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FAREWELL!

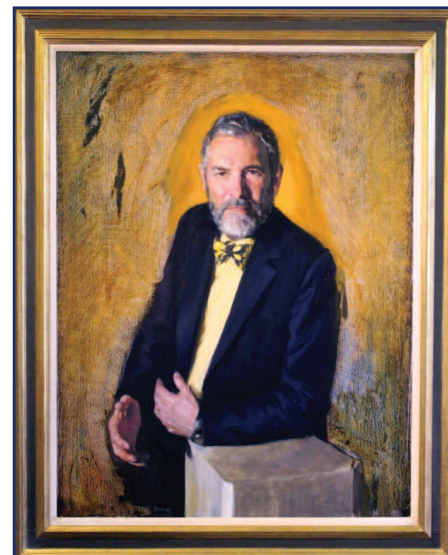
Dr Christopher Barnett is retiring after 26 years at Whitgift. As we wish him the very best in his future endeavours, he offers us this farewell...

With just days now remaining, my time at Whitgift is almost complete. It has been a great privilege to serve as the 26th Headmaster for the past 26 years. Whitgift has been a passion for me, as I have constantly sought to introduce exciting initiatives and to develop the all-round education offered to make it equal or surpass the finest available nationally. I am immensely appreciative of the exceptional commitment that so many of my colleagues on the teaching and support staff have made to Whitgift, and I know the pride that current and former students

feel in their School and its achievements; Whitgift has grown in scale and stature alike, reaching new heights with its academic performance, and with brilliance in its sport, music, drama and a wide range of activities.

I have greatly valued my contact with the OWA, latterly the WA, and the chance to get to know so many Old Whitgiftians from earlier decades; I was therefore deeply grateful to be given an honorary life membership of the Association by the President at this year's annual dinner. I look forward to keeping in close touch with OWs and also to endeavouring to help in any way that I can with the on-going bursary appeal.

Finally, having responded on so many occasions to the toast 'Floreat Domus', I would like to conclude by proposing it. May Whitgift flourish, may it continue to



go from strength to strength, as it enters its 418th year, and may we all, in any way that we can, continue to support our wonderful school and its fine students.

Dr Christopher Barnett
Headmaster

A MEMORABLE EVENING AT LINCOLN'S INN FIELDS...

The WA Annual Dinner was held on Friday, May 26th at the Royal College of Surgeons

This year's Whitgiftian Association 122nd Annual Dinner, hosted by WA President, Dr Richard Bateman, was a splendid affair with an audience of 130 OWs of all

generations in attendance. The event was held at the historic Royal College of Surgeons in Lincoln's Inn Fields.

On arrival in the marble pillared entrance hall, guests were welcomed to the rousing background music of the OW Corps of Drums. Pre-dinner drinks were served in

the magnificent Edward Lumley Room, after which most chose to go on a guided tour of the internationally famous Hunterian Museum prior to returning to their tables to enjoy an excellent four-course dinner.

Richard Bateman OW (1967-1974), President of the WA and Chairman and host for the event, welcomed everyone to the venue and took the opportunity to welcome his personal guests, who included colleagues from the medical profession and fellow Members of the RCS.

After dinner, we were privileged to be entertained by a remarkable young OW musician, the gifted violinist Grig Cuciuc OW (2009-11). Introduced by the Headmaster, Dr Christopher Barnett, Grig



Richard Oakes, OMW 68-75, Nigel Bowthorpe, Alex Moyniham, Dr Sean Noronha, Nick Somers, Dr Richard Bateman, Steve Upsdell, Andrew Robertson, Dr Sam Barke, Major Patrick Marsland-Roberts

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treated us to a virtuoso performance on solo violin that was rewarded by an ovation from an appreciative audience.

Presiding over the after-dinner speeches with a toast to the guests, Richard Bateman 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 as a member of the Royal College of Surgeons! He also referred to the importance of the WA Bursary Fund in helping boys who might not otherwise be able to attend the School so that they could benefit from the outstanding education it offers - and 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.

The President was followed by Dr Sam Barke (2000-2005), a trauma and orthopaedic surgeon, who amusingly referred to having happy memories of the

Edward Lumley Room, having previously been there twice to fail his entrance exams! He finally gained his surgical credentials at the Scottish branch of the RCS who some regard as arch rivals! Sam spoke enthusiastically about his time spent at the School and, subsequently, as an active Old Whitgiftian. He referred lightly to a conversation he had with the Headmaster whilst in the 6th Form when Dr Barnett had told him he wouldn't get anywhere in life if all he did was play Rugby. Sam hoped that the HM's prediction might have turned out to have been somewhat negative! He went on to emphasize his belief in the importance of the WA and the role it has to play, not only in keeping OWs in touch with each other, but also in mentoring and assisting boys leaving the School to establish successful careers in their chosen fields. He concluded by proposing the toast of 'Floreant Domus'.

In response, Dr Christopher Barnett concluded with a brilliant speech outlining his twenty-six years at the School and the many changes over which he has presided. He said that he was sorry to be retiring but

believed he was leaving the school at its highest point, offering an unequalled experience to current students which would make many OWs wish they were attending Whitgift today!

The President thanked the Headmaster for attending so many WA Annual Dinners over the years, especially this one on the eve of his retirement and "spoke on behalf of all OWs in thanking him for his many achievements and wishing him well in the future". Presenting Dr Barnett with a specially engraved pewter Tankard from the Mary Rose Collection, he said that as President of the WA he was proud and privileged to offer Dr Barnett honorary lifetime membership of the Whitgiftian Association.

The formalities were rounded off with an unaccompanied rendition of "Carmen" after which the company dissembled into the night.

A truly memorable evening with thanks to our President, the staff of the Royal College of Surgeons, Donna Lewis in the WA Office and to all those who contributed to the event in every way.

OWs IN HONG KONG



Old Whitgiftians find themselves passing through, and sometimes remaining, in all parts of the world and it is unsurprising that a fair number find themselves in the global business hub of Hong Kong. In May a call went out on social media to see if any OWs were available, with just a few hours notice, to meet for some drinks before Sam Barke (OW 2000-2010) flew back to the UK. Four OWs answered the call and a number of others who were unable to make it expressed an interest in meeting in the future.

SOUTH WEST OLD WHITGIFTIAN DINNER

SATURDAY, 30TH SEPTEMBER, 2017 - 7PM FOR 8PM



Following its success in 2015, a further South West Dinner has been arranged for the 30th September at the Tiverton Hotel, in Devon (10 minutes from J27 of the M5.)

The cost of the three-course dinner will be £35 for members and their partners; £38.50 for non-members.

Drinks will be ordered and charged separately.

Dress Code for this informal evening will be lounge suits or smart casual.

To book, please contact Simon Kennedy at 'Allways', West Shepton, Shepton Mallet, BA4 5UH or email: skennedy@projectconsultants.co.uk.

If you wish to stay at the Tiverton Hotel, please mention that you are attending event no: 53303. We have a special rate of £100 (double), £65 (single) inc breakfast. The hotel is on 01884 256120.

All applications to be received no later than 31st July, 2017.

REUNION OF CLASS OF 1978

It was with some trepidation that a party of OWs assembled themselves for a weekend reunion on a beautiful May weekend this year. Who were these fellows, what were they to expect and would they get on after 38 years? Why did they do it, what did they do, and how did it go?

The party comprised ten pupils from VI Science B 1976-8. In addition, there was one retired lab technician (John Oliver), and four long-suffering WAGs, who managed to inject moderation and charm to a potentially rumbustious occasion.

We met on Saturday at our hotel in Nutfield and proceeded in convoy order to descend upon Whitgift itself. We were met by Donna Lewis, the school's splendid and welcoming Marketing and Alumni Relations Assistant, and two very smart boarding pupils, and led on a memorable tour of the school. Big School elicited nostalgia, the old science labs brought back very special memories, and we marvelled at the swimming pool,

sports facilities and the magnificent grounds.

Returning to our hotel at Nutfield, we convened for a drinks reception and splendid dinner, spiced with nostalgia, bonhomie and tales of yore. But, most importantly, we welcomed our special guests of honour, Dr Peter King, Head of Biology and our inspirational teacher from those days, and his gracious and lovely wife, Marigold. We marvelled at their astonishing youth and vigour compared with our advancing frailty, receding hairlines and failing sight, and exchanged memories, stories and laughter. David Grant rounded off the event with a superbly witty and natural after dinner speech. After a round or two in the bar, we repaired to bed. The next morning, we all breakfasted together and, trying not to show too many emotions, wended our various ways home, from Cornwall to Edinburgh.

This was a wonderful, light hearted and positive experience. We rejoiced in



friendships rekindled, effortlessly taking up where we had left off after the field trips, post A-level parties and associated misbehaviours. We toasted absent friends, gave thanks for lives enriched by the legacy of Whitgift, and felt a deep sense of gratitude to all our teachers for their patience and skill. In particular, we were honoured by the presence of the inestimable Peter, and were touched by sadness that our other teacher of Biology from that era, John Yeo, was no longer with us.

We would thoroughly encourage old friends from any era who wish to arrange a reunion, to contact Donna. And if we can offer any tips in doing so, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

JULIAN GUNN, OW (1970-78)

OLD WHITGIFTIAN, DOMINIC PEREIRA, TO TAKE ON THE MONGOL RALLY IN A BANGER CAR.

The Mongol Rally thunders 10,000 miles across the mountains, deserts and steppe of Europe and Asia each summer.

Two friends with a passion for philanthropy and adventure have decided to take on a car rally across mountains and deserts for charity. Old Whitgiftian, Dominic Pereira (2004-2012), and fellow Army Reservist, Charlie Simpson will drive 10,000 miles across Europe and Asia in the Mongol Rally. The duo will raise funds and awareness for Help for Heroes, The Brain Tumour Charity, and Cool Earth.

The Mongol Rally is designed to be a true adventure and is one of eight extreme travel charity challenges on offer

by event organiser The Adventurists. The rules are simple for the challenge, with participants only permitted to use a car with a one litre engine or less. There is no backup, no support and no set route to follow, so those taking part will have to rely solely on themselves, their companions and a car wholly unsuitable for the task (a 2002 VW Polo in Dom and Charlie's case).

Their chosen path, leaving on Sunday 16th July, takes them through 21 different countries starting at Goodwood Race Circuit and ending in Ulan-Ude in Russia. During the challenge, the route will feature a variety of tough terrains, environments and extreme weather



conditions, most notably in Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan, Kazakhstan and Mongolia.

Dom and Charlie's fundraising page is - uk.virginmoneygiving.com/teamnowherefast. They can also be followed via their blog - teamnowherefast.wordpress.com or Facebook page - facebook.com/TeamNowhereFast. Their sponsorship page can be found at - teamnowherefast.wordpress.com/sponsorship

NEWS FROM THE SCHOOL

If you build it, they will come...

As you might imagine, you get a great deal of perks working at a school like Whitgift: aside from obviously teaching such wonderful boys, there is the opportunity to watch near professional dramatic and musical productions; see future Lions rugby players, England cricketers and Premier League footballers nurture their talents; you even get the opportunity to take a stroll amongst peacocks, wallabies and flamingos. At Whitgift, you come to expect the extraordinary, but despite this, I was still taken aback on Monday 22nd May when a cursory glance at my emails revealed the fact that none other than the Australian cricket team were 'popping in' for the day to make use of the school's facilities to aid their preparation for the upcoming ICC Champions Trophy (the training obviously was not enough to help them against the might of England, but that is another matter!) Both boys and staff were allowed to go out and watch them on North Field, and some of the A-team players were allowed to train with them as if it were just a run-of-the mill school practice... Starc bowls to Warner, Warner goes for the 6 but is caught on the boundary by Whitgift U15 captain Heaver... before you knew it, they were gone, having disappeared off into the Croydon sunset; just another Whitgift Monday. Such experiences might seem somewhat surreal in most schools, but on the Whitgift Field of Dreams, anything can happen!

Maybe the reason the Australian cricket team decided to make use of our facilities was that they thought they might learn something, seeing as how the majority of our teams have made it to this late stage of the season without having lost a match. Indeed, the U11, 12, 14 and 15 A teams are all unbeaten as I write this, with the latter having

made it through to the quarter finals of both the ESCA T20 and NatWest County Cup tournaments.

Monday 24th April saw the beginning of an unprecedented week for Whitgift hockey, with no fewer than three national outdoor titles being claimed at the Lee Valley Hockey Centre, part of the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park. The winning streak began with the U14s, who navigated their way through their pool without conceding a single goal – an impressive achievement against the likes of Ratcliffe, QEGS and Felsted. The national final saw Whitgift play south rivals Cranleigh, and in a hugely entertaining game, the boys won 2-0. The U16s took centre stage the following day, with three strong team performances and victories over Dean Close, Trent and Felsted – another pool win without conceding a goal. In the final, the boys went one better than their younger counterparts, claiming a 3-0 victory over a strong Reeds team. Last but certainly not least, were the 1st XI. Having lost in the indoor national final in January, there was certainly added pressure, but this was to be Whitgift's week to shine. With an unbeaten season under their belts, the team faced Queen's College, Taunton, in the semi-final. In an exhilarating match, the boys secured the game 7-3. The final saw Whitgift pitted against a resolute Repton side. In a pulsating game, which saw chances for both teams, a penalty corner in the last few minutes was converted to earn a nail-biting 2 -1 victory. Dr Karl Stagno, Director of Hockey, commented of the side, "I am especially proud of them, not just for winning, but rather the manner in which they have won and the way they have conducted themselves throughout the season."

Whitgift golf is also thriving, with the first team recently competing in the

annual Independent Schools Golf Association (ISGA) national final, held at Royal St George's and Prince's Golf Clubs, in Sandwich, Kent. Lower Sixth Form pupil, Alfie Fox, performed superbly to win the individual tournament, with a gross total of 136, 6 under par for the two rounds. Four shots behind him, in second place, was Harry Plowman Ollington. Upper Sixth Former, Harvey Byers, brought Whitgift's tally of players to three in the top 6. To top off the competition, which took place on the 23-24 April, Whitgift won the team event with a score of 276 - 9 and 18 points ahead of runners-up Birkdale and Millfield respectively. In football, both the U11 and U13 sides reached the national finals of the ISFA and ESFA competitions respectively. Unfortunately, neither team were able to claim the spoils on the day, with the U11s losing 2 - 0 to St George's and the U13s taking Thomas Telford School all the way to a penalty shoot-out, before being pipped to the post 5 - 4. Through the wonders of modern technology, over two hundred boys were able to watch the U13 action unfurl live, as it was streamed to a big screen in Big School. This was a fantastic show of school spirit and hopefully something to be repeated in the future.

On Friday 28 April, Whitgift Combined Cadet Force was inspected by Major Nick Martin, of the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst. Having inspected the Guard of Honour and the Corps of Drums, he then observed a range of training activities, including kayaking, air rifle shooting, the climbing wall, the obstacle course, laser shot gun shooting, the RAF flight simulator and Emergency First Aid. There was also an arena display with tug of war and obstacle course race finals, a very spirited Platoon Attack display and Beating Retreat by the Corps of Drums. Many Old Whitgiftians came back to support the AGI, including alumni serving in the Regular Armed Forces. Major Martin praised the enthusiasm of the

cadets, the vast array of activities and the excellent support from staff and Old Whitgiftians. He was also impressed with the success of the partnerships with Thomas More Catholic School and St Andrew's CE School.



Ollie Stoten OW (2000-08)

One of the Old Whitgiftians who came back for the AGI was none other than the front cover star of the last WA Newsletter, Dr Ollie Stoten, who was part of a six-man team of British Army Reserves who skied unsupported to the geographic South Pole in 2016. He also returned to the school to address the First Form in an engaging talk about his polar exploits. Indeed, he was one of a number of special guest speakers to visit Whitgift during Trinity term to talk to the students as part of the Academic Enrichment Lecture series. Jo Ruxton, producer of the recently released documentary, 'A Plastic Ocean' spoke about her work with a number of Upper School students, and then gave a lively talk featuring clips from the film, encouraging pupils to rethink our consumer relationship with plastic packaging. Representatives from the research company, Benevolent AI, also addressed some Upper School boys, revealing some of the fascinating secrets behind the use of artificial intelligence in the development of drugs. Whitgift Chaplain, Reverend Alan Bayes, is scheduled to speak about the sometimes troubled relationship between science and religion, and last but not least, Aardman Animations will provide the final talk of the year, after exams.

On the music front, the school sent four

boys to compete in an International Music Competition in Gyor, Hungary, at the end of April. Upper Third student, Marlon Barrios Araya, gained first place in his category, performing with a maturity well beyond his years, and Uriel Vilchez Meza, also in the Upper Third, achieved a respectable third place. Maximilian Sitter, a Lower Fifth student, went on to gain second place in his category, capturing the style perfectly and demonstrating his incredible progress as both a performer and accomplished violinist. Sixth Form student, Andrei Mamară, performed with confidence and polish to top off the Whitgift winnings, being awarded the coveted first place in his category. Adjudicators further praised the outstanding ability of Whitgift's Accompanist, Mr Lane, who provided exceptional support throughout all the pieces.

And finally, despite this being an incredibly busy time at the school (when isn't?), we still found time for some cultural and artistic celebrations in our East meets West Arts day which took place at the end of April in the magnificent surroundings of Goodwood House. Scenes from Summer's Last Will and Testament, performed by current students and Old Whitgiftians, were particularly well suited to the venue's dramatic setting and traditional décor. Musical entertainment throughout the afternoon included performances from the Whitgift Brass Ensemble and Whitgift Symphony Orchestra, as well as solo pieces. The Whitgift Choristers further impressed visitors with a repertoire from their recent Tudor CD recording. Music journalist and acclaimed author, Jessica Duchon, also joined Whitgift for the day to introduce her latest novel, Ghost Variations. Visitors were able to try their hand at mastering the art of origami, with students at the ready to help them perfect paper cranes and peacocks. The stunning Senbazuru tree was a special highlight, adorned with 1,000 cranes



crafted by the Whitgift Japanese Club. A life-size peacock sculpture, created by undergraduate placement student, Adam Sykes, was on display in the Front Hall - this one skilfully constructed from metal rather than paper! Outdoor entertainment was provided by the Whitgift Corps of Drums and demonstrations by Whitgift fencers. Along with croquet, Tim Trodd, Whitgift's resident PGA professional, was also on hand to share golf tips with visitors, encouraging participation from all ages in the chipping competition (the youngest winner being just two years old!). Last but not least, the day ended on a high, figuratively and literally, as Ultimate High's elite pilot, Mark Greenfield, took to the sky for a spectacular air display, wowing everyone with his dare-devil tumbles. Whitgift would like to thank all those who helped make the day such a triumph, and we look forward to returning to Goodwood House in the future.

DOMINIC EDWARDS OW (1988-96)





CELEBRITY ALUMNI CAME TOGETHER TO CELEBRATE WHITGIFT'S 25 YEARS OF SPORT

Laurie Evans, Jonty Griffiths, Troy Brown and Adam Thompstone. Sporting alumni and past members of staff travelled from all over the country - with some even

path that Whitgift has helped the sportsmen achieve.

In the Lent Term, a dinner was hosted at The Ritz Hotel London to celebrate 25 years of sporting excellence, overseen by the Headmaster, Dr Barnett, who is due to retire in the summer of 2017 after 26 years at the helm. A special book was launched at the event, in honour of the last two and half decades of amazing sporting achievements and evolution of sport at Whitgift.

Members of the Sports Department, past and present, gathered along with an array of Old Whitgiftians, including Danny Cipriani, Marland Yarde, Joseph Choong,

coming from the USA and South Africa. It was a momentous occasion to have so many significant people from the Whitgift sporting family together in one room. The Headmaster had composed a touching grace in honour of the evening. Interspersed between courses, Mr Beck led an amusing Question and Answer session, with Laurie Evans, JB Gill and Danny Cipriani gamely taking part. Dr Barnett concluded the evening with a poignant address, expressing his gratitude to the Sports Department and his pride in the

BRIAN STANNAH VISIT TO DT DEPARTMENT



Brian Stannah OW (1946-53) visited Whitgift recently, with a particular interest in the DT Department. He's pictured here standing by the sundial in the Quad, which he his classmates designed and made whilst at School!

WHITGIFT VETERANS RIFLE CLUB REPORT

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

In greater detail - on 9 April the Vets. entered one team in the first round of the 2017 L&M League at Bisley. With a score of 448.19 we finished in 2nd place to Parthians Apart from the day's shooting activity, some light relief - even a touch of merry schadenfreude? - was enjoyed on the point with three of our stalwart senior members, namely Jack Furtado OW (1951-56), John Horlock OW (1944-52) and Ian Todd OW (1947-54) corporately struggling to regain the standing position after shooting their targets! Indeed, a painful triumph of will over the (audible)

protests of 'mature' tendons, joints and anything else that felt like adding some burn and pain to the occasion! Well done gentlemen, you got there!

Some two weeks later we were back in action again.... On 30 April the Vets. entered two teams in the L&M Schools Veterans Match over 300 & 600 yards. First shot in 1978 having been instigated - and the winner's trophy provided - by the WVRC. The winners were Old Epsomians - sound familiar? - with a record breaking score of 399.58, our 'A' Team finishing in an excellent 2nd place with 389.39. Our leading scorers were John Twyford OW (1956-64) with an impressive aggregate score of 98.9 and Guy Hart OW (2000-07) with a brilliant 50.9 at 600 yards. Conditions were not too bad with a light wind, although a little chilly.

On 14 May we shot the 2nd round of the L&M League, over the familiar 300 & 600 yards. After a worrying start to the day with heavy rain, the heavens cleared giving over to bright sun with just a light wind. We finished in our now usual 2nd place within the division, beaten again by Parthians, but on this occasion ahead of Old Haberdashers and East Barnet. A notable feature of this round was David Westnedge's OW (1953-59) best ever shoot to date at both distances.

The third and final round of the L&M took place on 4 June, over 900 & 1000 yards. In our Division we finished in 1st place with 408.16: Bob Jackson was our leading scorer on 86.06. On this round we forced Parthians into 2nd place. Finishing this round in 1st place put the Vets. in a very creditable 2nd position on aggregate, the same as in 2016 with the added bonus of a perfect sunny day.



An excellent evening of cricketering reminiscence was held at the Brewery in Chiswell Street on 27 April to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Cricketer Cup competition for 32 of this country's leading schools' old boys sides.

Whitgift Mitres were represented by Stuart and Monique Woodrow, John and Jackie Carter, Jeremy Stanyard, Nick Owen (Old Almeynian and Halford Hewitt organiser), Paul Bromley, Richard Ronald, David Hagger and Phil Fladgate. The dinner was attended by 670 cricketers, wives, partners of all generations who renewed friendships going back many years.

Speeches were made by the Chairman, Anthony Monteuiis (Old Tonbridgians), Competition Sponsor,

CRICKETER'S CUP 50TH ANNIVERSARY

Alan Lorenz of Herbalife (Charterhouse Friars) and principal guest Jonny Barclay (Eton Ramblers). Barclay, a former President of MCC and captain of Sussex is now running the Arundel Castle Cricket Foundation and regaled the audience with amusing tales from his career and Imran Khan's reverse swing ability!

The Final of this year's competition is being held at Arundel on Sunday 6 August.

STUART WOODROW OW (1968-75)



Scores and results as above have been obtained from the London & Middlesex official web site.

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. These stoic souls comprise Jack Furtado, Max Gennari, Nick Harman, Guy Hart, Bob Jackson, Paul Nalson, Ian Todd, John Twyford 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. together with many thanks to Bob Jackson for his invaluable coaching services.

Our final Bisley competition of the season is the National Rifle Association SV, to be held on the afternoon of Thursday 13 July with one shoot at 500 yards, for which we hope to enter 3 teams of 5. This event will be followed by the annual informal dinner at the Artists

Rifles club house 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 assistance from the Vets. and Henry Parritt OW (2009-16). At this time of year however, exams etc. are affecting some of the weekly afternoon shoots for the obvious reasons.

With regards to Small Bore shooting, not a particularly successful Winter League so I shall not dwell, but can but hope for better results in the 2017 Summer League.

Like all clubs and societies, the Vets' longevity [121 years] and continuance relies on a loyal and supportive membership and it is good to report that overall an influx of new members over the past couple of years hopefully bodes well for the future.

WHITGIFT OPENS ITS GARDENS TO OWs



Whitgift was delighted to welcome Old Whitgiftians and members of the general public into School as part of the National Gardens Scheme, (NGS) and Open Garden Squares Weekend, in May and June.

Guests were able to enjoy the School's wonderful range of gardens, complete with exotic wildlife, bonsai trees and maze. In addition, after major refurbishment earlier in the year, the new Water Gardens were unveiled.

Traditional afternoon tea was served in Founder's Garden for those who wanted to take some quiet moments after drinking in the beauty of the gardens.

Pictured here are OW John Lindblom and his wife, June.

I should like to remind readers that the Vets. is open to all OWs, plus former and current - full or part time - members of the Teaching, CCF and WA staff, including family members thereof.

Veterans' Small Bore shooting takes place every Tuesday evening throughout the year at the school range [19.00 - 21.00 app.] and on Thursday evenings if numbers warrant.

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 Mark Collins OW (1979-86) at 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

Wed 5 July	Celebration of Whitgift Life	School	11.00
Thurs 13 July	NRA SV Dinner	Bisley	16.30
Sat 22 July	"Whitfest"	WSC	Midday
Sat 23 Sept	School Open Morning	School	09:00
Sat 30 Sept	WA South West Dinner	Tiverton	19.00
Thurs 19 Oct	Music concert	School	19:00
Fri 10 Nov	Remembrance Service	School	10.30
Tues 14 Nov	Careers Conversazione	School	18:00
Sat 18 Nov	Sportsman's lunch	School	12.00
Sat 2 Dec	School carols	The Ritz	15:30
Fri 8 Dec	School concert	London	18:30
Mon 11 Dec	WA AGM	School	19:30
Thurs 14 Dec	School Carol service	Croydon Minster	19:30

FIXTURES

Sat 1 July	OWCC 1st XI v Banstead	L	H	11:30
Sun 2 July	OWCC 2nd XI v Flying Ducksman		H	14:00
Tues 4 July	School 1st XI v St Kentiger NZ		H	11:00
Sat 8 July	OWCC 2nd XI v Esher	L	H	12:00
Sat 9 July	OWCC 2nd XI v The Village		H	14:00
Sat 15 July	OWCC 2nd XI v Oxted	L	H	12:00
Sun 16 July	OWCC 2nd XI v Barnes		H	13:00
Mon 17 July	OWCC XI v Chipstead		H	14:00
Wed 19 July	OWCC XI v Paralytics		H	11:30
Sat 22 July	OWCC 2nd XI v Woking	L	H	12:00
Sun 23 July	OWCC 2nd XI v Battersea		H	14:00
Wed 26 July	School 1st XV v Paarl High School SA		A	
Sat 29 July	OWCC 1st XI v Walton on Thames	L	H	11:30
Sun 30 July	OWCC 2nd XI v Long Ditton		H	14:00
Mon 31 July	School 1st XV v Schoonspruit SA		A	
Wed 2 Aug	School 1st XV v Bishops College SA		A	
Sat 5 Aug	OWCC 1st XI v Beddington	L	H	12:00
Sun 6 Aug	OWCC 2nd XI v Waggoners		H	14:00
Tues 8 Aug	School 1st XV v Nico Malan SA		A	
Thurs 10 Aug	School 1st XV v Andrew Rabie SA		A	
Sat 12 Aug	OWCC 1st XI v Leatherhead	L	H	12:00
Sun 13 Aug	OWCC 2nd XI v Sutton		H	14:00
Sat 19 Aug	OWCC 1st XI v Spencer	L	H	12:00
Sun 20 Aug	OWCC 2nd XI v Beckenham		H	14:00
Sat 26 Aug	OWCC 2nd XI v Old Wimbledonians	L	H	12:00
Sun 27 Aug	OWCC 2nd XI v Worcester Park		H	14:00
Sat 2 Sept	OWCC 2nd XI v Bank of England	L	H	12:00
Sat 9 Sept	OW hockey v School		A	12:30
Sun 17 Sept	OWGS v School Barnett Trophy		A	14:00

OW SPORTSMEN UPDATES

Victor Moses OW (2004-07) won the Premiership League but lost the FA Cup Final with his club Chelsea after taking an unfortunate early bath.

We had four players on the pitch in the recent Wasps v Quins match and three players at Twickenham for the Premiership cup final Wasps v Exeter.

Marland Yarde OW (2008-10) and Harry Williams OW (2002-10) on tour with England in Argentina and Elliot Daly OW (2006-11) with the Lions in New Zealand, our first Lion tour member since Basil Nicholson in 1938.

RECENT DEATHS

DENIS CULVER OW (1953-61),
D. 4TH MAY 2017, AGED 75

MARTIN HARRISON OW (1945-52),
D. 21 JUNE 2017, AGED 83

JOHN LUXTON OW (1946-48),
D. 18TH MAY 2017, AGED 85

DAVID MASTERS OW (1958-66),
D. 14TH MARCH 2017, AGED 68

GRAHAM JAMES PERROTT
OW (1963-71), D. 1ST APRIL 2017

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