



# WHITGIFTIAN ASSOCIATION

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## OW CALLS FOR HELP IN NEPAL

On April 25th 2015, a devastating earthquake hit central Nepal. In just 90 seconds, more than 9,000 people died.

2.4 million people became instantly homeless. 32,000 classrooms were destroyed – and nearly one million Nepali school children lost both their homes and their schools.

For five years, Learning Planet has been working with rural communities in Gorkha district to bring clean energy, water, IT and communications, teacher training, and new school buildings. We were working in Gorkha, when the earthquake struck. Just 12 miles from the epicenter.

We were able to respond very quickly. With our local partners, Abari, and 25 volunteers, distributing hundreds of blankets, mattresses, and tarpaulins. Miraculously, we lost only one soul in Dhawa, despite pulling more than 50 people from rubble. Logistics and resources were challenged almost immediately with the sheer scale of the disaster.

We sent our workers home to their own villages to help their own families. As the larger international relief agencies began to arrive, a week after the earthquake, every city ran out of tarpaulins, and tons of

international supplies became stuck in the chaotic international airport. When we finally reached our workers' remote villages (on foot), no other assistance had yet arrived.

The monsoon was imminent, and so many were homeless. Together we designed a re-



useable transitional shelter that anyone could build, with materials people already had available to them. We produced a simple manual for ways to construct it - with salvaged wood, stone and tin, plus bamboo, earth and grass.

Two weeks on and people began to go hungry – their stores of rice and corn, lost. Hundreds of

families had been left completely without food. As help from neighbours and friends began to dry up, we lobbied the World Food Programme to assist. But there were too many affected.

**Thanks to the OW appeal, we dispatched 21 tons of rice to all 968 homes in Dhawa.** Although massively over stretched, The World Food Programme has since picked up the pace in Gorkha.

And some world-leading NGOs – notably Save the Children and People in Need – began their sophisticated operations.

With great relief, we were able to re-focus and ponder the next problem – how to get thousands of children back to school in less than a fortnight. We designed an inexpensive, high-quality, safe and sturdy structure that could be a classroom or health post – deployed very quickly, with just bamboo, canvas and rope.

In collaboration with Tents to Nepal, we brought truck loads of canvas. With this canvas, and **with assistance from the OW appeal, 94 safe, weatherproof, temporary classrooms were constructed** and thousands of traumatised kids got a little normality back. Before the Monsoon came, Dhawa's 1,300 school children, and those in nearly 20 other villages were all in class.

Since the rains have arrived, our focus has shifted again. We've developed a modular school design that uses local, sustainable materials to create inexpensive, seismically safe classrooms, that are flexible, communal, affordable and fun.

Our aim is to replace concrete school blocks with an inspiring child-friendly model with durability, seismic protection, thermal efficiency, sustainability and flexibility; which goes up faster, and costs less.



**We're hugely grateful to OWs for giving us the opportunity to work with communities in Nepal** who are already taking small steps towards that leap.

If you'd like to know more, donate to our "Build Back Better" Nepal Schools appeal, or get involved in

any capacity, please visit our website [www.learningplanet.org.uk](http://www.learningplanet.org.uk)

**JUSTIN WICKHAM (OW 1981-89)  
CO-FOUNDER, LEARNING PLANET**

*The OW Nepal Earthquake Appeal raised more than £7,400 in May 2015. A special thank you to Nigel Bowthorpe (OW 1982-89), and the WA office for co-ordinating the appeal, and to Saj Khan (OW 1982-1989), for helping an old school friend, and raising a third of the total single-handed.*



## WHITGIFT SPORTS CLUB REMEMBERS LIVES LOST IN WORLD WARS

On Sunday 12th July more than 100 members of the Whitgift Sports Club attended the unveiling ceremony and dedication of a Memorial to the 113 members who gave their lives in the two World Wars.

The Memorial, a bronze plaque embedded in a granite block, was generously donated by the OW Trustees via the War Memorial Fund and is situated on the grass bank to the right of the Cricket Scoreboard.



Sir Peter Wall (OW 1965-73) highlighted the sacrifice made by those who gave their lives in a moving address and The Reverend Canon Colin Boswell, Vicar of Croydon and Whitgift

School Chaplain, dedicated the memorial with a blessing.

After the Last Post, beautifully sounded by Charles Sladdin, a current Whitgift Sixth Form student, the gathering retired to the Clubhouse for drinks and canapés.

The Memorial, together with the planting, has greatly enhanced the look of the ground. Please visit the Club and see for yourself when you are in the vicinity.



Those present were welcomed by the WSC Chairman, Alan Cowing (OW 1953-59).

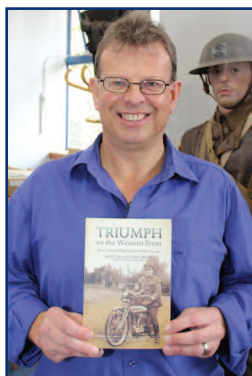
## TRIUMPH ON THE WESTERN FRONT

Phil Holdway-Davis, OW (1971-76) visited the WA Office and Whitgift archives in July en route to the St. George's Memorial Church in Ypres, as part of the launch of his new book, "Triumph on the Western Front".

Phil has compiled the book from the diaries of his Great Uncle, WWI Despatch Rider, Oswald H Davis.

Oswald joined the Royal Engineers in 1916 and arrived in Abbeville, Somme, France in July that year. He was dished out a Triumph motorcycle to carry pigeons and vital messages at a time when communications were limited and risky.

Oswald H Davis is no newcomer to the literary world; as a poet and novelist he has written twelve books. His war diary, *Triumph on the Western Front*, is the last piece of his literature to be published. He



takes the reader on a vivid trip from wartime Britain in July 1915 to his voluntary recruitment where he is sent to the Somme and Flanders for the duration of the war. He finishes with a post-war trip to occupied Germany before demobilisation in February 1919. A decent fellow who openly admitted he wasn't really 'adept' at war and what it involved.

You can laugh at his lighthearted humour and his love for the ladies, and yet he invokes a sympathy in the reader when he concedes to making numerous mistakes – after all he was only human."

Phil, who lives in New Zealand, plans to visit Croydon for the "Remembering 1916 exhibition", which will be held at Whitgift School from March 2016. He hopes to be available to sign books and talk about Oswald, the Somme, the ANZACs and pigeons!



## CORPS OF DRUMS 110TH ANNIVERSARY REUNION

On 4th July, the OW Drums helped the School Corps of Drums celebrate their 110th Anniversary with a concert by the OWs, a performance from the School and a dinner at the Whitgift Sports Club. This being our third such event in the past three decades, it seems to be becoming a 10 yearly tradition.

The event was attended by over 50 OWs and their wives, all of whom having been members of the School Corps of Drums at some stage over the past 80 years. The event brought together 15 former Drum Majors from the School, the largest gathering since our centenary, as well as numerous other key members.

Our honoured guests included Capt. Tony Reddy and Bandmaster Phil Williams being well known to so many of our members from the many years of service that they gave to the School's Corps of Drums and CCF.

Our summer programme of events has continued with a Concert on Brighton's bandstand on 9th August, once again in some stunning weather.

Our next meetings will be on Friday 11th September 2015 and Friday 8th January 2016, both at the Whitgift Sports Club and both from 8pm-10pm before we adjourn to the bar from 10pm until midnight. Players and supporters all very welcome, we won't be too offended if you just come for the social gathering after the rehearsal!

**CHRIS CARTER-PEGG (OW 1984-1992)**  
**OW CORPS OF DRUMS SOCIETY**





## NEWS FROM THE SCHOOL

by Dominic Edwards

Whilst it is only a little over a decade old, the end of year extravaganza that is the Celebration of Whitgift Life (ominously referred to as COWL by the staff in the plethora of organizational emails which precede it) is fast becoming associated with a number of traditions, and this year was no different. Firstly, it will be accompanied by a searing heatwave: this year, the preceding Wednesday was on record as the hottest June day ever! Secondly, the entertainment interludes will make you forget that you are in a school, such are their quality: the excerpt from the Lower School Musical *Spamalot* really did make you forget your troubles and look on the bright side of life, and the table tennis exhibition match had to be seen to be believed. Thirdly, the guest speaker will pitch their speech perfectly, making pithy, motivational comments, aware of the fact that they are the only person standing between nearly 1,500 school boys (and over 150 staff!) and their Summer holidays - to that end, Chairman of the Whitgift Foundation, Christopher Houlding, we salute you! Finally, your hands will start to ache due to clapping the sheer number of boys receiving prizes!

The end of the Summer Term also heralded the first academic success of the year, with the IB class of 2015 receiving their initial results on Sunday 5th July. An average total points score of nearly 38 is already up on last year, with three quarters of the boys scoring over 35 points, and just over a third scoring 40 and above. The vast majority of the cohort has achieved what they need to gain places at Russell Group universities, including Oxford and Cambridge, and in the United States.

The Drama and Music departments have a long history of combining harmoniously to put on first rate productions and this Summer was no different, with the school

putting on not one, but two highly contrasting shows. The first, Lower School musical, *Spamalot*, featured another huge cast and showcased the talents of Jude Willoughby and Macauley Keeper, who have both already enjoyed great success on the small screen.

The second was a very interesting project: Director, Mr Paul Wilson, and his highly-talented cast, ranging from First to Lower Sixth Formers, took on the monumental task of performing *Summer's Last Will and Testament*, by the Elizabethan writer, Thomas Nashe. The comedy, first performed at the end of the sixteenth century, was commissioned by the School's Founder, Archbishop John Whitgift, to entertain the visiting monarch, when visiting his Croydon residence. Never has there been a performance with such historical links to the School; fittingly performed in the beautiful Founder's Garden.

The occasion, towards the end of the Trinity Term, also served to mark the book launch of a biography celebrating the life of John Whitgift - written by the Headmaster - the first to be published for






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# WA ANNUAL DINNER 2016

17TH JUNE - HOUSE OF LORDS



THE EVENT, HOSTED BY WA PRESIDENT 2016, LORD GRAHAM TOPE, WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE PEERS' DINING ROOM



# NEWS FROM THE SCHOOL CONTINUED

nearly fifty years. Dr Barnett thanked the Whitgift Foundation for supporting the publication, as well as Mr Wilson for indulging his idea of bringing the Nashe play to fruition. The audience, some dressed in Elizabethan costume, were delighted by the unique nature of the event, and were thoroughly impressed by the young actors, who delivered the highly-intellectual script with aplomb beyond their years, and the graceful dancers. Musical interludes included performances by Whitgift choristers, and superb solos by Mr Wilson and Mr Alan Weakley.

As if contributing heavily to two theatrical productions was not enough, the Music Department also undertook its second International Music Competition, following the success of the first one in 2013. In June, the school welcomed 18 young musicians from 10 countries around the world, to compete for a variety of prestigious awards, including the Grand Prize of a full boarding scholarship to the school, won this year by Hungarian cellist, Marcel Leczky, who stunned the adjudicators and audience with his virtuosic rendition of the Popper - Hungarian Rhapsody. In order to ensure more entries from the UK and around the

world for the 2017 competition, which will be open to string, woodwind and brass players, Whitgift welcomes any offers of support from Old Whitgiftians, particularly in respect of assistance for pupils who go on to gain entry to London Conservatoires. For further details, please contact Rosanna Whitfield at [rcw@whitgift.co.uk](mailto:rcw@whitgift.co.uk)

The biggest news on the sporting front comes from the school's golfers, who after decades of trying, finally won the "Ryder Cup of school golf", the HMC foursomes competition. The finals this year were played at local course, Purley Downs, over two scorching days. On the first day, the school beat Reigate and tournament giants, Millfield, setting up an epic semi-final with Loretto on the second day, which was clinched in dramatic fashion by the third pair (with the scores tied at 1 - 1 after the first two pairs' efforts) who needed 19 holes to decide their match. The final was against Wellington College and proved to be just as tense. In a topsy-turvy affair, the first two matches both went to the 18th green, with the first pair sealing their win with some breathtaking golf, being several shots under par, and the second pair clinching their victory with a 20 foot putt!

Whilst the Cricket Season did not see any major trophies won by the end of the year, the U13A side, who went unbeaten throughout the term, were still going strong in their National Cup, having reached the area semi-finals. The First XI were knocked out of their National Cup at the quarter-final stage by Reed's, but they still enjoyed a fantastic season, only losing two games and winning 17, including notable victories over Trinity, the MCC and a touring Australian side, St Paul's from Brisbane, who were trounced by 287 runs... now where have we heard that before?

In other sports news, Whitgift's stock in the modern pentathlon just keeps on rising, with two more boys winning national titles. Rudi Bruijn-Yard finished the season on a high, claiming the U13 British title at the 2015 British Pentathlon Championships, in June, in Solihull. This is an outstanding achievement for the Upper First Form pupil, especially given that he only started horse riding last year. Whitgift can also claim an U16 national champion, with Upper Fifth pupil, Charlie Goriup, winning the British Schools Biathlon, meaning he is now ranked number one at U17 level.

**DOMINIC EDWARDS (OW 1988-1996)**

## RECORD-BREAKING A LEVEL RESULTS



Congratulations to all of the Upper Sixth A Level students, who received their results on Thursday 13 August. We are delighted to report another year of excellent results, with 91.5% of all grades awarded at A\*-B. The A\*-B rate for A Level and the IB (International Baccalaureate) Diploma combined was 92.5%. A record-breaking number of A\* grades have been

awarded, and the vast majority of the cohort have achieved what they need to gain places at their first-choice university.

Whitgift boys have reason to celebrate. Well done.



# OW LIVERYMEN'S DINNER - 4TH JULY 2015



A splendid dinner, hosted by WA President Sir Keith Lindblom, was enjoyed on board HQS Wellington on Saturday 4th July.

Over 40 OWs, guests and parents of current Whitgiftians began the evening with the tour of the ship (champagne glasses in hand), conducted by Captain John Freestone, Past Master of the Worshipful Company of Master Mariners. It was fascinating to learn about the history of the HQS Wellington and how it came to be the Livery Hall of the Company.

Dinner was served in the Court Room, formerly the engine and boiler room of the ship. The catering was second-to-none, served in this most magnificent room, surrounded by a trove of artefacts,



including gold plates and framed original documents penned by Samuel Pepys. Past President, Ian Flanagan OBE from the Worshipful Company of Gardeners delivered the first speech, encouraging us all to draw upon the links between Livery companies and Whitgift to everybody's advantage.



He was followed by Sheriff Fiona Adler, the first female to be a Freeman and Master of the Worshipful Company of Tobacco Pipe Maker and Tobacco Blenders. She delivered an account of her duties as Sheriff and a real insight into the workings of the City of London.

If you are interested in attending an OW Liverymen event in the future, do please get in touch with the WA Office.

## OW GOLF SOCIETY REPORT

Last year at about this time, I was able to report a great run for Whitgift in the Cyril Gray (over 50s), but unfortunately this year the path to the final was blocked in the first round by Blundells, who beat Tony Mason's team 2-1.

No success either for our team in the annual match at Royal Wimbledon GC against KCS Old Boys, where the margin against us was 3.5 – 1.5.

Better news to report, albeit by proxy, the school golf team scored a tremendous victory in the 2015 HMC Foursomes competition at Purley Downs, where they beat Wellington 2-1 in a tense final, the deciding match being settled on the 18th hole. This is a great achievement and a first for Whitgift in this event.

The major event in the period was Mike Wilkinson's President's meeting, held in mid-August at The Addington. The weather was relatively kind for a field of 29 players, and scoring was good on what is always a tough course to play. Nearly half the participants scored 30 points or more. Peter Blok won the President's Putter, and a prize presented by Mike, with 39 points. David Absalom took second place with 36 points, and Don Anderson third with 35.

Our final meeting of the season will be at Royal Ashdown on 27th September. This is a Sunday meeting, and we hope golfers who work during the week and cannot normally get to our meetings will be able to join us. OWs, teachers and parents qualify to join the society and are encouraged to contact me for further details.

PETER GALE (OW 1963-69)  
HONORARY SECRETARY

WA CHRISTMAS LUNCH  
SUNDAY 6TH DECEMBER 2015

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# WHITGIFT VETERANS' RIFLE CLUB REPORT



Many congratulations are in order to Peter (PJ) Morrison and the Whitgift School Rifle Club on winning their first postal Small Bore competition in The British Schools Smallbore Rifle Association. A terrific result which can only bode well for the future... Well done everyone!

In my last scribe I covered the results and scores of the Veterans' Full Bore season, with the exception of the NRA Schools Veterans match. This, our final Bisley competition of the summer, was held on the 2nd Thursday of July with good weather on the day coupled with a light wind.

This match comprised one shoot at 500 yards for which we entered three teams of five, thanks to Graham Clark's great efforts in organizing the event on the range plus all the preparation beforehand. This year some 45 clubs took part, fielding between them nearly 100 teams!

It seems only fair to list how our 3 teams fared on the day, with best scores in brackets:-

The A team 34th of 45 (Guy Hart 46.3)  
The B team 17th of 30 (Simon Lacey 47.2)  
The C team 12th of 22 (Robert Price 50.6!)

It will come as no surprise to anyone familiar with this event to hear that Old

Epsomians won both the A and B team contests. Unfortunately, they only managed 2nd place in the C team match – oh dear.

Worthy of mention here is Rob Price's terrific shoot of 50.6 [6 'V' Bulls] winning him the Reed Challenge Cup for our best score of the day. Even more commendable considering Rob hadn't shot Full Bore since last year. Congratulations also to Simon on his excellent 47.2.

Many thanks are due to Ken Garside for his assistance to both the B and C teams on the day, without his expertise none of us would have scored as well as we did. How appropriate then that Ken was our guest later in the day at the Vets' annual informal dinner at the 'Artists'. An excellent occasion much enjoyed. Thanks to Julie and her staff and to Simon for organizing the dinner.

It was good to see Stuart Ebbutt and John Horlock, as veteran Veterans, attend the meeting, with Mike Herron travelling up from Plymouth.

Further information regarding the WVRC and our activities can be found within the WA website... new members always welcome.

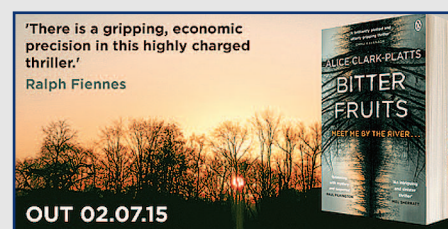
**ALAN HUNTER (OW 1952-59)**



**TOM MORGAN (OW 2003-2011)**  
PASSED OUT OF THE ROYAL MILITARY ACADEMY SANDHURST ON 7TH AUGUST AND IS NOW A COMMISSIONED OFFICER IN THE ARMY AIR CORPS.  
CONGRATULATIONS TOM!

## GOOD NEWS FOR FAMILY PLATTS

The WA staff and OWs far-and-wide were shocked to hear of WA Past President Nigel Platts' (OW 1955-64) heart attack whilst playing golf with the Old Whits Golf Society at the beginning of the Summer. We were equally delighted to hear from his son, Tom (OW 1989-96), when he dropped us a note in the middle of August to reassure us that Nigel is recovering well and has had his spirits boosted by the tremendous success of his daughter-in-law's first novel, "Bitter Fruits". At the time of writing, the book was number 4 on the Sainsbury's and Waterstones best sellers list.



**WHITGIFTIAN ASSOCIATION**  
invites you to  
**SPORTSMAN'S LUNCH**  
SATURDAY 28TH NOVEMBER 2015, 11AM  
(Please note change of date)

**WHITGIFT'S 1ST XV VS. MILLFIELD**



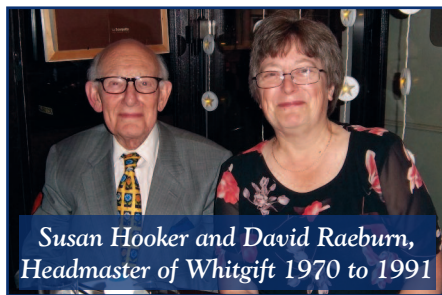
Closing date for bookings is Monday 23rd November .  
Tickets are £35 per head for members of the WA, staff and parents of current Whitgiftians, £25 per head for students and £40 for all others.

## SUSAN HOOKER RETIRES

Susan Hooker retired this Summer after completing 30 years of service as a Master at the school. Susan, a graduate of Newnham College Cambridge, taught Mathematics, and took over the Careers Department when Dick Glynne-Jones retired. During her long service at the school, Susan has witnessed many changes including the expansion of the school roll, the introduction of the International Baccalaureate, and not least the significant change in the gender balance of the Common Room.

To mark her retirement, Susan held a dinner party at La Scarpetta restaurant in Coulsdon which was attended by current and former members of the Mathematics and Careers Departments. Guests included Dick Shelley (1962-2001), Bob Schad (1950-98), Ken Nicholas (1956-91), Norman West (1967-98), Chris Kibble (1984-present), Bob Dinnage (1992-present) who were all members of the Mathematics Department when Susan joined.

Guest of Honour was David Raeburn, the Headmaster who appointed Susan in 1984. Everyone was impressed to learn that



David is still teaching Greek at Oxford University, although he is now taking the first steps towards his own retirement.

Susan was especially touched by the very large number of cards, letters and messages that she received from colleagues, parents and students.

Although she has no immediate plans to leave Croydon, Susan does hope to be able to spend more time at her French farmhouse.

### ANDREW GAYLER (OW 1956-64)

*Readers should know that Susan also served for nearly 20 years as a Trustee of the Whitgiftian Benevolent Society, having been nominated by the Headmaster. Current and former pupils, and members of staff, who were assisted by the Society will be aware that Susan was never too busy to listen to a problem and present it to the Trustees: in most cases successfully securing help for the applicant. Editor*

## WA CHARITY NOW IN FULL SWING

We are pleased to announce that the Whitgiftian Association Trust (WAT), a charitable vehicle registered and approved by the Charities Commission (charity no. 1157289), is now fully setup and operational.

The charity has been set up in order to provide a vehicle through which OWs may give back to the Whitgiftian community in the most tax effective way, either through regular or one-off donations or by leaving a legacy. All amounts donated will fall under the Gift Aid scheme, enabling both recipient and donor to achieve maximum benefit under current tax legislation.

There is something very personal and meaningful about endowing a bursary for a boy to study at Whitgift or to contributing to a new capital scheme that will benefit

hundreds of Croydon children.

The charity is currently able to ring-fence donations for the following funds:-

- A bursary for a boy to attend Whitgift School
- A capital project at Whitgift School
- Membership for a Junior at Whitgift Sports Club
- A capital project at Whitgift Sports Club

The Trustees, and WA Committee, very much hope that you will consider making a donation or allowing for a legacy in your will. Please contact the WA Office (020 9633 9926) for further details, or visit the 'Giving' pages on the WA website ([whitgiftianassociation.co.uk/giving](http://whitgiftianassociation.co.uk/giving)) where you will be able to download a Pledge Form.



**SOUTH WEST OW  
DINNER,  
SAT 17TH OCT 2015**

Call the WA office on  
**020 8633 9926** or book online at  
[www.whitgiftianassociation.co.uk](http://www.whitgiftianassociation.co.uk)

## OW CRICKET CLUB News 2015

Our 1st XI have secured Division One status for the 6th successive season and are currently in 6th spot with five wins.

The batting stats have been led by Adam Clarke 392, Joe Murtagh (OW 2006-15) 362, Chris Thompson 339 and Rory Caines (OW 2003-10) 296. Mo Raza has taken most wickets (35) followed by Fisher with 25, Nikhil Patel (OW 1998-2005) 16, Daniel Kenton and Harshil Patel (OW 2011-13) (both 11).

Seven Whitgiftians have represented the side this year with the reappearance on the teamsheet of R Subba Row! Raman's (OW 1943-50) grandson, Rory, now plays for the club scoring an unbeaten 121 for the second XI against Worcester Park a few weeks ago followed by his 1st team debut the week after.

The 2nd XI are also in 6th place with eight wins with the captain Vish Khetia scoring 407, Sujit Dadar 352 and Rory Subba Row 267 with the bowling lead by Simon Yousaf (29 wickets) and Pardeep Chatwal (28). The 3s are in 9th place needing at least one win from the last two games to stay up.

On Sunday 6th September, the club is hosting the Surrey Trust Finals Day at Croham Road with two U21 games taking place at the same time.

**STUART WOODROW (OW 1968-75)**



# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sat 5 Sept	Charlie Hutton Hockey Festival	School	10:00
Sun 13 Sept	OWGS Barnett trophy	The Addington	13:00
Wed 16 Sept	Comedy Night	WSC	19:00
Thurs 17 Sept	City drinks	Market Porter	19:00
Sat 19 Sept	Open Morning	School	09:00
Sat 19 Sept	OWRFC Supporters lunch	WSC	12:00
Sun 27 Sept	OW Golf Society Meeting	Royal Ashdown	
Fri 2 Oct	WSPA Quiz night	School	19:00
Sat 3 Oct	OWRFC Supporters lunch	WSC	12:00
Wed 7 Oct	School Chamber Choir	Chichester Cathedral	17:30
14-15 Oct	VI form play	School	19:30
Sat 17 Oct	South West OW Dinner	Tiverton	19:00
Sat 24 Oct	OWRFC Supporters Lunch	WSC	12:00
Wed 11 Nov	Remembrance Service	School	10:30
Thurs 12 Nov	Careers Conversazione	School	19:00
Fri 13 Nov	Vice Presidents' Dinner	School	19:00
Thurs 19 Nov	School music concert	Fairfield Halls	19:00
Sat 28 Nov	Sportsman's Lunch	School	11:00
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Sat 5 Dec	School Choristers	The Ritz	15:45
Sun 6 Dec	Family Christmas Lunch	WSC	12:00
9-11 Dec	Journey's End	School	19:30
Fri 11 Dec	School Christmas Concert	Hanover Square	18:30
Sat 12 Dec	WA AGM (date tbc)	School	11:00
Tues 15 Dec	School Carol Service	Croydon Minster	19:30
Fri 16 June	WA Annual Dinner	The Lords	tbc

## FIXTURES

Sat 5 Sept	OWCC 2nd X1 v Addiscombe	H	L	13.00
Sat 5 Sept	School 1st XV v Sedbergh	A		12:00
Sun 6 Sept	Surrey cricket finals day	WSC		14:30
Sat 12 Sept	School 1stXV v Bishop Wordsworth	H		13:00
Sat 19 Sept	OWRFC 1stXV v Kingston	H	L	14:00
Sat 19 Sept	School 1stXV v Skinners	H		14:00
Sat 26 Sept	Wands XV v London Irish	H	L	14:00
Sat 26 Sept	School 1stXV v Wellington	A		14:30
Sat 3 Oct	OWRFC 1stXV v Old Paulines	H	L	14:00
Sat 3 Oct	School 1stXV v Warwick	H		12:30
Sat 10 Oct	Wands XV v Old Walcountians	H	L	14:00
Sat 10 Oct	School 1stXV v John Fisher	A		14:30
Sat 17 Oct	School 1stXV v XChislehurst	A		10:30
Sat 24 Oct	OWRFC 1stXV v Chipstead	H	L	13:00
Sat 7 Nov	Wands XV v Effingham	H	L	14:30
Sat 7 Nov	School 1st XV v High Wycombe	H		14:00

## RECENT DEATHS

**JIM BEECHING OBE,**  
1942-47, d. July 2014, aged 84

**LT COL BILL MACWILLIAM,**  
1942-48, d. 6th January 2015,  
aged 83

**BRIAN CROSBY CAMPBELL,**  
d. 8th June 2015, aged 85

**JOHN KNIGHTLY,**  
1957-65, d. 13th August 2015,  
aged 69

## CHARLIE HUTTON HOCKEY FESTIVAL

On Saturday 5th September, the Charlie Hutton Hockey Festival once more comes to Whitgift. Charlie was a Whitgift student who died, tragically, in a boating accident at the age of just 14 in 2012.

Charlie's older brothers Sam (OW 2001-08), Tom (OW 2000-07) and dad Simon (OW 1973-78) organise this annual fundraiser for RNLI to honour and recognise their efforts and to show the family's appreciation for everything they do.

In addition to a full day of hockey, involving both junior and senior teams, a 5 km fun-run will start at 11am (meet at the tennis course) and "Challenge Charlie" T-shirts will be sold on the day. At the time of writing, a silent auction is in 'full swing'. Do take a look at the items available ([charliehuttonhockeyfestival.wordpress.com](http://charliehuttonhockeyfestival.wordpress.com)) and bid if you can.

A full report of the Hockey Festival will follow in the next edition.