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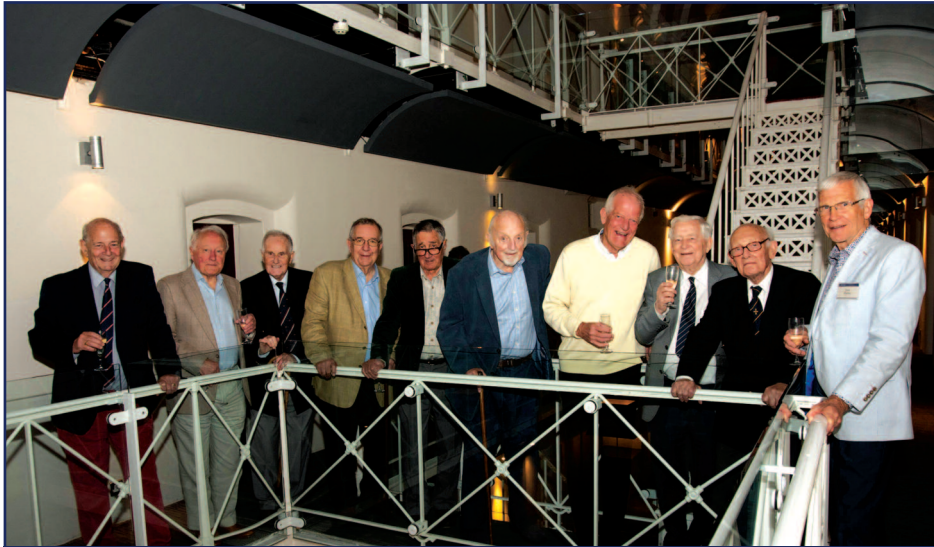
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## CLASS OF 1978, 40TH ANNIVERSARY REUNION AN EVENING WITH DAVID RAEURN



Left to right - John Kelsall, Peter Trevis, Ken Nicholas, Peter Gibson, Peter Gaillard, John Branston, Adrian Garne, Norman West, David Raeburn, Dick Shelley

**“Whitgift in the 1970s had an ethos that espoused the best values of Western civilisation, such as tolerance and mutual respect, and that came, I think, from David Raeburn.”**

So said David Grant OW (1970-1978), the recently retired, Cambridge University educated, Consultant Geriatrician at The Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh. Unable to attend in person on that Saturday evening in September, his message was delivered on the big screen in the Visitors' Room at the Malmaison, Oxford Castle; his observation about Whitgift's headmaster for 21 years from 1970, was met with universal approval by those in attendance.

In an article reviewing 'Oedipus at Colonus', published in the 'Financial Times' (15th June 2018) Robin Lane Fox described David Raeburn as, 'The King

of Greek Dramatic Productions'; the play had been staged to great acclaim at New College over this summer. "If Sophocles was [sic] in his eighties when he wrote the play, Raeburn had just turned 91 when he directed it. I mean it. He had translated the entire play, adapting his English to give its hearers a sense of the rhythms of the choral songs. He had conceived every movement, every nuance of delivery and use of space. He had cast the play with the sharpest of eyes, drawing on undergraduates and graduates to whom he still teaches classical Greek." After the play had completed its run and prior to his attendance at the Class of '78, David led a reading group of students on a trip to Greece. Extraordinary.

Seventy-five had gathered for the weekend festivities for "The Class of '78". David Raeburn was appropriately made the weekend's Guest of Honour. The

level of affection for him was a remarkable endorsement of the respect with which he is held and recognition of the rounded, liberal and ethical education that he sought for his students. After a lengthy soirée where guests were served with Champagne and canapés, and a four-course dinner washed down with equally good red and white Riojas (thus disproving that a good Spanish white is a red), David Raeburn stood and delivered with clarity a remarkable speech, erudite, incisive and enthusiastic, without notes and no mic.

As the school's former headmaster concluded talking on that September night, all the guests rose as one, their applause seeming to last forever, applause that must have been ringing in David's ears long after he had got back home. It had devotion and fondness that few headmasters at any school will ever experience; his students and former colleagues in attendance had responded as was merited in a manner so emotionally charged as to be unforgettable.

Earlier in the evening Peter Gibson (Whitgift Master, 1965-2003) spoke. Having given so much to his students across CCF, sport, school plays and his English classes, and being known for his kindness in the provision of pastoral care, Peter's words were received by a supportive audience held in rapt attention. 'Gibbo', as he is affectionately known, offered an expert and carefully thought out analysis of the changing

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culture of the school across three headmasters. It was a glowing tribute of Whitgift under David Raeburn, and if one were to pick out one of the many attributes that Peter believed made him such an effective headmaster, one would select David never having made a decision with self-interest at its heart. To be regarded as the most selfless of men is true leadership.

Julian Gunn OW (1970-1978), another of the Class of '78 who graduated from Cambridge, is Professor of Interventional Cardiology, Honorary Consultant Cardiologist and Insigneo Fellow in the Department of Infection, Immunity and Cardiovascular Disease at the University of Sheffield; he spoke on behalf of the Class of '78, fifty of whom were in attendance, expressing his enormous affection for Whitgift and adding to the words of David Grant in elaborating further on the essential humanity of the school under David Raeburn and the importance of the values it engendered.

Simon Lambert OW (1970-1978, School Captain 1978, Consultant Orthopaedic Surgeon, University College London Hospital NHS Foundation Trust, Honorary Consultant Surgeon, Great Ormond Street Hospital for Children NHS Foundation Trust, Honorary Senior Lecturer, UCL), proposed the toast for the Headmaster. Emcee Francis Charig OW (1970-1978, Senior Director at Baillie Gifford Shin Nippon PLC and a World Economic Forum Technology Pioneer) told various lighthearted stories and read to the guests a story about David Raeburn from 'Memories of Whitgift', a book that Francis said included two of his own stories although he pointed out that he had been given the nom de plume of 'Chang' in the list of contributors.

What has been written so far might mislead. There were actually very few formalities. It was just one part of the itinerary for a weekend reunion of the Class of '78. This was the most informal of events, no black tie in sight, very few ties at all in fact, jeans proliferating, relaxed. With most of the attendees not having seen any of their school year for four decades, they returned to recollect with their friends and to appreciate their headmaster. There was real interest in seeing that everyone was healthy and happy, little or no interest in comparing. That the year had produced more than its share of talented doctors, accountants, lawyers, bankers, teachers, research scientists, civil servants and businessmen was immaterial; it was the inherent decency of the former students that mattered most and this was the best endorsement of the success of the Raeburn years at the school. The Class of '78 was the first to have both begun and ended its time under David Raeburn's leadership, a true reflection of this remarkable man at his Whitgift School.

**FRANCIS CHARIG OW (1970-1978)**

## PLAYER SAFETY AND WELLBEING PLACED IN EVEN GREATER FOCUS AS WHITGIFT PARTNERS WITH RETURN2PLAY



Whitgift School has announced its partnership with player welfare specialists, Return2Play.

Stuart Litchfield, Director of Sport at Whitgift School said, "With the wellbeing of our boys at the heart of sport at Whitgift, parents will now have even greater peace of mind from the enhanced protection and rehabilitation services that all players have access to. We are especially proud to be working with Return2Play as the company founders and their brand ambassador, Elliot Daly, are Old Whitgiftians."

Dr Sam Barke (OW), Medical Director at Return2Play said of the partnership, "We have been hugely impressed by the attitude of all the staff at Whitgift with regards to their desire to deliver the highest standards of welfare to their pupils. We are excited to work with them to ensure these standards continue to be achieved."

Return2Play is a leading sports medicine company. Their innovative technology ensures all players are supported from the day of injury until they are fit, able and confident to return to sport. Organisations are able to document compliance and evidence long-term best practice. Return2Play's technology, alongside their consulting, education and immediate care services gives schools, clubs and governing bodies the peace of mind that they are providing their players with gold-standard care at all times. Full details can be found at [www.return2play.org.uk](http://www.return2play.org.uk)



Three OW hockey players, Zach Wallace (2006-13), Rhys Smith (2007-15) and Jack Waller (2013-15) all made their senior England debuts in the recent 4-3 match win against France.



# CLASS OF 1978, 40TH ANNIVERSARY REUNION



**David Jones, (House Captain of Tate's 1977-1978 and now Director, JLM Global Foods), Andy Archibald (Olympic Gold Medal Winner, Modern Pentathlon, 1976), Simon Hill (Managing Consultant, Hill Coates Associates Ltd., son of former Bishop of Croydon who was, of course, a governor of the school).**

*If Carlsberg did school reunions, then they would probably be the best in the world.*

This was the underlying thought that went into designing the 40th anniversary reunion of Whitgift's Class of '78. Having waited four decades for a mass gathering, it wasn't just a short, formal event where the Old Boys would gather briefly for an evening and disappear that was required. We were seeking a weekend of festivities that would justify the efforts of those living abroad coming back to England and those in the north travelling south; we wanted the time so that we could get to know old school colleagues once more, and we desired total informality.

Tracking down Old Boys is not easy. The school, despite the excellent cooperation of Donna Lewis, is hamstrung by the legislation on data protection, and if it sends out a generic notification of a reunion then inevitably the response is limited. Consequently, the event organiser realised that two actions were needed: We had to uncover the whereabouts of as many Old Boys as possible, which could partly be done by good old fashioned networking but mostly it was achieved by the use of online social networks such as Facebook and LinkedIn as well as Companies House and 192.com. Someone had to write personalised letters to persuade boys from a year not noted for its reunions that this would be worthwhile

attending, a lengthy endeavour requiring recollection of each person's friendship circles and their interests.

The event took almost a year of planning, by which time we had 50 students from the Class of '78 travelling from New Zealand, Dubai, Milan, Mainz, Milford-On-Sea, Hexham, Halifax and Harrogate attending from Saturday lunch to Sunday late afternoon.

Once the Old Boys had accepted their invitation, they were then asked to suggest Sixth Form, Sports and CCF Masters whom they would like to see again. Twenty were invited. David Raeburn (Headmaster, 1970-1991) was asked to come as Guest of Honour.

It was agreed that Oxford would work well as the location. The consensus was that if we were away for a weekend we wanted to fall into our beds from the bar at the end of the Saturday evening, difficult in Croydon. Outside term time Oxford has its colleges with their student rooms to rent and is easy to access.

Masters and their wives who needed transport from their homes were chauffeured to Oxford by various OWs. We organised a free taxi service so that once in Oxford the elderly guests could move easily around the City.

A professional photographer was on hand to record the event and a digital hub was established upon which we could place all of our recordings of the evening, whether still or video.

Photographs from 1976 of all of the OWs attending the weekend were provided by Bill Wood, the school's archivist. Simon Hutton OW (1973-1978) then incorporated those pictures into name badges.

Jonathan Darnborough OW (1970-1978) made sure that the background music playing in the evening was constructed to complement the atmosphere. Simon Bates OW (1970-1978) had added to his digital hub by collecting a series of videos from

OWs talking to camera who had been unable to attend.

For many months an email thread was in operation for all those attending and also those who wanted to attend but could not, during which we wallowed in nostalgia of Whitgift in the '70s. You can imagine all of the emails that began, "Do you remember when....?" It meant that a lot of the ice had been broken by the time that everyone arrived at the reunion, a process that paid significant dividends.

## **The final itinerary was:**

**September 22nd 2018** - Lunch at Cherwell Boathouse, Oxford. Masters in the Conservatory; OWs in the Main Restaurant. Reception, dinner and two bars at Malmaison Oxford.

**September 23rd 2018** - "Two Gunn Salute" at Merton College, Oxford followed by a College Tour by Steve Gunn OW and Organ Recital, Merton College Chapel by Julian Gunn OW. Lunch at The Folly, Oxford.

There were more than 35 present for a long Saturday lunch at the Cherwell Boathouse. The Old Boys were thinking that this was the one opportunity for Masters and their wives to misbehave, so the former staff were in one room (probably throwing buttered bread at each other) while the Old Boys sat in the restaurant's main dining room. By early evening, most of the attendees had gravitated from the restaurant on the river to the City Centre to be joined in The Visitors' Room at the Malmaison by a further 40 or so, made up of ex-Masters and



**Richard Acklam (author and educationalist), Francis Charig (event organiser) and David Raeburn**

## CLASS OF 1978 CONTINUED

many of the ex-pupils who had been unable to arrive earlier in the day. This was described as 'The Main Event' and was a thank you to David Raeburn.

The Malmaison, located inside Oxford Castle, used to be Oxford Prison until the 1990s so there were plenty of comments about this being a subliminal euphemism! Most of the attendees stayed at Keble College but a few stayed at the hotel in rooms named after former prisoners.

After the reception of Champagne and canapés, the guests sat for dinner across eight tables named after each of the Senior School houses, a large helium balloon in the appropriate house colours flying atop every table. Astonishingly given the time lapse, the right housemaster from 1978 sat at five of the tables, Andrew's with Peter Trevis (1965-1994), Dodd's with Norman West (1967-1998), Mason's with Ken Nicholas (1956-1991), Smith's with John Branston (1956-1997) and Tate's with Peter Gaillard (1970-1984).

At the end of dinner there were video messages from a number of OWs who were unable to attend as well as speeches from the floor from Peter Gibson (1965-2003) lauding David Raeburn, and from David Raeburn himself who received a lengthy and emotional standing ovation. Julian Gunn (1970-1978) made a joyous speech sharing his great affection for his time at the school. A series of carefully considered toasts were proposed by Simon Lambert



From left to right, Dodd's, Andrew's, Brodie's, Ellis's, Cross's, Mason's, Smith's and Tate's, represented by coloured balloons

(1970-1978), School Captain for the Lent and Trinity terms of '78. Francis Charig was emcee and he told a series of lighthearted stories. These were mostly true, largely about various former staff members, including Chemistry Master, Jim Godbolt (1971-1975) leaping half asleep from a fast moving train, chaos in the classroom with Freddie Percy (1937-1976) and 'the two letters' story about David Raeburn found in the book, 'Memories of Whitgift'.

A collection of Francis's tales about John Kelsall OW (1968-1978) were true in parts, but at least one was conceived by Francis while in the shower and had no historically factual basis whatsoever; but whether true or false, it was all highly affectionate, or at least that will be his defence at his defamation trial.

Because of the 17 in the Class of '78 who went on to have medical careers, Francis reported the time he was treated for Falciparum Malaria by two OW doctors, bizarrely his own brother, Mark Charig OW (1967-1975) and, from the Class of '78, David Grant OW (1970-1978), the former claiming to write on the notes at the base of Francis's hospital bed, 'Do not resuscitate'.

After the speeches, the guests occupied two bars laughing loudly until the last drink was finished at just past four in the morning. There was now time for only the briefest of sleeps before breakfast and then onward to 'The Two Gunn Salute'.

The reunion took place one week before Steve Gunn OW (1971-1978) began his tenure as Acting Warden at Merton College. The other and unrelated Gunn, Julian, is both a gifted doctor and a talented organist. They led 'The Two Gunn Salute' that Sunday morning. Most surprising was the number of those who turned up mid-morning to attend. Given the previous night's exertions, Francis estimated only a handful would have the energy needed to make their way to the College, but this transpired to be wildly wrong with more than fifty present. They were rewarded by special performances



Nick Tidnam (Partner, Hogan Lovells, Solicitors, London) Julian Gunn (bio included in report), Henry Martin (now retired), Alistair Newell (Area Manager Correspondent Banking & Representative Offices, UBI Banca, Milan)

from both of the Gunn OWs. Steve, fresh from an amusing appearance on Cunk on Britain on BBC1 gave a highly insightful, interesting and amusing tour of Merton College which included him highlighting its Whitgift connection, while Julian's stunning recital on the beautiful Merton College Chapel organ lasted for more than one hour, holding his audience transfixed.

Julian finished the Salute by gathering us around the Merton organ and leading the most rousing and surprisingly tuneful rendition of 'Carmen' that the author has ever witnessed. Tears were shed before we moved on to the Folly restaurant on Folly Bridge for another lengthy and excellent lunch that concluded proceedings for the weekend.

That it was an extremely happy and extraordinarily successful reunion is a consequence of a special bond between the Old Boys that has outlasted a gap of four decades and also a reflection of their relationships with their Masters. As one former pupil explained, every single former student he had met at the reunion was 'a gentleman'. And so say all of us. We now make plans for 2020, the 50th anniversary of those who joined in the Lower Firsts, which was simultaneous with the arrival of the much loved David Raeburn as Headmaster.

For information on future events for the Year of '78, please contact Francis Charig at [francis@charig.com](mailto:francis@charig.com). He is also happy to assist those working on reunions for other years should they so wish.



## OWs NAMED IN THIS REPORT:

- **Simon Bates 1970-1978**, Director of Process Excellence at Arm
- **Francis Charig 1970-1978**, World Economic Forum Technology Pioneer, Senior Board Director, Shin Nippon PLC
- **Mark Charig 1967-1975**, Consultant General & Interventional Radiologist, Heatherwood & Wexham Park Hospitals' NHS Foundation Trust (1991-2013), Retired.
- **Jonathan Darnborough 1970-1978**, Director of Studies in Music at Oxford University's Department for Continuing Education.
- **David Grant 1970-1978**, Consultant Geriatrician, Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh, NHS Lothian, Retired

- **Julian Gunn 1970-1978**, Professor of Interventional Cardiology, Honorary Consultant Cardiologist and Insigneo Fellow in the Department of Infection, Immunity and Cardiovascular Disease, University of Sheffield
- **Steve Gunn 1971-1978**, Professor of Early Modern History and Tutor in History, Merton College, Oxford, Acting Warden, Merton College (2018-2019)
- **Simon Hutton 1973-1978**, Founder and Managing Director, To The Point Ltd, London
- **Simon Lambert 1970-1978**, School Captain 1978, Consultant Orthopaedic Surgeon, University College London Hospital NHS Foundation Trust; Honorary Consultant Surgeon, Great

Ormond Street Hospital for Children NHS Foundation Trust, Honorary Senior Lecturer, UCL

## MASTERS PRESENT:

David Raeburn	1970-1991
Andy Archibald	1974-1977
John Branston	1956-1997
Bob Brown	1960-1990
Ray Fooks	1965-1972
Peter Gaillard	1970-1984
Adrian Garne	1976-1982
Peter Gibson	1965-2003
Brian Griffiths	1969-2006
John Kelsall	1968-1978
Ken Nicholas	1956-1991
Frank Pattison	1973-1987
Dick Shelley	1962-2001
Peter Trevis	1965-1994
Norman West	1967-1998

## 1983 REUNION

On a wet September day, 10 former pupils from 6 Science A of 1982-83 and their two chemistry teachers, Don Gillard and Alan Vibert, met for their 5-yearly reunion, mostly of those who participated in an industrial field trip to Germany led by the two masters. Apologies were received from two more alumni who couldn't make it as they were now resident in Australia and California.

Celebrations started with a drinks reception in the Founders' Room. In 1983 this had been the smoky Masters' Common Room, well and truly out of bounds to lowly schoolchildren, so it felt a privilege to be invited up the hallowed stairs.

After this the party moved on to the Old

Library for lunch - this had been the main school library back in 1983. Finally it was time for a tour of the School from Archivist Bill Wood, visiting both the familiar buildings and new developments as most had not been back to the school in decades.

Event organiser Philip Beck said, "We had been meeting every five years in a restaurant, but this time I wanted to visit the School again. Since we left 35 years ago, the School has been through a huge programme of expansion and improvement while still retaining the character of the original buildings, and I can see the facilities providing an outstanding



*Masters – Donald Gillard and Alan Vibert who taught 6ScA Chemistry in 1982-1983  
Pupils (all from 6ScA 1982-1983)  
Philip Beck, David Drinkwater, Stuart Butler-Smith, Richard Pavesi, Richard Newman, Richard O'Meara, Alan Ross Guy, Graham Johnson, Ian McGillivray, Craig Tillotson*

learning, social and sporting environment for today's students. Our thanks go to Bill and Donna Lewis from the School Alumni office for making this a memorable day".

**PHILIP BECK OW (1975-83)**

## TIM DAVIE, OW, RETURNS TO SCHOOL

Whitgift welcomed Tim Davie, Old Whitgiftian and CEO of BBC Studios, back to the School for the first time since he left in 1985. Tim visited as part of the Academic Enrichment Programme and was interviewed by one of the school's BBC Young Reporters.

In the afternoon, he held a lecture in the Concert Hall and captivated the audience with insights into the

management of a media giant like the BBC and the production of its television and radio content. Tim also revealed that his first job was at McDonald's in the Whitgift Centre, for the sizeable pay of £1.26 an hour and his core message resonated with all: be passionate, be curious and work hard.

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# NEWS FROM THE SCHOOL

Which is the best rugby school in the country? As an ardent supporter of all things both Whitgift and rugby, this is a question I have often asked myself over the past twenty five years. Before one can answer, you first need to think of the correct criteria upon which such a judgement can be made. An obvious place to start would be to look at the results of the First Team. A national cup has run under various guises for over twenty five years now and we, of course, were the winners in both 2010 and 2011. Win the cup and surely you are best school in the country that year? It's not as simple as that.

Not all the top schools go in for the Natwest Cup, as it is currently called – Sedbergh being just one such example. Is there not a league which pits all the top sides against each other? Well, yes there is: The Daily Mail Trophy has just entered its sixth year. Over 100 schools participate (including all the big names) and, whilst everyone cannot play everyone, a complex algorithm ranks all the sides, so that you get an appropriate amount of points for home and away victories, depending on the historical strength of the school you are playing.

It's not perfect, but then neither is the international world ranking system, yet most people agree that New Zealand is currently the best team playing! However, it still only focuses on the First Team – a squad of 23 boys. Most top rugby schools like Whitgift put out up to twenty teams on any given weekend; that's three hundred boys putting in the hard yards in the name of their school – shouldn't they have some say in who is ranked the best? On every Monday morning, the rugby coaches at Whitgift receive an email informing us of the result of the block fixture from the previous weekend.

We have always been competitive in A-team fixtures, but traditionally, schools such as Wellington and Warwick have

had much greater strength in depth than us, meaning that they have always won the weekend. Well, not anymore! Indeed, the results in the five block fixtures thus far are as follows: Seaford, Won 8 Lost 0; Wellington, Won 8 (including U14/15/16 A teams) Drawn 1 Lost 5; Warwick, Won 18 (including all A teams) Drawn 4 Lost 1; John Fisher Won 17 (including all A teams) Lost 5; Bishop Wordsworth, Won 9 Lost 0. Quite clearly, Whitgift are dominating the block fixtures and if this continues up to Christmas (there will be some tough challenges along the way with Millfield, Dulwich and Cranleigh lying in wait after half term), we may, just for this year, be able to justifiably call ourselves the best of the best – well, in the South and Midlands, at least!

From rugby hegemony to success in another field: whilst not quite record-breaking, the school fared very well over the summer exam season. Following the fantastic International Baccalaureate results, where the students achieved an average points total of 38 this summer (eight points above the global average), and superb grades in BTEC examinations, we are again celebrating some impressive A Level results. 84% of all grades were awarded at A\*-B (85% A\*-B when combined with the IB results). 35 pupils gained straight A\* and A grades (or Pre U equivalent) and one pupil achieved a remarkable 7 A\* grades at A Level. The Year 11 students did not let us down either,

coping well with the new, sterner grading system. Nearly half of the new style entries were awarded at the top grades of 8 or 9, with further achievements including:

**95% A\*-B**  
**22% Grade 9 - compares with**  
**4.3% nationally**  
**74.3% level 7/8/9 (A\*-A)**

Particular success with the new style grading was seen in Mathematics, where 40% of candidates were awarded the new top grade 9. The grade 9 has been introduced to recognise those pupils who have performed exceptionally well, at the very top of the A\* grade. Of those subjects using the lettered grades for the final time, there were notable achievements in the Sciences where A\* grades were awarded to a superb 70% of Biology candidates, 60% of Chemistry candidates and 60% of Physics candidates. An impressive 32 pupils achieved the top grades possible (9 or A\*) in eight or more of their subjects, and three achieved the rare feat of gaining top grades in all 11 of their subject entries: Max Ronte with five A\* results and six at grade 9, also Robert Heaver and Spencer Wood, each with four at A\* and seven at grade 9.

One key reason for Whitgift's continued success in the academic sphere is all the co-curricular opportunities provided to the boys with the intention of facilitating their independent learning. As has been the case over the past few years, the





academic enrichment programme has invited eminent guest speakers to the school to lecture the boys in a university style environment.

The first of these this year occurred on Thursday 20 September, when the school was delighted to welcome British linguist, academic and author, David Crystal. Professor Crystal delivered an engaging lecture on Shakespearean 'OP' or 'Original Pronunciation' – research that he pioneered in conjunction with Shakespeare's Globe in 2004. He enthralled listeners with a range of entertaining renditions from memory, examples from 'OP' productions and worked with Sixth Form pupils to examine the shift in vowel and consonant sounds over the last 400 years. Next up was Old Whitgiftian, Tim Davie, who addressed a packed Concert Hall on Friday 12 October. Tim has risen through the ranks of the BBC to the position of CEO, and he delighted the audience with fascinating anecdotes, giving a unique insight into what it means to be at the centre of such an iconic institution. Other guests of note to visit the school and speak with boys have been poets Ruth Sutoye and Spoz (aka Giovanni Esposito), who came to us on Thursday 4th October to help celebrate both National Poetry Day and Black History month. Both visits created an explosion of activity around the School, celebrating poetry's power to bring people together and explore how it can be used in reading, writing and performing.

It is always a pleasure to celebrate the individual successes of the boys in these pages and we certainly have not been short of those so far this term. Firstly, Fifth Form student, Daniel Martin, was awarded third place in the national finals of the TDI Challenge for his bike-storage device. The competition focuses on technology, design and innovation and is hosted by The Manufacturing Technologies Association (MTA), celebrating students' creativity within the curriculum. Daniel has also been

awarded an Arkwright Engineering Scholarship this year. This scheme is aimed at inspiring and nurturing students to be the country's future leaders of the



Engineering profession and entails a rigorous selection process. Next, Upper Sixth Form Whitgift student and entrepreneur, Arminster Dhillon, has won the Horners Bottlemakers Award 2018 for his impressive Boot Buddy invention (originally of Dragons' Den fame). The annual prize is awarded in conjunction with the British Plastics Federation and entrants are required to have significant UK content in design, materials or manufacture, alongside a proven record of commercial success. This is a further great accomplishment for the young founder, who earlier this year was placed on TransferWise's '20 Under 20' list. The company, which offers a cost-effective way for users to transfer money internationally, was searching for Britain's most promising young entrepreneurs. During a pitching, training and mentoring trip to Estonia, Arminster faced a judging panel of renowned investors and business minds, presenting exceptionally well to be selected as one of the top five entrants. Watch this space for more from this savvy young businessman. Lastly, Rex Elliott and Harvey Stedman both won Bronze in the U55kg and U73kg categories respectively in the British Schools Regional Judo competition. Although both in the Fifth Form, the boys had to fight other students up to Upper Sixth. I'm sure they had a flipping good time!

To conclude, I would like to take advantage of this journalistic platform to draw your attention to some rather

impressive journalism being produced currently at the school. For several years now, the Economics department has overseen the production of a magazine called Whitonomics, the latest edition of which has won an award for 'Exceptional Promise' in the Shine School Media Awards. The publication is a collective effort, produced entirely by Sixth Form students; the

boys decide which articles to write, create the copy, carry out the editing and liaise with the graphic designer on the design and



layout. Thought-provoking and academically-enriching topics in this latest edition include 'Hawala: An ancient alternative to banking', 'The e in Economics: How to become a millionaire', and 'Income inequality in the UK: Is it at the right level?'. The Shine School Media Awards is a national competition rewarding UK secondary schools who produce an outstanding newspaper, magazine, podcast or website. The culmination of the competition is a special gala awards ceremony at Stationers' Hall in the City of London, which co-editors Euan Pringle and Amaran Varma attended this year on behalf of the whole magazine team. Copies of the magazines can be found on the school's website if you would like to peruse them. Also available on the website is the W, the School's new online publication containing a thought-provoking collection of writing and carrying on the best traditions of Whitgift scholarship and thought. Contributions have come from students and teachers, and topics include curiosity, kindness, creativity, perseverance and ambition.

**DOMINIC EDWARDS OW (1988-96)**

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Mon 5 Nov	OW Corps of Drums	Lewes Bonfire Night	09:00
Tues 6 Nov	WA Bursary Appeal Dinner	Newbury	19:30
Fri 9 Nov	Remembrance Service	School	10:30
Tues 13 Nov	Careers Convention	School	18:00
Sat 17 Nov	Sportsman's Lunch	School	12:00
Sat 1 Dec	OWRFC Past Players Lunch	WSC	12:00
Sat 1 Dec	School Carols	The Ritz	pm
6-8 Dec	Macbeth	School	19:30
Fri 7 Dec	School Music Concert	London	18:30
Mon 10 Dec	WA AGM	WSC	19:00
Thurs 13 Dec	School Carol Service	Croydon Minster	19:30
Sat 15 Dec	OWRFC Christmas Dinner	WSC	19:00
Fri 24 May 2019	WA Annual Dinner	School	18:00

## FIXTURES

Sat 3 Nov	OWRFC 1st XV v Winchester	L	H	14.30
Sat 10 Nov	School 1st XV v High Wycombe		A	13.00
Wed 14 Nov	School 1st XV v Eltham	Cup	A	14.30
Sat 17 Nov	OWRFC 1st XV v Petersfield	L	A	14.30
Sat 17 Nov	School 1st XV v Dulwich		H	14.30
Sat 24 Nov	School 1st XV v Millfield		A	13.30
Sat 1 Dec	OWRFC 1st XV v Trojans	L	H	14.30
Sat 8 Dec	OWRFC 1st XV v Old Tiffinians	L	A	14.30
Sat 8 Dec	School 1st XV v Cranleigh		H	14.30
Sat 15 Dec	OWRFC 1st XV v Warlingham	L	A	14.30
Wed 26 Dec	OWRFC 1st XV v Old Alleynians		H	14.00
Sat 5 Jan	OWRFC 1st XV v Portsmouth	L	H	14.30
Fri 11 Jan	OW Chess v School		A	16.00
Thurs 17 Jan	OW Chess v Lewisham		WSC	19.30

## OW GOLF SOCIETY NEWS

The final open meeting of the year was the Autumn Cup meeting, held perhaps prematurely this year in August. The venue was a relatively new one for us, Betchworth Park near Dorking, and we were delighted with the outcome. It was a fine day, and the course was an enjoyable challenge and in good condition despite its fairways suffering a little during the summer heat; we are indebted to John Grima, who is a member of the club, for his introduction. Being on home turf clearly did John no harm, and he came a decent third with 33 points, out of the field of 23, pipped for second place by John Spanswick (34). Unfortunately for both of them, Don Anderson streaked away with the Cup, scoring 39 points, crowning a season in which he also had two other podium finishes in our open meetings. As is the case with all winners, Don will now suffer a two-shot cut to his handicap for the next 12 months, although I doubt that will trouble him too much!

Our programme of matches was fulfilled in September with a postponed match against Croham Hurst, sometimes billed as the landlords against the tenants! Both sides put out relatively strong teams and an

enjoyable encounter finished in victory for Croham Hurst.

The more serious golf in our season is played in the scratch inter-school competitions, the last of which was the Grafton Morrish, held in early October at Brancaster and Hunstanton. Led by Matt Webster, our team was beaten 2-1 by Edinburgh Academy in the main competition but went on to win the Solihull Salver, one of the 'plate' competitions, played in diabolical conditions on the Saturday. The team, with Salver, are pictured – from left to right, Messrs Gates, Atkinson, Webster, Coppell, Firth and Williams.

A record number of OWs went on the Autumn tour playing at three courses in the New Forest. The results are not yet to hand, but a good time was had by all. Details to follow, if anyone can remember.

Anyone wishing to play with and/or join the society should contact the secretary at [peterbgale@sky.com](mailto:peterbgale@sky.com).

PETER GALE OW (HON SEC)



## RECENT DEATHS

**NORMAN DIMMOCK**

OW (1934-49), D. 20TH SEPTEMBER 2018, AGED 95

**ANTHONY HOLCOMBE**

OW (1945-53), D. 30TH SEPTEMBER, AGED 83

**ALAN SQUIRES**

OW (1945-53), D. 24TH AUGUST 2018, AGED 83

**GRAHAM WYATT**

OW (1950-55), D. 2ND FEB 2018, AGED 79

## SPORTSMAN'S LUNCH

Saturday 17th November, from midday at Whitgift School

The day starts at 12pm for a 1pm sit-down.

**To start:** Drinks in the Founders Room and hear an update on School Rugby.

**Followed by:** An excellent lunch, including wine, in the Old Library, overlooking the Andrew Quadrangle.

**After lunch:** Join us on Big Side to support the School 1st XV against the old enemy, Dulwich.

**Followed by:** Tea and a post-match critique in the Dining Hall.

The Clubhouse at Croham Road will be open in the evening for farewell drinks.

Condolences to Marland Yarde OW (2008-10) who having dislocated his knee playing for Sale Sharks found himself on the Matt Dawson team in the BBC quiz show "Question of Sport" and again on the losing side!