and certainly the temperature, in what passed for a British summer's day, was not as high. However, the result, two wins and two halves for a 3-1 win, was satisfying and the OWs hold the trophy for another year. All very enjoyable.

Lastly in this edition, a word on the evening meeting at Cuddington (13 June). Twenty three took to the fairways (and beyond!), but of course there can only be one winner. In the event it was our immediate past captain John Gould (photo below) who emerged on top, and won the Hornsey Walker trophy. A popular winner, John scored 39 points, thanks to a

back nine including seven pars and an impressive number of single putts. The last time John's name appeared on the trophy was in 1951! A different John Gould though.

In the Veteran's Cup, played for in the same competition, there WAS more than one winner. This cup is awarded for the best score by those aged over 60 (but the winner of the Hornsey Walker cannot also win this one). First Peter Kelley was awarded the trophy for his 32 points, shortly before it became apparent that in fact it should have been presented to new member John Grima (36 pts), who is clearly older than he looks. Also to be congratulated is Alan Blok who came second in the overall competition, also with 36 pts, but is of such tender years that a trophy eluded him, even temporarily.



NEWS FROM THE SCHOOL – Phil Fladgate

This has been another very busy term with many varied activities going on. UVith former Akshay Garigiparthi was in the news; his final year Design Technology project now takes pride of place at Taplow Court, home of the Soka Gakkai International UK (a lay Buddhist Society). He designed and created the 'Lotus of Gratitude'; the lotus is installed in a Japanese Water Garden and rests on the water's surface it has LEDs that reflect off its petals. He is now producing one for the school.

There was a very successful CCF Annual General Inspection in early May; Lt-Col Mike Cornwall (OW) was the Inspecting Officer. Lt-Col. Keith Smith, Contingent Commander Whitgift CCF, was awarded the MBE for services to the CCF in the Queen's Birthday Honours.

The UVith Form Graduation took place on 21st June; Lt-Col. James Coates OBE (OW) was the guest of honour. The UVith Form Leavers' Ball then took place in the Sports and Conference Centre.

There has been continued success in many different sports this term. In Fencing Tamiz Roach won the British U12 Youth Championships. Kunmi Ogunfeibo has been selected to represent the England Schools Swimming team in the ISF World Schools Games in Brazil; he will be swimming in the 50m and 100m Backstroke. The U12, U13 and U14 teams all won London Schools titles in the meet at St Pauls. The athletes have been having a good season; the U12s won the Croydon Schools Championships, the U14s won the Trinity Group title and the U15s have qualified for the ESAA National Finals at Gateshead. Sid Holland threw a new school record in the Hammer (32.60m). At the Surrey Schools Championships Stefan Amokwondoh won the U17 Triple Jump, Ocean Schwartz won the U17 High Jump with a new school record (1.90m), Ben Deuchar won the U15 Javelin and Will Varcoe won the 80m Hurdles.

Golfer George Mullins won the Surrey Senior Order of Merit; this is a competition involving the best amateur golfers in Surrey.

Henry Choong has continued to have success in Modern Pentathlon; he was part of the three man GB team that took the Bronze medal at the European Championships.

The cricket season has been going well, although, yet again there has been considerable disruption of fixtures due to the weather. The U13s have reached the semi-final of the Bunbury National Cup and the U15s have reached the quarter-final stage in the Surrey Cup. The 1st XI has had some impressive wins and two Vith Formers, Dominic Sibley (LVith) and Jack

Winslade (UVith) made their first-class debuts for Surrey CCC against Oxford MCCU in May. The Surrey team also contained three other OWs (Rory Burns, Mike Burgess and Jason Roy, who captained the side). Freddie Van Den Bergh (OW) scored a hundred for Durham MCCU against Derbyshire going in at number 9!

On the rugby front two OWs have been in the news. Marland Yarde was selected for the England tour to Argentina; he played against the Barbarians at Twickenham and scored and then made his England debut in the second test against Argentina, scoring two tries in an emphatic England win. Elliot Daly was selected to play for the Barbarians against England; he scored a long-range try in this game and then went with the Barbarians to Hong Kong to play against the Lions. He kicked a penalty in this match.

The School 1st XV embark on a major tour in July and August, taking in Hong Kong, New Zealand and the Cook Islands.

The Trinity term will be brought to an end with the Lower School musical 'Bugsy Malone' and a recital by Remus Azoitei and pianist Eduard Stan to celebrate the International Music Competition. The term ends with the Celebration of Whitgift Life on 5th July. Finally, the Boarding House is now in operation and has 10 boarders in it; there will be over 60 next term!

EAST ANGLIA BRANCH DINNER – John Humphries

This year's annual dinner of the East Anglia Branch will be held on Friday 18 October at Clare College Cambridge. Full details will be sent to members in the region and regular attendees closer to the event but other members are most welcome and should contact John Humphries for further information. (John.Humphries@springrise.co.uk)

DEATHS

Mr D S Coates (43-51) on 30/05/2013
Mr C J Doland (40-47) on 13/03/2013 aged 82
Mr P G Figgess (37-44) on 22/12/2012 aged 86
Mr W W Hann (44-47) on 03/03/2013
Mr J G Parson (55-60) on 12/03/2013 aged 70
Mr I Phillips (48-55) on 20/05/2013 aged 74
Mr D A Sawyer (32-38) on 25/12/2012 aged 92
Mr I G Samuel (36-40) on 20/03/2007

The Whitgift Sports Club welcomes new members and offers the widest choice in Surrey with top class facilities for Men, Women and Juniors - sporting and social...



We are delighted to announce that arrangements are now in place for members of the Whitgift Sports Club and their wives/partners to have the use of the hard tennis court at the Old Palace Preparatory School in Melville Avenue which is opposite the top end of our sports ground.

The court is available on weekday evenings from 6.30pm until 9pm and on Saturday and Sunday from 10am to 9pm and the season will initially run from 1st May to 30th September. Floodlighting is available.

Members will have access to the court via a numeric locking system and may be required to show their Membership Card which will be supplied. The Card will also offer discount on purchases made at the Clubhouse Bar.

No changing or toilet facilities are available at the court and members are encouraged to change at the Clubhouse and stay on for a drink after playing. For current members of the Whitgift Sports Club, Tennis is included in their subscription. The subscription for Tennis as a single sport is £80 per season and the wife/partner top up is £40 which is great value.

**Tennis Comes to
Groham
Road...**

The Gerry Bowthorpe Memorial Appeal

IN the lifetime of most OWs, there will be few who have made as great a contribution to the Association and the Whitgift Sports Club as Gerry whether on the pitch as Captain of the 1st XV or on the touchline in later years, frequently collecting the corner flags after the match. Gerry was the driving force behind the introduction of Junior Rugby which today provides coaching for over two hundred youngsters from 6 to 16.

He was always happy to take on any task that would help to ensure the well-being of Croham Road, providing encouragement and, frequently, employment to those who needed a start en route to a career and financial assistance to many. He was Chairman of the Benevolent Society and President of the Association in 2002.



The wonderful tribute, written by Nigel Platts, and which was circulated to members, says it all. Now, Whitgiftians of all generations have the opportunity to contribute to a lasting memorial to this special OW. It is one that Gerry would enthusiastically support and that will ensure the Clubhouse continues to be a welcoming place for OWs and their guests. And, importantly, one that will help to attract much needed revenue from outside lettings in order to meet the ever increasing costs of providing sport for OWs and the Community in the years to come.

We have already achieved some success in our fund raising effort with an Award of £7,500 from the Rugby Football Union. With your help we can reach our target of £30,000. You will not have a more compelling reason to support your Club.

The Brodie Memorial Pavilion

There was no one more committed to Croham Road than Gerry. Therefore, it seems entirely fitting that, following the refurbishment of the Main Hall, it will be re-named "The Gerry Bowthorpe Room" as a lasting tribute to this truly outstanding Old Whitgiftian.

The scale of the project will, of course, be determined by the financial success of the Appeal and we have been realistic in our planning, taking account of the current financial climate.

Apart from the installation of new double glazed windows, no major improvements have been made to the Clubhouse in the past twenty years. To meet the demands of today's potential customer, whether for a Wedding Reception, Birthday Celebration or Corporate event, it is essential that we improve the premises. So, that outdated laminate wall panelling will go, the ceiling will be lowered and new general and decorative lighting added.

The fireplace, once a feature, will be reinstated. Big screen, audio visual equipment, vital for Company meetings, will be installed (ideal for watching Rugby Internationals too!) and a new and appealing colour scheme introduced.

This an exciting project and your comments will be most welcome...as will your donation! It is almost certainly the first time you have been asked to make a financial contribution to the Club since leaving School, apart from the annual subscription.

Please give generously.

A detailed plan showing the proposed work is displayed in the entrance hall of the Clubhouse.

Please support "The Gerry Bowthorpe Room Appeal" by completing the Pledge Form overleaf...

The Gerry Bowthorpe Memorial Appeal



PLEDGE FORM

I would like to donate the sum of (please tick box)

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to The Gerry Bowthorpe Memorial Appeal and understand that my donation will be utilised for the refurbishment and improvement of the Main Hall at the Brodie Memorial Pavilion, Croham Road, which is to be named the "The Gerry Bowthorpe Room" in memory of this much-loved Old Whitgiftian.

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Cheques should be made payable to 'The Whitgift Sports Club Ltd'.

If you have requested an invoice this will be despatched to you during the next 7 days.

Should you have any queries regarding this appeal please call the Clubhouse (020 8686 2127) or the Chairman, Alan Cowing (01892 770291 or 07836 256142)

All donations will be acknowledged. Thank you.