



# WHITGIFTIAN ASSOCIATION

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## DINNER WITH THE LORDS



This year's Whitgiftian Association 121st Annual Dinner, hosted by WA President, Lord Tope, was a splendid affair with a capacity audience of 125 OWs of all generations in attendance including wives, partners, mothers, sisters, brothers, sons and daughters.

Pre-dinner drinks were served in the Peers' Guest Room with its magnificent view over the Thames - enjoyed during a brief period of respite from the heavy rain that had greeted our arrival. Most were then treated to a tour of the Palace of Westminster prior to taking their seats in the Peers' Dining Room to enjoy a really excellent four-course dinner.

WA President, Lord Tope (OW 1953-61), Chairman and host for the event, welcomed everyone to the House of Lords and asked for a one-minute silence as a sign of respect for MP Jo Cox who had been killed in tragic circumstances the previous day. He resumed by commenting on the encouragingly high percentage (38%) of young OWs present who had left the School since 2000. He went on to introduce two of his OW colleagues in the House of Lords: Lord Bowness and Lord Freud. The fourth OW Peer, Lord Freeman, also due to attend, was prevented from doing so for

family reasons. He also welcomed eight previous Presidents of the Association, his immediate predecessor, Sir Keith Lindblom (OW 1966-74), together with his successor for the year 2017, Richard Bateman (OW 1967-74). Lord Tope took the opportunity to refer to the recently launched WA Bursary Fund (see back pages), which he hoped as many OWs as possible would support. He welcomed Naomi Newstead, representing the Fund, to the dinner and encouraged guests who might feel in a generous frame of mind to make themselves known to her.

After dinner, we were again privileged to be entertained by the remarkable young OW musician, Dan-Iulian Druţac (2013-2015). Dan-Iulian's virtuoso performance of Ysaye's 3rd Sonata on solo violin was rewarded by a standing ovation. Dan is now on a Full Scholarship at the Guildhall School of Music where he has been polishing his skills since leaving school last year.

Presiding over the after-dinner speeches with a toast to the guests, Lord Tope spoke of the profound effect of his Whitgift education, saying that he could only speculate on where he would have ended up without it - almost certainly not in the House of Lords! Referring to

Three OW Peers were in attendance at the WA Annual Dinner on Friday June 17th...





*Sir Keith Lindblom and Lord Tope*

the referendum on our future in or outside the EU (whilst not wishing to be drawn into a political discussion) and reflecting on the splendour of our surroundings, he reminded us of the importance of our historic parliamentary system and the inherent dangers of taking it for granted.

Responding, Mrs Patricia Hughes, ex-Chief Executive of Sutton Council who, when appointed, was one of only five females in similar positions throughout the country, spoke of her experiences as a “woman in a man’s world” and how she had observed things gradually improve for women during her professional life. Nevertheless, she believed there was still a long way to go before true parity was achieved throughout the business community and in public life generally. She thanked Lord Tope for inviting her to attend an old boys’ reunion that, somewhat to her surprise, she had thoroughly enjoyed!

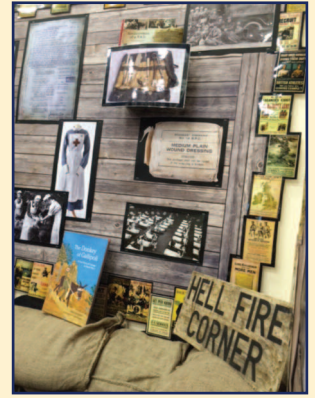
OW Rumen Cholakov (2007-09) proposed the toast ‘Floreat Domus’ beginning with his heartfelt thanks to the School and its community as well as expressing his admiration for Dr Christopher Barnett who he described as a “headmaster with outstanding vision”. Rumen came to this country from Bulgaria in 2007, leaving Whitgift to read history at Cambridge followed by a law conversion course. He is now about to qualify as a solicitor at corporate law firm Davis Polk & Wardwell.

Whitgift’s Headmaster of 25 years, Dr Christopher Barnett, who will be retiring at the end of the 2016-17 academic year, concluded with a brilliant speech describing what Whitgift offered to its current students - making many OWs wish they were attending Whitgift today! He went on to talk about the “Remembering 1916 - Life on the Western Front” Exhibition, currently on at the School and enjoying wonderful reviews.

The formalities were rounded off with an unaccompanied rendition of “Carmen” (it gets better every year) after which the company dissembled into the rain-soaked night.

A truly memorable evening with thanks to the House of Lords staff and all those who contributed in every way.

# WW1 EXHIBITION TOUR REVIEW



**On Saturday 22nd May, 35 OWs with wives, partners and other family members, arrived at School bright and early for lectures!**

After a welcome and a hot drink to start the day, they proceeded to the “Trenches Classroom”, no longer recognisable as the old squash court. The room has been decorated with WWI propaganda, information and numerous replica artefacts that immediately inspired interest.

Those assembled were then treated to an hour-long presentation about 1st World War Aviation, by retired RAF pilot, Squadron Leader David Linney OW (1959-66). David joined the RAF in 1967, during which time he flew Harriers. Since retiring, he has flown Hunters, Canberras, Hawks and Falcons and displays his SE5A Replica with The Great War Display Team ([www.greatwardisplayteam.com](http://www.greatwardisplayteam.com)). David gave a fascinating insight into the life of WWI pilots, who were often young, under-trained, subject to extreme cold and terrifying circumstances.

After the talk, the attendees went through to Whitgift’s “Remembering 1916” exhibition, described by The Sunday Telegraph as “a fascinating... extraordinary exhibition”. It did not disappoint. All were moved by the poignancy of the stories behind the displays and the museum-quality of the experience.

A majority of the group then enjoyed lunch in the “Edwardian Café” before joining the “Open Gardens” event (see page 5).



Geoff Austin OW (1958-66) has been elected Mayor of the Royal Borough of Kingston Upon Thames. Geoff will serve in post for a period of one year. Geoff is pictured here with Deputy Mayor Cllr Rowena Bass who just happens to be an old girl of Old Palace School!

# NEWS FROM THE SCHOOL

"Tis an unweeded garden / That grows to seed." This may well be true of the rank and corrupt portrayal of Denmark that we see in Shakespeare's classic, Hamlet - the school's epic production for next December - but it is certainly not the case with our own beloved grounds, which were again open to the public on Sunday 22nd May, to take part in the National Gardens Scheme (NGS) Open Gardens event. Visitors were able to enjoy Whitgift's range of immaculate gardens and wildlife areas, home to wallabies and exotic birds. Over 300 people – ranging from gardening enthusiasts, animal-lovers, senior citizens, and families – attended and helped raise £1,300, from tickets and plant sales, for the NGS charities. Penny Snell, NGS London County Organiser, said, "The NGS is honoured that Whitgift School open their unique garden to the public to raise significant sums for the charities we support."

Another opportunity to showcase the school's magnificent grounds was during the recent AGI inspection on Friday 29th April. The whole of the 300-strong CCF, including partner schools Thomas More Catholic School and St. Andrew's CE High School, gathered in the afternoon for the inspection of the Guard of Honour and the Corps of Drums by Commander Chatwin RN OBE and Lt Colonel Birch 7 Para RHA OW (1987-92). Special guests included OWs, Ollie Stoten (2000-08) and Tom Morgan (2003-11) - the former a medic, Army Reservist and member of an expedition going to the South Pole later this year, and the latter a member of the Army Air Corps. Following a successful inspection, the guests of honour were taken on a tour by the Army, Royal Navy and RAF members of the CCF, demonstrating their abilities in a variety of activities, including kayaking in the swimming pool, survival skills, orienteering, climbing, the obstacle course, and laser shooting. Whitgift CCF Contingent Commander, Mr Keith Smith,

commented, "It was a splendid day and even a bit of snow could not dampen the enthusiasm of everyone involved. It was very pleasing to hear such positive feedback from our two inspecting officers, who described the CCF as 'excellent'. It was marvellous to have as many as 30 OWs back to help, and the cadets were a real credit to their schools."

Inspired by OW Jason Roy's (2004-08) exploits in the recent T20 World Cup, Whitgift cricket has really embraced the shortest form of the game. The First XI have progressed seamlessly through the early rounds of the ESCA National T20 Cup with victories over Hampton, RGS Guildford and Merchant Taylor's. Indeed, they are enjoying a fantastic season, having only lost once and by just one run in an absolute thriller to Harrow. The U15s have gone one better and are currently unbeaten. They are progressing well in both the T20 and 50 over National Cups, with their most recent victory in the latter being by a crushing 105 runs over none other than Dulwich College! The U13 side are also still in their National competition.

In other sports news, an outstanding football season at junior level came to a triumphant conclusion on Monday 16th May as the U12 side picked up the ESFA Cup, at the Madejski Stadium, in Reading – the sixth trophy won by the Lower School teams this year. The first year boys went unbeaten over the course of the season, claiming 16 victories from 16 outings, and their 3-1 win over Moorlands School completed a county cup and

national double. The U11s were equally successful, winning both the Surrey Cup and the national ISFA Seven-a-Side Tournament. The U13s followed in their footsteps, gaining their sixth consecutive National ISFA Cup title. Indeed it might have been a full-house for the Year 8 boys but they ran into a strong Thomas Telford unit in the ESFA National final to come runners-up. There are certain statistics in sport that sometimes mask the reality, but 52 wins from 53 competitive games across the three year groups paints some picture as to the success of Whitgift's young players.

In hockey, both the U13 and U14 sides finished their seasons unbeaten and were crowned National Champions. Another relatively new sport that Whitgift has enjoyed a great deal of success in is track cycling. In the recent Inter-Schools Cycling Track Championships, held at the Herne Hill Velodrome, the school won a huge haul of medals, with the U14s winning silver all round and the U16s and U18s going one better, gaining a whole host of team and individual golds. Head of Outdoor Education, Mr Ben Green, commented, "Since cycling was launched at the School in 2013, the programme has come on in leaps and bounds. We now have a big group of committed cyclists who train hard and who have created a great sense of camaraderie. The boys rode beyond our expectations again and I was particularly impressed by the performances of the Year 9s, who are all relatively new to racing." One more 'first' to be chalked up on the school's sporting honours board is the fact that Lower Third Form pupil, Harvey Norman, was runner-up in this year's Mini London Marathon. Whitgift certainly has stamina!

One final piece of sports news that arguably trumps everything thus far is the fact that OW, Joseph Choong (2008-13), has been selected for Rio 2016 to compete in the GB Pentathlon team. Joseph was previously coached by Whitgift's Head of Modern Pentathlon, Miss Laura Gomersall, who had this to say of the breaking news, "This is an incredible day



## NEWS FROM THE SCHOOL CONTINUED

and a milestone for Whitgift Pentathlon. In Modern Pentathlon, the Olympics are the pinnacle, so huge credit goes to Joe on reaching this level. It proves that the programme at Whitgift is effective in producing champions, and I hope that the next generation are excited to see what they can achieve. There has been a big support team along the way, so huge thanks go to all involved."

In music, Whitgift achieved more national recognition recently with Upper Sixth Former, Hristiyan Hristov, making it through to the Category Finals of the BBC Young Musician of the Year 2016 competition. Hristiyan, a marimba player who won a scholarship via Whitgift's International Music Competition, underwent a gruelling audition in London, last year, warding off hundreds of other hopefuls to make it through to the televised finals. Only five individuals were picked for each category final, which included percussion, keyboard, strings, brass and woodwind. The finals were televised on Friday 22nd April, and can be viewed on the school website. Hristiyan performed his three pieces beautifully, but was narrowly beaten to a position in the Grand Final.

To mark the 400th anniversary of William Shakespeare's death, the school joined forces with WAVPA (Whitgift Academy of Visual and Performing Arts), to pay homage to the world-renowned poet and playwright. The Headmaster hosted an intimate gathering of staff and parents, to enjoy an evening of music, drama and merriment, entitled Shakespeare's Treasures, in a fitting tribute to The Bard. The scene was set in the beautiful surroundings of the Founder's Garden, with all musicians and players in full period costume. Against the backdrop of Renaissance guitar strumming, 'Puck', plucked out of A Midsummer Night's Dream, appeared from the Maze, initiating the evening's theatre. Following a mesmeric gravedigger scene from Hamlet, a bell tolled (and the clouds lamented on cue) for all in attendance to make their way to the banqueting hall, otherwise known as the Concert Hall. The audience was enchanted with the effortless acting of the young WAVPA performers, a testament to the value of the programme, which was launched by Whitgift in 2014. The atmospheric interludes by the talented 'company of musicians' was complemented by the outstanding voices of Mr Alan Weakley, and resident Music Scholars, Mr Adam Jones and Mr William Searle.

To finish off, I would like to draw your attention to the new school website, and specifically, the virtual tour function. That's right – you can now view the picturesque grounds and fantastic facilities from the comfort of your own homes! Starting off in the Quad, where you can marvel at the topiary and menagerie, you can navigate your way round the school to see all the things that might have changed since you were last here. It is cutting edge technology (you can zoom in and everything!) and shows the school off at its open day best. Click onto [www.whitgift.co.uk](http://www.whitgift.co.uk) and take a nostalgic trip!

DOM EDWARDS OW (1988-96)

## SURREY SCHOOLS CHAPTER

I am grateful for being given the space in your magazine to draw your readers' attention to what is in effect your Chapter.

The idea of a chapter for schools in Surrey was raised by an Old Epsomian Freemason, R.E.L Mabey, in 1946 who had made soundings with friends who were Old Whitgiftians, Old Cranleighans, Old Johnnians and KCS Old Boys and received an encouraging response from them all.

Having got support from his own Lodge, he set about drumming up support from the other schools and finally the Chapter was formed in London in 1949.

It meets three times a year in March, May and November at 10, Duke Street, St. James's and dines afterwards at the East India Club in St. James's Square.

We are a strong London Chapter with a burgeoning membership of Old Cranleighans, Johnnians and Epsomians although we lost support from KCS when the Lodge decided to go into Surrey.

We still have 3 Old Whitgiftians out of a total of 38 members but, sadly, since the OWs decided to close Adeste Lodge, we are not getting any new OW Freemasons in the Chapter which is a great shame as they were very active in its founding.

So we would welcome any approaches from OW Freemasons, either as joining Royal Arch members or as Master Masons who would like an opportunity to move up into Royal Arch and become part of a friendly, welcoming Chapter.

After all, OWs, this is your Chapter. Why not join it!

In the first place, they should contact our Scribe E (Secretary) Geoffrey Down (Old Johnnians) on 01372 451069 – [geoffrey.down@btconnect.com](mailto:geoffrey.down@btconnect.com) or myself, Peter Dodd (Old Epsomians) on 01737 814725. - [pmdodd29@gmail.com](mailto:pmdodd29@gmail.com)



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**WHITGIFT BENEVOLENT SOCIETY AGM**

WILL BE HELD ON  
**SATURDAY, 23<sup>RD</sup> JULY**  
**AT 12.30PM,**  
IN THE MARLAR ROOM,  
BRODIE MEMORIAL PAVILION,  
CROHAM MANOR ROAD,  
SOUTH CROYDON, CR2 7BG

*Members are requested to confirm attendance or send apologies to Peter Dunn, Hon Sec, by email ([peter@thefc.freemasonry.co.uk](mailto:peter@thefc.freemasonry.co.uk)) or by phone 020 8660 5535.*

## OPEN GARDENS REPORT



Due to its popularity last year, Whitgift once again opened up its grounds to the public in May, to take part in the National Garden Scheme (NGS) open gardens event. Visitors were able to enjoy Whitgift's range of immaculate gardens and wildlife areas, home to wallabies and exotic birds. Children particularly enjoyed the maze, and young and old alike were intrigued by the peacocks, flamingos and wallabies. Months of hard work by the Garden Team were apparent in the vibrant borders and emerald green lawns.

Head Gardener, Sophie Tatzkow, commented, "We had a fantastic day once again. There were many very happy garden visitors on the day. I would like to extend a big 'thank you' to my team, and the grounds and maintenance staff that supported us in the lead up to the event."

## OW RUGBY STARS

The past month has been a fantastic one for English Rugby. The senior international side, England Saxons and the Under 20s all tasted success and Old Whitgiftians Marland Yarde (2008-10), Elliot Daly (2006-11), Danny Cipriani (2001-05), Stan South (2012-14) and Matt Gallagher (2013-15) all played their part.

St Lucian born winger Yarde ended May with a flourish, scoring England's fifth try in a 27-13 win over Wales. The match at Twickenham was a warm up for the summer tour and Wasps star Daly managed to get onto the field for the final 13 minutes.

Yarde continued his fine form against Australia and scored England's second try of the first test in Brisbane. He played a pivotal role in a 39-28 victory and helped the side get off to the best possible start.

Unfortunately, that was the only match of the tour Yarde played in, with head coach Eddie Jones rotating the team. Fellow OW Daly did manage to play a part in the remaining two matches, albeit as a late replacement in both. In the final test, Daly had to get his head into the scrum after being brought on as a Back Row Forward instead of in his usual role at Outside Centre.

The test series was a huge success and

lifted England up to second in the world rankings, with Yarde and Daly being a part of the first ever England squad to win a series Down Under.

Cipriani missed out on a place in the senior squad and was instead selected for the England Saxons tour to South Africa. He was a key player on the tour and produced two outstanding performances against South Africa 'A'.

In the first test, he showed great creativity and scored twelve points with the boot during a 32-24 win. He followed that up with another solid all-round performance as the Saxons secured a 2-0 series victory. He will now hope those performances can earn him another chance in the senior side.

Youngsters South and Gallagher also enjoyed great success as part of the England Under 20s squad at the World Championships. They both played in victories over Scotland and Australia in the group stages, South Africa in the Semi-Final and Ireland in the Final as England became World U20 Champions for the third time in four years.

It's an exciting time for English Rugby and all five Old Whitgiftians will surely be a part of even more success to come in the future.

**PETER REYNOLDS**

## OW CRICKET CLUB REPORT

The 1st XI have had a strong start to the league season and at the time of writing were 5th in Division 1 but only 4 points off the promotion places. After a slow start, the side beat Banstead and Leatherhead, who both have current Surrey professionals playing for them. Star performers include Adam Clarke OW (1995-2003) who has played two

match winning innings this season and Harshil Patel, who has led the bowling attack.

The 2nd XI currently sit mid-table and have had some very strong performances including a 10 wicket win against Trinity Mid-Whitgiftians who were bowled out for 86. Sujit Dadar tops the run scoring charts with 249 from 5 innings while Pardeep Chatwal has taken 11 wickets at an average of 14.18.

The 3rd XI continue to play a good

standard of cricket and currently sit in 7th but have played one less game than every other side in the league as a result of Guildford City withdrawing from the league.

The 4th XI and Sunday XI have had successful starts to the season winning a number of their games.

The cricketer cup side lost to Old Wykehamists in the first round in a rain affected game.

**DAVID HAGGER OW (2000-08)**

# JOE CHOONG PENTATHLON NEWS



Huge congratulations go to Joseph Choong OW (2008-13) who has been selected as part of the four-man team of pentathletes who have been selected for Rio 2016.

Joseph had already achieved the qualification standard with his 7th

individual finish at the European Championships last year, but still had to confirm his place in the team. He gave strong performances in the 2016 season World Cups and major International competitions.

The 21-year-old commented on his selection for Team GB, "The Olympics has been a dream since I started the sport in Year 9 at school. When you start a sport and start doing well, you always keep looking at the next level and thinking bigger, and it doesn't get any bigger than the Olympics. I watched London 2012 and that definitely motivated me to try and get to the next Games. It's a big moment for me."

## THE BATH CUP

This inter-school swimming competition consisting of a freestyle relay race for 4 members, each swimming 100 metres, was first won by Whitgift in 1924 and 1925 and then again in 1966 and 1967. To celebrate the 50th anniversary of the 1966 win, the Captain, John Nalson (OW 1958-66) assembled the members of that winning squad as seen in the photo with William Clark, the 1967 Captain, coming over especially, from the USA. The School won again, in 2013 and 2014 with the

competition record and this year the boys came home in a creditable 4th place.

**RICHARD  
BLUNDELL OW  
(1956-63)**



**BOYS** Tanglin Ireland, Finn Slattery, Will Ward, Charlie Goriup, Luke Stacy  
**OWs** (l to r) Tony Harrison, William Clark, Bob Campion, John Nalson (C), Robin Snell, Dale Mockford

## OW GOLF SOCIETY REPORT

Mike Wilkinson OW (1953-61) held his President's Meeting (the last of his three year term) on The Old Course at Walton Heath in early May. The sun shone and there was a good turnout. It was nice to be able to welcome a number of younger OWs and also some of the Hewitt team; this was the first society event for some time to include a golfer with a handicap better than scratch (Neill Williams +1, some of us thought he must be bringing a guest!) Scoring was very respectable overall; Nigel Huxtable OW (1969-76) took first prize and the President's Putter with 36 points, closely followed by Nick Matthews OW (1986-93) and Nic Gates OW (1984-91). Many thanks to Mike and to John Gould OW (1960-68) for organising such a successful day.

The same month saw the Whitgift team qualify comfortably at Royal Wimbledon for the finals of the Grafton Morrish. This is a scratch foursomes tournament, second in importance only to the Halford Hewitt. Matt Webster OW (1993-2001) is the Captain of the side and reports that Martin Hayes OW (1971-78) and Neill Williams led the way with a very solid 32 points, followed by Richard Gibson OW (1985-92) and Nic Gates (27) and the two Matts, Dawton and Webster (25). The total of 84 was second best out of the 15 schools looking to qualify for the finals in October; only Epsom scored more.

There were three matches played during the period. The first was a match in which we combine with the Masters to play the school at Croham Hurst. This was a chastening experience from a golfing perspective (a comprehensive 4-0 whitewash by the school) but equally encouraging to see the quality of some of the golfers being produced by the school. We were more successful in the fixture against the OMWs at Shirley Park; all four matches were closely contested, but we prevailed in three of them and halved the other. Lastly, in June, the society took on the Old Alleynians at Tandridge for another annual get-together; the result was another win for Whitgift, 5.5 to 1.5.

One disappointment was the abandonment of our Saturday meeting at Croham Hurst. The ground was already very wet from overnight rain when we teed off but the rain promptly returned and the course was closed before anyone had reached the third tee.

Disappointing as well was a first round loss in the Cyril Gray (a version of the Halford Hewitt but for over-50s). Playing against Chigwell on 23rd June, our team went down 2-1 in a tight finish, with the deciding match going to the first extra hole. Wexit?

Our next main meeting is on 9th August at Hankley Common, always a privilege and a delight to play. Anyone wishing to join the society should contact the secretary at [peterbgale@sky.com](mailto:peterbgale@sky.com).

**PETER GALE OW (1963-69)**  
**HONORARY SECRETARY**

# OWRFC SURREY SHIELD RUGBY

The Old Whitgiftian RFC took on Cranleigh RFC in the Final of the Surrey Shield on Monday 2nd May. The squad of 22 included 16 past pupils of the school, a sign of the excellent relationship that has been built between OWRFC and Whitgift rugby over the last few years.

The sunny day and dry ground favoured the OW team who put on a fantastic display of running rugby. A total of nine

tries could not be matched by the Cranleigh side and the OWs finished the match as Surrey Champions, winning 53-33.

The match was the culmination of a season the OWRFC can be proud of with all three senior sides competing well in their leagues, the 1stXV

finishing 3rd in Surrey 1. As ever, new players of all standards are welcome. Pre-season training will start at Croham Manor Road in August.



## WHITGIFT VETERANS RIFLE CLUB REPORT

Since my last submission, we have nearly completed our Summer Full Bore season having enjoyed, for once, some pretty reasonable weather conditions at Bisley which makes open range shooting far more tolerable given some of the early starts!

On 30th April, the Vets. entered two teams in the LMRA Schools Veterans Match over 300 and 600 yards. First shot in 1978 having been instigated - and the winner's trophy provided - by the WVRC. The winners were Old Haberdashers, with our 'A' Team finishing in 2nd place and the 'B' team coming 4th. The leading scorers were Simon Lacey for the 'A' team with 97.4 and Martin Clark for the 'B' Team with 91.3.

On 15th May, we shot the 2nd round of the LMRA League, over the familiar 300 and 600 yards, finishing in our usual 2nd place within our division, identical to the past 2 years. Beaten by Parthians, but on this occasion ahead of Old Haberdashers. Nick Harman and Bob Jackson were our leading shots with 97.07 and 95.07, respectively.

The third and final round of the LMRA took place on 5th June, over 900 and 1,000 yards. A chilly and misty morning to start with, but as the day progressed it became bright, warm and sunny. As an extra bonus it stayed dry all day... joy of joys! Unfortunately, we were unable to get in the medals, mainly as a result of running out of time due to problems with our marker! However, we did finish in 2nd position on

aggregate over the three rounds. Ian Todd was the winner of the Long Range Cup this year with a very creditable 47.4 at both distances.

All credit and thanks to those members who have so far this year represented the Vets. so well in the Full Bore events, having also made some early morning starts to several of these Bisley matches. Namely, Graham and Martin Clark, Jack Furtado, Max Gennari, Nick Harman, Bob Jackson, Simon Lacey, Paul Nalson, and David Westnedge... apologies if I have forgotten anyone! Thanks of course go to Graham Clark, as usual, for his organisational skills for the Vets. in these matches.

Our final Bisley competition of the season is the National Rifle Association SV, to be held on the afternoon of Thursday 14th July with one shoot at 500 yards, for which we are entering a most commendable 4 teams of 5. This event will be followed by the annual informal dinner at the Artists Rifles club house, for which over 30 members and guests have so far signed up, bringing our annual FB competition calendar to the usual convivial conclusion.

The Whitgift School Rifle Club maintains its momentum under the excellent leadership of staff members Peter Morrison and Tom Stead, with some assistance from the Vets. At this time of year however, exams etc. are affecting some of the weekly Tuesday and Wednesday afternoon shoots

for the obvious reasons. Their standard of shooting continues to impress!

With regards to Small Bore shooting, I am happy to report that the work necessary to the school range has been completed. Enabling our Summer League competition to commence on time, of which more in my next submission.

Like all clubs and societies, the Vets' longevity [120 years] and continuance relies on a loyal and supportive membership and it is good to report that an influx of new members is actively boosting our numbers. I should like to remind readers that the Vets. is open to all OWs, plus former and current members of the Teaching, CCF and WA staff, including family members thereof.

The Veterans' Small Bore shooting activity takes place every Tuesday evening throughout the year at the school range, from 7pm.

Given the above, if any of you have a yearn to follow up a chance to re-discover old shooting abilities, or indeed give it a try for the first time, please contact Simon Lacey at [secretary@wvrc.org.uk](mailto:secretary@wvrc.org.uk) or have a look at the WVRC entry in the WA website under Affiliated Societies.

All equipment is provided along with coaching and advice!

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

# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Weds 6 July	Celebration of Whitgift Life		
Mon 11 July	WAT Whitgift Almshouses Tour (invite only)	Almshouses	18:00
Thurs 14 July	NRA-SV and Dinner	Bisley	16.30
Mon 18 July	WAT Whitgift Almshouses Tour (invite only)	Almshouses	18:00
Fri 22 July	1996 Leavers' Reunion Dinner		19:30
Mon 25 July	WAT Whitgift Almshouses Tour (invite only)	Almshouses	18:00
Sat 23 July	Whitgift Benevolent Society AGM	WSC	12:30
Fri 9 Sept	OW Corps of Drums Meet	WSC	20:00
Sat 10 Dec	Sportsman's Lunch	School	12noon
Mon 12 Dec	WA AGM	Old Library	19:30
Fri 26 May 17	122nd WA Annual Dinner	RCS	

## FIXTURES

Sun 5 June	WVRC LMRA Round 3	Bisley	8.30
Sat 2 July	OWCC 2nd XI v Cranleigh	L H	13.00
Sat 2 July	School 1st XI v RGS Guildford	A	11.00
Sat 9 July	OWCC 1st XI v Old Rutlishians	L H	11:30
Sat 16 July	OWCC 1st XI v Spencer	L H	11:30
Mon 18 July	OWCC XI v Chipstead	H	14:00
Weds 20 July	OWCC XI v Paralytics	H	11:30
Fri 22 July	OWCC XI v Trinity Mid-Whits	H	14:00
Sat 23 July	OWCC 1st XI v Leatherhead	L H	11:30
Sat 30 July	OWCC 2nd XI v Woking	L H	13:00
Sat 6 August	OWCC 2nd XI v Banstead	L H	13:00
Sat 13 August	OWCC 2nd XI v Esher	L H	13:00
Sat 20 August	OWCC 2nd XI v Dulwich	L H	13:00
Sat 3 September	OWCC 1st XI v Valley End	L H	11:30

## RECENT DEATHS

**SEBASTIAN ADENIRAN-OLULE**  
OW (2006-12), DIED 11TH MAY  
2016, AGED 20

**DR BRES BARRY** OW (1941-46),  
DIED 29TH MAY 2016, AGED 88

**TERRY BROWN** OW (1959-64),  
DIED 14TH MAY 2016, AGED 70

**MIKE IRWIN** OW (1947-53), DIED  
13TH JUNE 2016, AGED 79

**NEVILLE SNAZEL** OW (1949-55),  
DIED 2016, AGED, AGED 79

**JAMES SUTHERLAND** OW (1971-  
76), DIED 26TH FEBRUARY 2016,  
AGED 58

WHITGIFTIAN ASSOCIATION

# 500 Club

## SUMMER DRAW

1st	161 – Alice Platts	£100
2nd	171 – Sam Barke	£50
3rd	74 – Peter Sparks	£50
4th	93 – Mike Thorn	£50

## BURSARY APPEAL

Many Whitgiftians have been fortunate to attend the School on a scholarship or bursary, in hindsight an extraordinary privilege made possible by the Foundation fulfilling John Whitgift's edict that his schools should be accessible to all children within the Croydon community. Indeed, for many years, the Whitgift Foundation has funded the education of thousands of boys whose parents quite simply could not afford the fees. Even in today's austere financial climate, the Foundation is funding bursaries at Whitgift to the tune of over £2m a year.

Sadly, however, this fund is no longer meeting demand for bursaries and many local, able boys from low income homes are prohibited from an education at Whitgift.

Having benefitted from a first class education and gone on to have successful fulfilling careers and rewarding friendships, many Old Whitgiftians are keen to help sustain the tradition of bursary support at Whitgift and as such we have launched the Whitgiftian Association Bursary Appeal.

OWs have been extremely generous giving individual donations and setting up regular contributions to the Appeal. What could be more rewarding than transforming the life of an able, local boy from a low income family, by giving him the chance of an

education at Whitgift? We do hope you will help with whatever you can afford. We also need venues for fundraising events so would be very grateful

for any assistance in that regard. Please contact Naomi Newstead (pictured) at the WA office for more information or to make a donation to the Appeal. Many thanks.

**DAVID STRANACK**, OW (1949-55),  
WA PRESIDENT 2014

