



WHITGIFTIAN ASSOCIATION

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A MEMORABLE EVENING AT THE HOUSE OF LORDS... THE WA'S 123RD ANNUAL DINNER WAS HELD ON FRIDAY, JUNE 22ND



Lord Michael Howard
delivers his speech

This year's Whitgiftian Association Annual Dinner, hosted by WA President, Lord David Freud, was a splendid affair with 120 OWs of all generations in attendance. The event was held at the historic Peers' Dining Room.

After a champagne reception in the Peers' Guest Room, most OWs chose to gather in groups for a guided tour of the Palace of Westminster, prior to enjoying an excellent four-course dinner.

Jonathan Bunn, Chairman of the Association, welcomed everyone and made special reference to his own year group (which was well represented as they celebrated their 30th anniversary of leaving the School) and in particular, their Headmaster at the time, David Raeburn, who was attending his first WA Annual Dinner for some years. Jonathan then

introduced Lord David Freud, who, as event host, went on to add his own welcome and wished everyone a thoroughly enjoyable evening. David also took the opportunity to welcome his personal guests, who included colleagues from the House of Lords and fellow OWs, Lord Peter Bowness and Lord Graham Tope. He also welcomed his special guest, Lord Michael Howard, from whom we were to hear later in the evening.

During dinner, we were privileged to be entertained by a remarkable young OW musician, the gifted violinist, Ion Mosneaga. Ion treated us to a virtuoso performance of the 1st, 2nd and 4th movements of the Ysaye Solo Sonata No2 and was rewarded by an ovation from an appreciative audience.

Presiding over the after-dinner speeches with a toast to the guests, David Freud 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



Sam Barke, Dom Edwards,
Ross Gooderson, Tom Barke

member of the House of Lords! He went on to describe a whole series of amusing incidents from his days at Haling Park. He then introduced our special guest, Lord Michael Howard, the former leader of the Conservative Party, who treated us to a brilliant speech including a number of amusing references to the late Margaret Thatcher and her remarkable attention to detail, illustrated by a number of incidents and escapades to prove the point!

Lord Howard was followed by Abbas Khan, OW, who proposed the toast Floreat Domus. A Classics student at Cambridge, Abbas emphasized his belief in the importance of a Whitgift education and shared his own amusing recollections of his time spent at School. His speech was greeted with enthusiasm as all stood to join him in his toast to the School.

In response, Mr Chris Ramsey, who is close to concluding his first year as Headmaster of Whitgift, said (in a light-hearted reference to his predecessor's tenure) that he had, "only another twenty-five years to go!" He



Pete Kruppa, Jonathan Bunn,
Mike Brooks, Nigel Florence

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went on to describe his impressions of Whitgift so far, concluding that it was an outstanding school and his firm intention was that it should remain so. He praised the work of the WA and expressed his appreciation to those individuals responsible for arranging the dinner and the many other tasks the WA undertakes.

The President thanked the Headmaster for attending and hoped he would be able to attend many more WA dinners in the future.

The formalities were rounded off with a hearty rendition of the school song "Carmen" after which the company dissembled into the night.

A truly memorable evening thanks to our President, the staff of the House of Lords and to all those who contributed to the event's success.

PIP BURLEY OW (1955-62)

WHITGIFT OPEN GARDENS

Over two glorious Sundays in May and June, Whitgift opened its gates to the Croydon community and welcomed over 400 visitors to its annual Open Garden events.



The charitable Open Garden events raised over £1,200 for National Garden Scheme (NGS) and Open Garden Squares charities. Members of the public came and enjoyed Whitgift's recently renamed The Duke of York Water Garden, home to three species of flamingo, ducklings and birds from every continent, as well as the resident wallabies who are always slightly harder to spot.

After watching the peacocks proudly display in Andrew's Quadrangle visitors were able to relax and enjoy a delicious afternoon tea in the Founder's Gardens.

The maze and the bee observation hive proved popular with both children and adults, as did the plant sale. Whitgift's gardeners and grounds staff were on hand to dispense valuable advice to any fellow horticulturists and share information about the Whitgift wildlife.

The final Open Garden event for this year takes place on Wednesday 25th July, from 2-4.30pm, with money raised benefiting the NSPCC. OWs are most welcome. There will be free parking, disabled access, afternoon tea and an opportunity to see the beautiful grounds. Entry is £4 per adult, children are free.

The latest edition of the annual OW News is available to read on the website. Please visit
whitgiftianassociation.co.uk/publications/wa-news

1960 PREFECTS – 58TH REUNION



You have in the past heard from Tim Forbes and Robert Kibble about the occasional reunions of former inhabitants of Room 27 (as it used to be and possibly still is), being prefects. The picture here is of those who were there in the summer of 1960, this picture having been taken on the occasion of their 58th anniversary.

The back row, from left to right, shows Robert Kibble, John Higham, Tony Mitchell, Bruce Claxton and Tim Forbes. Sitting in front of them are David Mash, Peter Stevens, Andrew Patience and Roger Lambert. The first two named are now Californian residents, while Tim lives in New Zealand – why they should be standing having travelled so far to join the gathering cannot be explained. Also present, but having left before the photograph was taken, was John Trembath.

We all felt as young as ever, while acknowledging that we might appear to have put on quite a few years since we were together in the Prefects' Room. Ten of us comprise just over half of those who were there then and are still with us; sadly, earlier this year we lost an old friend from our ranks, John Blackmore (the other permanent absentees from our number are, regrettably, Richard Arscott and Justin Parsons, both of whom died several years ago. We miss them all).

The 58th meeting was arranged because, having enjoyed similarly celebrating our 50th and 55th anniversaries, we felt that it was too long to wait for our 60th. All these events have been at the same place, the Horse & Groom pub in Groom Passage in Belgravia, where we have always been hospitably and cheerfully welcomed by the landlord, Aiden Ganly.

We believe that our predecessors from 1959, who include 5 of our number, initiated these excellent get-togethers, and plans are already being made for that year to enjoy its 60th next year. Robert Kibble will also be convening those from 1961 to follow suit next year with their 58th. All good business for Aiden! (Incidentally, as a personal recommendation, it is a very good little pub for any occasion).

PETER STEVENS OW

Military Speaker Evening

Friday 20th July 2018, 6.45pm, Whitgift Sports Club.

Crossing Antarctica unsupported



Dr Ollie Stoten
Antarctic Expedition member, Endurance Athlete, Doctor and Army Reservist

The Ebola Crisis: A day in Sierra Leone



Surgeon Lt. Charlie Tweed
Military Doctor with service on various deployments to remote regions of the globe

Tickets £20 from www.whitsports.co.uk
Includes welcome drink, both talks and buffet supper

"Here's to the corkscrew, a useful key to unlock the storehouse of wit, the treasury of laughter, the front door of fellowship and the gate of pleasant folly."

AN INVITATION

To: Old Whitgiftians and their Guests
From: Sir Peter Michael, CBE, OW (1949-57)
Tuesday 6th November, 2018 at 7pm

A rare opportunity to enjoy a unique, fine dining experience at The Vineyard in Newbury, Berkshire, generously hosted by distinguished Old Whitgiftian, Sir Peter Michael, CBE.



THE EVENT

This is a fund-raising event for the Whitgiftian Association Bursary Appeal. Proceeds will help provide the opportunity for talented boys from low-income families to be educated at Whitgift. The evening includes drinks on arrival, a three-course dinner in the Vineyard's 3xAA Rosettes restaurant with the opportunity to sample Sir Michael's exceptional wines. Dinner will be followed by coffee, an auction, raffle, guest speaker and entertainment. Dress: Black Tie.

TO ATTEND

Attendance at the event is by minimum donation per person of £125. Donations can be made by cheque to the 'Whitgiftian Association Trust', Haling Park, South Croydon CR2 6YT or online at whitgiftianassociation.co.uk/giving.

The Vineyard is privately owned by the Micheal family, who also own the Peter Michael Winery. Please consider staying for the night as it is a wonderful hotel. The family has very kindly offered preferential rates to those attending the dinner.

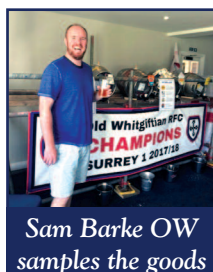
Should you not be able to attend, please consider sending us a donation.

WHITFEST!

On Saturday 23rd June, the second Whitfest took place at the Whitgift Sports club. Over 125 people attended including 40 from the 1988 leavers reunion (see p3).

With 8 beers, 4 ciders, numerous gins, sweets stalls and a bouncy castle there was something for everyone. There were both new faces and old faces at the Clubhouse enjoying the fabulous weather that we were blessed with on the day. To top it off the big screen showed a great England win.

We look forward to seeing more faces at our bigger and better Whitfest next year on 22nd June 2019.



Sam Barke OW
samples the goods

30 YEARS ON: CLASS OF '88 GATHER AT SCHOOL TO CELEBRATE

Blessed with glorious, warm sunshine and blue skies, almost 50 former classmates gathered at Whitgift on 23rd June to mark their 30th

anniversary of leaving the School. Attendees came from across the world including San Francisco, Chicago and Hong Kong.

To the delight of all present, a number of former teaching staff also joined the festivities with Headmaster David Raeburn, Sir Anthony Seldon, Peter Gibson, Frank Pattison, Keith Smith, Phil Fladgate and Rick Sellers invited as guests of the year group.

Drinks in the Andrew Quadrangle offered the perfect setting for multiple reacquaintings, and it was not long before schoolday stories were being swapped and memories mined.

With a gentle and welcome breeze blowing through the library's lead-framed windows, and serenaded inevitably by peacocks, Mr Raeburn rose to give a warm, touching and heartfelt welcome speech which was greeted with great applause from his former pupils. Pastor David Jane said a beautiful, moving Grace, providing an opportunity to also remember those friends no longer with us.

After lunch, Sir Anthony offered a brief vote of thanks that again drew strong applause before a rousing, if a little rusty, rendition of Carmen.

Many then headed on tours of the school and grounds where the multiple changes were noted. The general feeling was that Whitgift was "the same, but different" – still the same strong sense of Whitgift identity and feel, but with so much improvement and development.

In a serendipitous stroke of fortune, the group was able to retire after lunch to the Whitgift Sports Club and enjoy its Beer and Gin Festival long into the evening with the added bonus of seeing three OWs play for England as they beat South Africa in the final rugby test. We were delighted to see Bob Dinnage and Ken Nicholas there as well.

For some, it was their first time back to the School in 30 years, but it was agreed that the year group would seek to reunite in 2023 for its 35th anniversary event.

Many thanks to Donna Lewis at the School for facilitating such an incredible day and also to Headmaster Chris Ramsey for enabling and supporting the reunion.

JONATHAN BUNN OW (1980-88)



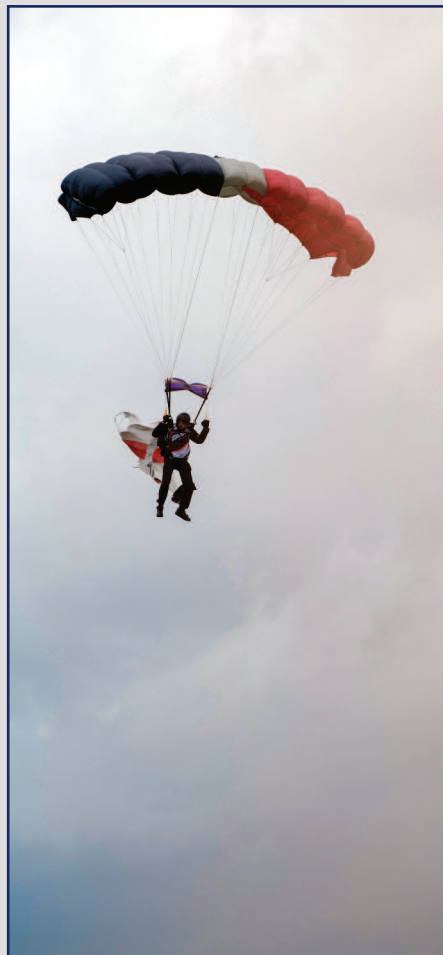
NEWS FROM THE SCHOOL



The Whitgift CCF Annual General Inspection is always a highlight in the School's calendar and this year was no exception. In recent years, we have been blessed with spectacular weather for the occasion, but this year, the boys and staff had to cope with ominous grey skies and unfriendly showers. They rose to the occasion magnificently and produced arguably the best spectacle in recent years. Undaunted by the wet weather, the boys still managed to complete all the scheduled activities, including: obstacle courses, command tasks and tug-of-war competitions on Big Side; shooting in the school's indoor range and kayaking in the swimming pool; and survival exercises, paint-balling, camouflage and concealment in the Copse.

The only compromise made due to the inclement weather was that the boys performed the Guard of Honour in Big School. The sound of the Corps of Drums reverberated around all the classrooms that afternoon, and I for one think that this should become a tradition carried out every Friday; it certainly added to the atmosphere in my Henry V lesson – "Once more unto the breach" indeed! The day was rounded off by a very spirited Platoon Attack demonstration across Big Side.

The icing on the cake was the RAF Wings Parachute team jumping onto the hallowed turf. One of the jumpers was sporting a very fashionable look by attaching the OW flag to him; it's always good to have friends in high places!



The inspectors this year were Old Whitgiftians, Brigadier Neil Sexton, accompanied by Colonel Matthew Birch. Brigadier Sexton rated Whitgift CCF as "excellent" and one of the very strongest in the country. He was full of praise for the positive spirit of all the boys, their team work, the vast array of activities and the excellent leadership of the older boy NCOs. He thanked all the parents for their support, the staff for their hard work on delivering the CCF programme and the very productive and popular partnerships with Thomas More Catholic School and St. Andrew's CE High School.



We certainly have been seeing a lot of our patron, HRH The Prince of York, in recent times. Prince Andrew visited the school at the beginning of May for a garden naming ceremony. Following a rousing welcome by the Whitgift Corps of Drums (they earn their keep!), the Duke was met by the Headmaster, senior members of staff, prefects and representatives of the Whitgift Foundation and Governors. He then enjoyed a short musical recital by Marian Bozhidarov, Lower Sixth Form Music Scholar, who played Czardas by Vittorio Monti, before being introduced to staff involved in Whitgift's Primary School Project. Since 2000, the School has been offering primary aged children from more than 30 schools across the Borough of Croydon the opportunity to spend time at Whitgift.

The School's water garden underwent a major refurbishment in 2017, with new waterfalls, bridges, lighting, planting schemes, a teaching hub, and the installation of a new circular path making the entire route around the garden fully accessible. The morning was concluded by addresses from both the Headmaster and the Duke, during which an engraved plaque was unveiled, officially naming the garden the "Duke of York Water Garden", in honour of the Patron. The Duke's final act was to plant a June Berry tree to complement the flourishing new planting scheme.

They say you can never get enough of a good thing, and so Prince Andrew must have been pleasantly surprised when Whitgift descended upon Buckingham Palace later on in May. To be more precise, eight Sixth Form boys were lucky enough to be specially invited to the Palace to be awarded their Duke of Edinburgh Gold Awards by none other than the main man, Prince Philip, himself. The royal connection just keeps on growing!

During the April holiday, over 70 Whitgift cricketers across all age groups attended a four-day training camp at the Desert Springs Cricket Academy, popular with the likes of Lancashire CCC & Leicestershire CCC, in the south of Spain. The boys were put through their paces during various daily sessions which included: grass net practice; strength, running, speed and agility work; and match sessions on the new cricket ground at Desert Springs. All the hard work seems to have paid off with the results so far being nothing short of phenomenal! As I write this, all of the A teams other than the U11s are unbeaten and going strong in the various national and county competitions. It is also heartening to note that more senior XIs are being put out than in recent times (we have stretched to a 4th XI, something not seen since my time here!) and the 2nd XI are also unbeaten, having won five from five. Indeed, such has been the school's success, that the Australian

men's cricket team chose it as a venue to train at again, maybe hoping for some of the Whitgift magic to rub off on them!

In table tennis, the U19 team, double national champions in their age category, headed off to Malta, in April, for the 2018 International School Sport Federation (ISF) World Schools' Table Tennis Championships. Whitgift's team of James Smith, George Hazell, Reiss Vydelingum and Jason Kwok had earned selection by winning the U19 ESTTA Butterfly Table Tennis national title for the last two years. Whilst in Malta, James reached the World Schools' Table Tennis Mixed Doubles Quarter Finals, narrowly losing to fellow England player, Joe Clark, and his Belgium partner, who went on to win the prestigious Friendship Doubles World Title. Earlier in the week, James had lead the all-Whitgift team, with his fellow U19 aficionados, to a creditable 13th place, representing England in the Team Championships.

In squash, Year 13 student, James Wyatt, was ranked No. 1 in the country for the U19s when the England Squash Junior Rankings were officially announced earlier this year. James has a total points tally of 1058.50, 104 points clear of the runner-up.

11-year-old Augustin Bozzetto had a fantastic first year of skiing at national and international level. The Year 7 pupil took part in a number of competitions and ended the season in the top 50 nationally in France. He also came in the top 20 in the British National Championships, in Tignes.

Lastly, over the Easter holidays Whitgift had a number of footballers on international duty. Lucas Defise was called up (again) for the Belgium U17 squad, performing very well in a comprehensive 5-0 win over the Czech Republic in Prague. Year 9 pupil, Fionn Mooney, received his first call-up for the Republic of Ireland U15s, who also played Czech Republic, this time in Dublin. Fionn played well in the 2-1 victory, but unfortunately came off

injured after 60 minutes. Finally, Fellow Upper Third Form pupils, Jadan Raymond and James Sweet, travelled with the Wales U15 squad to Belgium to play in the Tri Nations tournament versus the home nation and Switzerland.

The final reckoning for the hockey sides points to another outstanding year for Whitgift in the sport: national U16 indoor and outdoor champions, U14 national outdoor champions (for the third consecutive year) and U15 back-to-back Independent School Hockey Cup champions! If you also consider the fact that the U13s and U18s were both knocked out of the national outdoor competition at the semi-finals on strokes, it is conceivable to think that we could have actually gone one better than last year's success (the U16 and U18 teams were national indoor runner-ups, the U13s and U15s both Independent School Hockey Cup champions and the U14, U16 and U18 teams being crowned national outdoor champions)! A remarkable achievement over the course of two seasons.

The Whitgift musicians also enjoyed a great deal of success. At the start of June, the Guildhall School announced the results of the Junior Guildhall's most prestigious award, the Lutine Prize, and Whitgift students represented four of the six finalists. The competition, which showcases young talent, has been running since 1982 and is Junior Guildhall's equivalent of the senior school's annual Gold Medal competition. Having been successful in the preliminaries, six finalists got through to the final round, where they were required to perform a 20 minute solo recital. It was a privilege to have such a high proportion of Whitgift students make it through to the finals, and we congratulate all the Year 12 musicians: Alex Ciulin on the cello, violinists Krystof Kohout and Luka Perazic, and Marian Bozhidarov who played the clarinet and was awarded second place.

DOMINIC EDWARDS OW (1988-96)

OW GOLF SOCIETY

Six of our better golfers, under the captaincy of Matt Webster, played in the Grafton Morrish qualifying at Royal Wimbledon on 13th May. This is serious stuff, one of the scratch competitions that the society enters. The team finished fifth out of 13 schools, thereby winning a place in the finals, which will be played in early October, at Hunstanton and Brancaster in Norfolk.

The OWs combined with school staff in a match against the schoolboys on 16th May, at Croham Hurst. In recent years, this match has proved to be a chastening experience for the old boys, but not this time around. Winning 4-1 overall, the combined team's shock of the day was society Captain's John Butler's partnership with Oliver Fernie. Taking on two +2 handicappers in the school's top pairing, they ran out winners by 9&8, using every advantage of the difference in handicaps. Never to be forgotten if the Captain has his way! Our thanks go to the school for providing some much needed refreshment after the game.

Our second meeting of the season took place at Banstead Downs, on 23rd May. It was a new venue for most of the 21 who participated, and more than a few of us were daunted by the prospect of crossing the A217 twice during our round. Dodging traffic travelling at 60 mph whilst carrying a golf bag or pushing a trolley is not the easiest of tasks, and soon puts a tricky pitch shot over a bunker into proper perspective. Nonetheless this was a very enjoyable day; the course was in good condition and we were well looked after, all at a very reasonable price. As for the golf itself, Neil Robertson came all the way from Lincolnshire to put the rest of us in the shade; he scored 40 points and thereby won the Hornsey Walker trophy, which is the oldest in the society, having first been contested in 1927. Don Anderson scored 38 points to finish 2nd on countback - his second 2nd place finish this year - but he is simply too young to take the Veterans' Trophy, which went to John Butler (also 38 points).

The next open meeting is at The Addington on 18th July. Do join us if you can.

Anyone wishing to play with and/or join the society should contact the secretary at peterbgale@sky.com.

Peter Gale OW (1964-96) Honorary Secretary

Whitgift student, Harry Plowman Ollington, is pictured here having been presented with the Walker Cup by the Old Whitgiftian Golf Society in recognition of outstanding contributions and achievements to School Golf during his time at Whitgift.



OW5s REPORT

A brief update from the OW 5s Club, reporting on an enjoyable South West tour. A (probably!) record breaking 15 players and supporters descended on a welcoming West Country in late April.

Matches were played at Sherborne (OW loss), Tiverton (OW win, in an unusual 6-a-side format), and Clifton (OW loss), followed (and sometimes preceded!) by enjoyable socialising.



See the photo of some of the touring party, après-match! Jim Mon (OW), Robert Dalman (OW), Dave Hebden, Ed Andrews (OW), David Butlin, Richard Roddie, Nick Morgan (Master i/c Whitgift school 5s), Graham Norman (OW), Jon Higgins (OW), Nick Woolfenden (OW).

We play social 5s regularly on Thursday evenings at the newly refurbished school courts, and players of all standards are very welcome. If you'd like more information, please contact Nick Woolfenden (nickw5s@hotmail.com).

NICK WOOLFENDEN OW (1986-94)

THE ENGLAND-WHITGIFT SCHOOL CONNECTION

This piece has been adapted from the full article at www.englandrugby.com/news/the-england-whitgift-school-connection.

Chris Wilkins was in charge of the Whitgift side that saw Elliot Daly, Marland Yarde and Harry Williams progress through, with Danny Cipriani also an attendee before his time. Wilkins, a former Wasps player, was at Pennyhill Park at end May to observe England's training methods to develop himself as a coach.



"It's good to catch up with them and see how they're doing," he said. "It's part of the joys of the job seeing them progress and it's very rewarding when you see players develop and push on at whatever level. We've been lucky enough to be involved in a small part with a number of boys who have played at the highest level and it's fantastic (20% of the England Test Team!)"



Whitgift has regularly been amongst the best schools in the country, winning the U15 NatWest Schools Cup this season and last won the U18 competition in 2011 after winning in 2010.

PROMOTION AT LAST FOR OWRFC!

Interview with OWRFC 1stXV captain, Tom Hipsey. Tom is OWRFC's longest serving 1stXV captain (10 seasons and counting...)

Tom, promotion at last – how proud does that make you as captain and what has been the key to that success this season?

The key to the success this season was the team spirit, both on and off the pitch – and this is what has made me most proud as captain. Irrespective of the perceived strength of the opposition each week, I always felt that our team had more spirit – quite simply each week we looked and played like the team which was having the most fun. From the pre-match jokes and swapping stories from the week before to the trust in, and hard work for, each other during the tough matches. I knew we were building something special this season.

Another big factor was a much-improved strength in depth across the squad, which time and time again proved vital in turning close games into victories. Games which in previous years would have been lost.

This is my tenth season as captain and the most gratifying part is that, from a leadership perspective, it was the easiest! This is the teams' success, the players should be just as proud as I am.

What were the highs and lows of the season for you?

Maintaining an unbeaten home record at Croham Road during the entire season (the first time in 20 years) was certainly a high. As was training - numbers and quality have been better - gone are the days of mid-winter 3 on 3 games of touch rugby. Coach John Young 'JY' must take a huge amount of credit for this (or maybe it was the free post-training meal... I'm not sure).

Our third league fixture, away against Old Freeman's stands out to me as the point in the season the team started to

realise just what we could really achieve as a squad. Over the years a long standing and friendly rivalry with Freeman's had always produced close and hard fought matches. On this day we won 60 points to 5 and played some outstanding rugby. It set the benchmark for how we wanted to play for the rest of the season. Home and away victories against eventual league runners up Old Georgians (who will be joining us in London 3 next season) were also noteworthy.

Every season has its ups and downs but for me the lows (other than personally not scoring a try!) were the injuries, some of which were season ending suffered by some of our players – we wish them a speedy recovery and hope to have them back for the London Leagues.

Which Players have stood out this season and why?

Given enough time I would highlight the contribution of each individual player – everyone played their part this year, it is clichéd but it is the beauty of rugby. That said, as a captain selecting the team each week there are players who perhaps do not catch the supporters eye or the match write up headlines but I know they form the foundation of the team and they are the first to be selected each week. Our veteran lock Jim Ryan and inside centre, and the more gifted of the Daly brothers. Miles provide so much and allow others to shine.

Charlie Petschi was the standout 6 in the league and rightly picked up the club's forward and players' player award this year. (To the detriment of his passing game) he would often finish matches with the most carries and meters made showing a turn of pace which often surprised the opposition. Another player with deceptive pace (and age, he is much younger than he looks!) was our back of the year Jordan Lewis. He played in every backs position for the team this season and excelled in every one.



What will the team need to do next season to be competitive in London & SW 3?

More of the same! As with the start of each season we will look to ensure Old Whitgiftians finishing their university courses come back to pick up their rugby at the club and of course welcome players that are new to the area. Otherwise we will not look to make huge changes to what worked so well this year. Many of the teams currently in London 3 have previously played in Surrey. We will look to follow their example and settle into the new environment quickly and look forward to renewing some old rivalries

When does pre-season start?

Tuesday night touch rugby is already under-way. Formal pre-season training starts on the first Tuesday of July. All are welcome.

SEASON FACTS

- Games played: 20
- Games won: 16
- Try bonus points (4 or more tries scored): 11
- Top points scorer: Andrew Marshall (Fly Half)
- Top try scorer: Jonathan Mount (number 8). (Closely followed by Tim Catling – Full Back and Jordan Lewis – Utility Back)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Weds 4 July	Celebration of Whitgift Lift	School	11:00
Sat 14 July	OW Liverymen's Dinner	London	19:00
Sun 15 July	OW Drums Concert	Brighton Bandstand	14:00
Fri 20 July	Military Speakers Evening	WSC	18:45
Sat 21 July	Benevolent Society AGM	WSC	12:30
Weds 25 July	NSPCC Open Gardens	School	14:00
Thurs 2 Aug	OW Play "Breathe"	London	19:30
Fri 19 Oct	OW Corps of Drums Music Evening	WSC	19:30
Mon 5 Nov	OW Corps of Drums	Lewes Bonfire Night	17:00
Tues 6 Nov	WA Bursary Appeal Dinner	Newbury	19:30
Fri 9 Nov	Remembrance Service	School	10:30
Fri 9 Nov	OW Remembrance Lunch	School	13:00
Sat 17 Nov	Sportsman's Lunch	School	12:00
Mon 10 Dec	WA AGM	WSC	19:00

FIXTURES

Sun 1 July	OWCC XI v Flying Ducksmen		H	14:00
Sat 7 July	OWCC 1st XI v Dorking	L	H	12:00
Sun 8 July	OWCC XI v The Village		H	14:00
Sat 14 July	OWCC 2nd XI v Woking	L	H	12:00
Sun 15 July	OWCC XI v Goldleaf		H	14:00
Sat 21 July	OWCC 2nd XI v Worcester Park	L	H	12:00
Sun 22 July	OWCC XI v Battersea Beavers		H	13:00
Sat 28 July	OWCC 1st XI v Bank of England	L	H	12:00
Sun 29 July	OWCC XI v Wind in the Willows		H	14:00
Sat 4 Aug	OWCC 2nd v Old Wimbledonians	L	H	12:00
Sun 5 Aug	OWCC XI v Waggoners		H	14:00
Sat 11 Aug	OWCC 1st XI v Sanderstead	L	H	12:00
Sun 12 Aug	OWCC XI v Badgers		H	14:00
Sat 18 Aug	OWCC 2nd XI v Oxted	L	H	12:00
Sun 19 Aug	OWCC XI v Beckenham		H	14:00
Sat 25 Aug	OWCC 1st XI v Dulwich	L	H	11:30
Sat 1 Sept	OWCC 1st XI v Walton on Thames	L	H	11:30

OWs IN QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY HONOURS



Dr Barnett MBE
for Services to Education

The 2018 Queen's Birthday Honours list includes Whitgift's former Headmaster, Dr Christopher Barnett and OW, Colonel Mike Cornwell.

Colonel Cornwell received an OBE for his work as CO of 1 The Princess of Wales's Royal Regiment whilst Dr Barnett (Whitgift Headmaster 1991-2017) received an MBE for his service to Education.

Congratulations to both.

RECENT DEATHS

DUNCAN WHITE

WHITGIFT MASTER 1992-2008,
D. JUNE 2018

LEONARD JOHN ROGERS

OW (1942-50),
D. 18 MARCH 2018, AGED 86

OLD WHITGIFTIANS CHESS REPORT

After many years of discussing at our Annual match v The School, we decided to take the plunge and enter a team in a local league. We entered the 4 boards in a team, Croydon District Chess League Division 2.

With a small squad of 7, we performed well winning 4 out of 5 matches. Visiting teams enjoyed the excellent playing conditions/facilities of the Marlar room in the Clubhouse.

It looked like we were going to finish 2nd in our first season. However, a surprise defeat for Crystal Palace B, our main rivals, away to Lewisham B, opened the door for us. We needed to win our last match away to West Wickham B to win the title and the Martin Cath Trophy.

After 2 hrs 30 mins of exciting chess, the match went down to the wire and we secured a 2.5-1.5 pts match win. So at the first attempt we are CDCL Div 2 champions.

Special mention must go to strong performances throughout the season by Tim Pelling and David Sedgwick. The outstanding performance was by Matt Hortin who remained unbeaten and secured an impressive 4.5/5 game points for the team.

We are going to get the 7 of us together for a curry night in early June to celebrate our success and plan for next season.

We are looking to bolster our squad with players between 120-150 BCF grading. If you are a lapsed or current player and an OW who would like to get involved, please email nigehwcallow@gmail.com