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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

In my first President's letter, I paid tribute to my exceptional predecessor, Roger Davies. Roger was elected President Emeritus for his brilliant leadership and immense efforts in supporting BWS for three decades after he left BWS, through the OWA and the School Re-build Committee. Sadly, all too suddenly, in January 2008, Roger passed away. Our thoughts and condolences are with his wife Jane, daughter Arabella, parents and brother Alan an OWA member, as is his father.

In my first letter too, I expressed concerns that the OWA might need to close, because we had difficulty recruiting Committee members. Albeit, I had calculated a population of five to seven thousand Old Wordsworthians somewhere out there! Unfortunately we have few records of who they are, and, equally important, where they are now!

So I asked you the question - do you think the OWA should continue? Almost immediately, I received 16 replies from several 'corners of the earth'. Contributions ranged over an 80-year span - from Leonard Coombe (1926-35), son of 'Dickie' Coombe, Maths Master at BWS from 1915-59, to Max Rigden (1999-2006). All replies requested and encouraged that the OWA continue, which was most heartening for your Committee, all of whom supported our continuance. Many useful ideas came forward, several of which your Committee have yet to pursue. One of our American-based OWAs, Dickon Pownall-Gray (1968-73) kindly donated \$1,000 to the OWA, to create a functional and flexible database.

I also asked for four more members to serve on the OWA Committee. We recruited two new members at the 2007 AGM, Robert (Bob/Pobble) W Naish (1951-59) and Chris G Cochrane (1956-62), whose (CV) summaries follow in this issue - they are likely to be taking key roles for us next year - plus David (Dave) J King (1948-54) who has just been co-opted onto the Committee. We now have nine members but we would greatly appreciate some younger OWA members to join us.

The OWA's financial situation has significantly improved. At the end of Financial Year 2007/08 our Available Reserves had reached £8.5k compared with only £2.5k, just two years ago. Our Treasurer, Ian R White has done excellent work during the last three years, including giving our figures an electronic base, thus making life easier for his successor. This financial result, together with BWS offering to probably provide an administration service for the OWA - as we had a decade ago - and with our larger working Committee, I am confident that we shall achieve significantly more in the next academic year, than we have in the last two.

One of the enjoyments of attending OWA Committee meetings, is hearing directly from the Headmaster, about the developments in the School, covering the investment programmes and pursuit of grants, the new buildings, and the academic and sporting successes. In this issue of the OWA Newsletter, I particularly wish to draw your attention to the Headmaster's comments on communication with OWs. He is seeking to build an electronic database to reach all OWs. The OWA applauds, and has supported this initiative, by passing our database of paid-up members, to BWS. I do hope you will join in the hunt for names of Head Boys. I can remember four during my six years at BWS - in 1956, the year I left, it was David Delaney and prior to that, David Happold, Chris Potter, and Nick Milne - can you beat that?

BWS' performances at its core sports, continues to be outstanding, but one field-sport where the OWA is prepared to risk challenging BWS, is golf. For the last three years, on the day before Founder's Day, we have played a match and, believe it or not, according to organiser Ian White, the OWA is ahead in wins!?! Bob Naish has taken over captaincy this year, and would appreciate hearing from players, both old and new, who want to meet the challenge from BWS.

The OWA, with its huge time-span of members, is not a Club, as such, but a frame work able to foster groups of peers for, among other activities, occasional gatherings. I recommend you view Stephen Quigley's comments to his peers, as he encourages them to join him on Founder's Day, which is two weeks later than usual because of the Cathedral's 750th anniversary celebrations. Also, Chris Cochrane is seeking your interest in an OWA lunch in the Cathedral Close followed by a Trip up the Spire.

I am pleased to report that one of our OWA members, Roy Froud, wrote to the Headmaster, asking to have refurbished, the Second World War Memorial plaque, located in the School Chapel. This shows a list of OWs who 'fell' in the Second World War to go alongside the one previously erected, which lists those who lost their life in The Great War, the war to end all wars! We are delighted that the Headmaster has recently had this work done, and those of you attending Founder's Day, will have the chance to see that the names can be read more clearly. It is not just a tribute to brave men, but a reminder to both present day pupils and OWs, of their unique heritage.

Finally, I drive the round trip of 320 miles from Swynnerton in Staffordshire to No 11 The Close, to attend OWA Committee meetings, at least five times a year. Several of my fellow Committee members travel similar distances. I admit that I have the added attraction of staying with one of my two sisters that live in the Salisbury area; but nevertheless, it is a long way and so, occasionally, I question my purpose. Why do I do it? I feel that BWS gave all of us, a second-to-none platform of education and personal development, that has stood us in good stead, as we have progressed along our unique career paths. BWS is our roots, and we are very proud of it. We wish to say "Thank you" to BWS - in as many ways as we are able - whilst enjoying the friendship of those who share such roots.

Yours sincerely

Keith Ralls

President OWA

Annual General Meeting 2008

Notice is hereby given that the 2008 Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Old Wordsworthians' Association, will be held at 1 pm on Saturday 19th July 2008, at Bishop Wordsworth's School, Salisbury, for the purpose of transacting such business as shall be appropriate.

Keith Ralls

President OWA

AGENDA

1. Welcome by the President.
2. Apologies for absence.
3. Minutes of the AGM held on the 7 July 2007.
4. Matters arising from the minutes.
5. President's report for 2007/08.
6. Hon. Treasurer's report and audited accounts for 2007/08
7. Elections to the Executive Committee of Trustees for 2008/09.
 - a) President OWA and Committee Chairman
 - b) Hon. Secretary
 - c) Hon. Treasurer
 - d) Membership Secretary
 - e) Ordinary Members of the Committee
8. Appointment of Auditors for 2008/2009
9. Any Other Business.

Responses from OWs to President's Question, in Newsletter Summer 2007.

Do you think the OWA should continue? It was the question I asked you, last year.

I had 16 replies from OWs, whose School Dates spanned an amazing 75 years. These came from Leonard Coombe (1926–35), Gordon Hickish (1936-43), Mike Safe (1945-52), Michael Roger (1945-53), David Happold (1947-55), David King (1948-54), John Mumford (1950-55), Derek Brice (1950-57), Nigel Musset (1958-61), Trevor Hursthouse (1958-64), Patrick Hillman (1959-1966), Dickon Pownall-Gray (1968-73), Ray Bell (1971-78), Julian Paisley (1982-89), Sebastian Stuart (1998-2005), and Max Rigden (1999-2006).

All were extremely positive about the OWA continuing, and many said they would have offered their services as Committee members, if they live nearer to Salisbury, or lived in this Country, or lived on this side of the Globe!

Most promised to contact OWs whose whereabouts were still known, and seek to interest them. Some raised the suggestion of leavers-year gatherings or similar time- gatherings. Arthur (Titch) Bowden, former BWS Pupil and Master, then OWA President, Chairman, Secretary and general factotum, sent me a 1956 Beginners-Year reunion list, arranged by Stuart Keppie.

Some provided good ideas of how to develop the OWA including

- Dickon Pownall-Gray, in Weston, Connecticut, who suggested producing a video of the School today, which could be compacted to a size suitable for e-mail, and offered to help the Association with this idea. Then, he kindly donated \$1,000 towards the cost of setting up a comprehensive e-mail data base, which we are seeking to do in conjunction with the School.
- Ray Bell suggested using Friends Reunited for finding contacts, which our Membership Secretary has been doing for the past four years. Ray has suggested identifying one OW, from each year of leaving, to be a conduit to send the OWA's messages. We have already used and found a large number of OWs and contacted many, but there is still much work to do in this area.

Some OWs provided other snippets of interest. I will share a couple with you:

- Leonard Coombe, now in his early 90s, saw, in our Newsletter, the obituary of Robert Blackledge, BWS Headmaster from 1964-74. Leonard had taught him when he was a Master at Plymouth College. Leonard also reminded me of his father Richard H, the famous Dickie Coombe, Master at BWS from 1915-59 in Mathematics. Yes, Leonard, he did teach me - B1, A1, and IL1 – and, I estimate, at least 5 thousand more OWs? And thanks to Dickie, I took Maths at honours level in my engineering degree. [additional rider from OWA Hon Treasurer Ian White (1952 – 1959). Dickie taught me to the day we each left BWS, and he taught my father Eric, BWS pupil from 1918 to 1925, as did Fuzz Richards who also taught both of us].
- Dr David Happold is now a visiting Fellow at the Australian National University in Canberra. David was a Head Boy during my early years at BWS but, more relevant, he was son of Dr 'Freddie' Happold, one of BWS' longest-serving Headmasters, and, yes, the one that 'straighten me out' with 'six of the best'. David kindly commiserated with me for he, too, had suffered the same fate! I had always been ashamed to admit it but now, David, maybe we should start an elite club? Are there more members?

Finally may I say a big "Thank you", to all of you who have written, from near and far, with your advice, comments and praise, not just about the OWA, but also BWS,. Please keep your correspondence coming. My e-mail address is keithralls@swynnerton.freemove.co.uk.

Keith Ralls

President OWA

OWA Officers & Committee Members Academic Year 2007/2008

OWA President and Committee Chairman: Keith Ralls (1950-56)

Keith joined the Committee in 2004 and was elected President in July 2006. During 50 years in the Engineering Industry, he managed large, high-tech, design & manufacturing businesses, mainly in Arnold Weinstock's GEC. Keith is a Fellow of the Royal Academy of Engineering and, for seven years, he was a Governor of Staffordshire University.

Hon. Secretary: This position has been vacant since the AGM in July 2006.

Hon. Treasurer: Ian R White (1952-59)

Ian joined the Committee in the early 1990's, was Hon. Secretary from 1996-2005 and has been Hon. Treasurer since 2005. Ian has spent more than 45 years in Financial Services, with Midland Bank (now HSBC), Access Credit Cards and Prudential, where, although passed previous retiring age, he is still definitely 'the man from the Pru'.

Membership Secretary: Richard Wilson (1961-69)

Richard joined the Committee in 1989 and has served as Magazine Editor (1989-97), Vice-Chairman (1992-94), Hon. Treasurer (2000-05) and Membership Secretary since 2005. Richard worked for many years in the London base of a US Bank, and is a Councillor for Fleet in Surrey. Also see Richard's piece under 'News from all quarters' later in this Newsletter.

General Committee Members - Trustees:

- Rodney Walker (1945-54) has served continuously as a Committee member since 1966. Rodney was a woodwork teacher for most of his career, and has run the BWS Sailing Club for the School, over the past 18 years.
- Norman Barter (1956-61) became a Committee member in the early 1970's. Norman has been Magazine Editor, Vice-Chairman and was President from 1998-2005. On leaving School he joined the family business in a career of watercress-growing.
- Philip Kennedy (1986-91) has been Vice-Chairman and Chairman. Philip is a Facilities Manager for Workplace Management at Fujitsu in Basingstoke.
- David King (1948-54) is a quantity surveyor and has had a career in the construction industry. This has taken him all over the world, including China.

Keith Ralls

President OWA

The careers of Chris Cochrane and Bob Naish are separately summarised by themselves.

For 2008-2009, as ever, your Committee seeks candidates for all positions, elected at the AGM. If you should feel shy, why not join us for a year as a general member, & if it suits you, take an officer role at a later date. We hope you will.

Contacting your Committee

Please note that all correspondence to Officers and Committee members should be sent to: Old Wordsworthians' Association, c/o Bishop Wordsworth's School, No 11 The Close, Salisbury, Wiltshire SP1 2EB.

Until we can secure the services of an Administrator, and you want to send information via an e-mail, please send your e-mail to Ian White, who will forward it to the appropriate Committee member. Alternatively, take up Keith Ralls offer, and send anything to his e-mail address which is shown at the end of his extracts from many letters he received, shown separately.

Ian's e-mail address is <ianrwhite@freeuk>.

New Committee Members – 2007-2008

Chris Cochrane. PhD, FIEE (1956 – 62)



After graduating in Aeronautical Engineering, Chris was an RAF Engineering Officer on Vulcan bombers, then a Signals Officer in the Far East. In 1970, he helped establish the new Skynet 1 satellite communications network. He was twice Skynet desk officer in Whitehall, also Satcom Liaison Officer in Washington.

Chris joined Marconi, Portsmouth in 1982, to lead development of the Skynet 4 Ground Control Facility, then was promoted Division Manager for Spacecraft Subsystems. After a merger with Matra Espace, he became UK General Manager for Earth Observation and Science, responsible for development of the ENVISAT Synthetic Aperture Radar and the Solar Heliospheric Observatory (SOHO), amongst other projects.

In 1997, he joined the MoD as a Research Manager. From 2001, he was Science Advisor on Imaging Technology, chairing the MoD's Radar Tower of Excellence, and the IEE's Professional Group for Aerospace.

Chris retired from the MoD in 2004, to lecture on Planetary Science, and continue his research of Venus at Imperial College. He is also a Technology Board member of the Defence Scientific Advisory Council.

Robert W (Bob) Naish (a.k.a. "Pobble") (1951-1959)

Who Me?

That extended tenure may attract a number of interpretations, none flattering; perhaps I peaked academically at the 11+!

Friends and associates? There were so many- honestly; in the main school I remember Dave Jugg, Pete Gallagher, Les Ruddle, Pete Brown and many others: In the 6th Form years there were Owen Pearce, Martin Sexton, Keith Charlton, Lee Curtis, Andy Bellars etc etc. I was in the Biology group with "Barnaby" Rudge.

As for activities well: I played in every level of rugby team including a barnstorming 1st XV in 1958-59 led by Eric Webb. I also had flirtations with the Cross-Country VIII with some famous names like Blake, Brown, and Ralls; with Intermediate athletics and the 2nd. Cricket eleven. Culturally, I sang in the Choral Society for years and the Chapel choir in my later years as a bass.

Eventually I had to leave of course, and after a couple of false starts, I popped into Nottingham University for a degree in agriculture (Hons. of course). I shared some of my time and space there with OWs, Archie Wimblett and Chris Surman, but I've met neither since graduating.

There followed 29 years with Ministry of AG Fish & Food as an Agricultural Advisor in a range of topics and locations. The latter included a three year spell in the heady atmosphere of Mandarin and Make Believe in Whitehall. I finally landed back here in the West Country in 1976, and three jobs later including the management of a couple of Regional Departments,

retired from the M.A.F.F. in 1993. Well, we were rather being mucked about at that time by Management Consultants and Progressive Zealots, whose professional visions I could not share.

Retirement at 53 years of age did seem a bit extreme, so I became a free-lance Consultant. An interesting and enjoyable career change, which still continues, though somewhat low key, to this day. Much of this new work has taken me overseas, especially to the countries of Eastern Europe, providing training and skills in things agricultural, especially business organisation and management.

Finally, why haven't I mentioned Sir William (Scruff) Golding, like all other '50s OWs do? After all, was I not the model for Jack in LoTF? The truth is, I am ashamed of not recognising Scruff for what he was at the time. I thought he was a rather untidy bloke, who spent his time writing, when he should have been teaching me the difference between a Gerund and Geronimo. Blooming cheek. Think how good a writer I might have been, with the proper academic nourishment. But I will say this for him and his books; my tangential association with the great man proved to be an excellent ice-breaker with many of the people I worked with overseas, especially the interpreters who all seemed to have read him.

The Headmaster writes

The dappling of the sunshine across my office windows marks the emergence of the No 11 garden from the dormancy of Spring; more prosaically, that means that the time for another examination season is upon us, the majority of yet another school year is past and it is time to introduce the 2008 OWA Newsletter.

How will 2007-2008 be remembered in the life of the School? It has been a year of continued expansion, both in the size of the Sixth Form, and the quality and breadth of what we can offer to the boys here – and quality and breadth in what they have achieved as a result. We have worked hard at improving the learning environment by creating (perhaps for the first time) some superb specialist Technology facilities. The Spencer Williams Technology Block, completed and opened in October 2007, offers two fully equipped teaching rooms together with excellent ICT facilities, plus office and storage facilities. The next improvement projects will focus on No 11 and Bishopgate. We have secured £150,000 to refurbish the two oldest parts of the school's estate. We also have a major bid in preparation for a further Sixth Form teaching block – this will be submitted in September to the Learning & Skills Council. If successful, it will offer us the additional rooms that we require for the extra youngsters arriving for post-16 studies – and (again for the first time) offer some dedicated Sixth Form space worthy of the name!

2007-2008 was the year when we adopted a second 'specialist' area of operation. From April 2008 Bishop's became a Science specialist centre, due recognition of the centre of excellence that the school has been for many years in this area of the curriculum. A flow of additional resources into the school will mean that we will be able to enhance delivery of curricular Science, expand extra curricular provision and work with other schools and industry, to make Science better for young people across the local area. Because of this initiative, we will be able to create an additional eighth lab in the Science Block, and we aim to do further work during 2008-2009 to improve teaching facilities still further. And while Science was an exciting new area of expansion, our outstandingly successful languages provision broadened horizons both within the Close Walls, and with the 12+ primary schools throughout the city with whom we now work.

So yes, it has been a year of sustained development and progress, but all of this is built upon some really pleasing levels of success in the more 'routine' areas of school life. The boys continue to excel academically across the board. Perhaps one of the most pleasing outcomes is the record number of Oxbridge offers, received this year (16 conditional offers of places). Sport, Music and Drama were real strengths, with boys achieving great things and having an enjoyable time while they do them. The collaboration with SWGS also continued to thrive, and brought an extra dimension to both schools.

Finally, I can bring you up to date with an initiative that I hope will be a rolling programme to consolidate some of the school's heritage over the next few years. This year I have commissioned an Oxford and Cambridge Honours Board, which now hangs proudly at the foot of the steps to the Chapel. The board covers the period from 1992 to the present, and I will be delving back into the school records to find out more information for previous years. I have also begun to build a list of former Head Boys with the same intention in mind; thus far I have almost complete coverage from 1932-1969 and 1992-present. If you can provide any further names/dates etc please do get in touch with the school to let me know (admin@bws.wilts.sch.uk). In future I intend to go on to Captains of Rugby etc, thus ensuring that the records of the outstanding achievements of previous years can be seen by the boys and the OWs for years to come.

S D Smallwood
Headmaster
May 2008

Minutes of the OWA AGM 7 July 2007

MINUTES OF THE OWA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, STAFF COMMON ROOM, BISHOP WORDSWORTH'S SCHOOL ON SATURDAY 7 JULY 2007 START 1pm

1 Welcome by the President

The President welcomed the twenty members attending the AGM and their guests.

2 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence had been received from Peter Bound, Chris Hale, David Redway and Peter Wilson

3 Minutes of the AGM held on 8 July 2006

The minutes were approved and signed by the President.

4 Matters Arising

None

5 President's report for 2006/07

The President, Keith Ralls, reported the good news, that the charity had £4.5k in reserves, but that the Association had struggled throughout the last year with no Administrator, no Hon. Secretary, and the Chairman, with a demanding job and young family, had found it difficult to attend all meetings. All this, together with a lack of new committee members, had forced the Committee to consider closing the OWA, but had decided to continue if it can. President reported that his request for help and suggestions in The Old Wordsworthians' Summer Newsletter, had produced 15 replies, with positive comments, which he will assimilate all the suggestions, and report back in the next Newsletter. A donation of \$1000 had been received, specifically to build up the electronic database of members.

The President thanked Roger Davies, who is retiring from the Committee, for the huge contribution he had made to the OWA, spanning nearly thirty years. He also thanked him for preparing the paper, detailing the constitutional changes proposed under item 7.

The President thanked the Treasurer, Ian White for all his work and for organising the OWA team for the golf match against the School the previous day.

6 Hon Treasurer's Report and audited accounts for 2006/07

The Hon. Treasurer presented the accounts for the year. These had been approved by the Executive Committee of Trustees, and audited by Fawcetts, Chartered Accountants.

Ian White explained that the costs are not as high as last year, because there had been no paid Administrator in that position. Practically, this had meant there had been no Winter Newsletter, and so no subscription reminder. He hoped to issue a letter shortly to draw in non cheque payers. He explained that the monies held in the CAF Gold Account were the subscriptions paid by parents, when their son/s join BWS, and are ring-fenced in case the OWA folds.

The President congratulated the Hon Treasurer on his report and said that a summary would be included in the next Newsletter.

In response to a question about sponsorship, the Hon Treasurer said that if boys approach the OWA for funding towards a particular project, the Committee first seek the advice of the Head. Provision is made in the Constitution for the awarding of gifts to pupils.

Acceptance of the Report and Accounts were proposed by Roy Froud, seconded by Stephen Quigley, and carried unanimously.

7 Election to the Executive Committee of Trustees for 2007/08

Roger Davies introduced the report and explained the reasons for a proposed reduction in the number of Officers and ordinary members, to serve on the Committee in 2007/08, and to propose the names of members who have been nominated, and indicated their willingness to serve on the Committee in 2007/08.

The principal problem which needed to be addressed, was that there was great difficulty in getting members to come forward to serve on the Committee, and this meant that the Committee was in danger of becoming 'inquorate', and thus in breach of its constitution as

registered with the Charity Commission. It was necessary to reduce the minimum numbers, so that the Committee should henceforth be no more than 10 members, and no fewer than six members, and such that an attendance of three members, would constitute a quorum at a meeting.

It was further proposed to delete the positions of Vice-President, and Chairman and Vice-Chairman, of the Executive Committee, so that in future the President, or his nominee, would chair the meetings of the Executive Committee of Trustees.

The following changes to the Constitution were proposed by Ian White, seconded by Philip Kennedy, and were resolved unanimously for immediate implementation and notification to the Charity Commission:

- That Clause 5 (d) (iii) be amended to read that (at an AGM) there shall be 'election from among the full membership of a President, an Honorary Secretary, an Honorary Treasurer and Membership Secretary, and such other Honorary Officers as the Association shall from time to time decide. No one person may hold more than one office simultaneously, or any office for more than three consecutive years, save with the specific consent of the Association at an AGM or EGM.'
- That Clause 5 (d) (iv) be amended to read that (at an AGM) there shall be 'election of other members to the Executive Committee of Trustees' so as to provide for a total membership of the Committee not exceeding 10 members and not fewer than six members.'
- That Clause 7 (a) be similarly amended to refer to 'a Committee membership of not less than six nor more than 10 members'.
- That Clause 7 (i) be amended to read as follows: 'The attendance of three Committee members with voting rights, shall constitute a quorum at meetings. No business may be transacted unless a quorum be present.'
- That Clause 9 (a) and (b) be consolidated to provide as follows: 'The President or his nominee shall chair the AGM and any EGM and meetings of the Executive Committee of Trustees'.

Nominations were received for the following appointments:

President	Keith Ralls
Hon. Secretary	no nominations received
Hon Treasurer	Ian White
Membership Secretary	Richard Wilson

Ordinary Members of the Committee:

Norman Barter, Chris Cochrane, Philip Kennedy, Robert Naish and Rodney Walker

There being no other nominations, the aforesaid members indicated above, were unanimously elected.

8 Appointment of Auditors for 2007/2008

On a proposal by Ian White, seconded by Norman Barter, it was agreed to appoint Fawcetts as auditors for 2007/2008.

9 Any Other Business

A presentation of the golf trophy was made by Lee Duckett, a master at BWS, to Ian White, following the victory of the OWA golf team over that of BWS the previous day.

A suggestion was made, to include the AGM minutes in the next Newsletter, and the President said this would be considered.

Ian White mentioned that the School had made an offer to provide an escorted tour for OWs of No 11 at Founders Day next year, and a mention of this would be made in next year's booking form, to ascertain what level of interest there would be and whether a tour would be worthwhile. Next Founder's Day would be held on Saturday 19 July 2008.

The meeting closed at 1.26pm *Keith Ralls* President OWA

News from All Quarters

Chris Abbott 1962-1969 is currently a Reader in e-Inclusion in the Department of Education & Professional Studies, at King's College London.

Derek Brice 1950-1957 on leaving School, had 20 great years in the Metropolitan Police, followed by 30 years in successful business. However five years ago, he finished his training and was ordained a Priest in the Church of England. So in his semi-retirement, he is pretty busy, with three children and seven grandchildren. He says "No time to get bored!"

James Kenchington 1936-1944 participated in the broadcast of the 700th Anniversary of Salisbury Cathedral. He was in the vestry with sound test gear, together with all his colleagues, manning the stations *en route* to the BBC Studios, whether Bristol or London, to ensure the sound broadcasts would succeed. This involved the setting up and testing, of the music line before-hand, and attendance during the actual broadcast. The circuits for music broadcast had to occupy a much larger bandwidth, than the ordinary telephone lines at that time, and had a much lower noise level. Therefore, this needed specialist treatment at all the BBC stations. These broadcasts occurred many times in the summer months of 1958, and, thankfully, there were no failures.

Julian Paisley 1982-1989 is working for the Export Credits Division of the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development, and was appalled that the OWA might close. He says "A School, such as BWS, should have an active and supporting O W Association. I would volunteer for the OWA Committee, but am currently working and living in Paris, which makes attending meetings 'a little difficult' somewhat".

Rafael McDonnell 1979-1986 now lives in Chalfont St Giles in Buckinghamshire, married to Melanie (formerly Barrett from South Wilts Grammar School) and has two boys and a little girl. He now runs his own marketing company (RED Entertainment Marketing), which provides entertainment marketing solutions for brands including Coca-Cola. This follows his career of working in marketing with Fosters lager, Walkers crisps, and later, six years at Coca-Cola running all of their Strategic Marketing Alliances & Activation.

Richard (Rag) Wilson 1961-1969 was elected as a Borough Councillor in Woking in May 2007, and serves on the Council's planning and standards committees. Richard is also a school governor at his daughter's school, Heathside School in Weybridge and at his son's junior school in his home village, West Byfleet. Scouting continues in his life, now moving on to be a County Scout Network Leader in Surrey, whilst his wife, Camilla, is County Secretary for Surrey Scouts. Richard's brother **Peter Wilson 1964-1970** lives in nearby Leatherhead, and is a Captain with British Airways. His son is also a pilot with BA.

Tony Penny 1968-1975 is still serving with the Royal Navy, in naval engineering, & currently working in the MOD Defence Procurement Agency in Bristol. Married to Sara, has 3 children.

Trevor Hursthouse 1958-64 advises that he started his career with NatWest, finishing up as Executive Vice President for corporate finance in New York City, until the business was acquired by another bank in 1996. Since then he has worked for a printing firm, specializing in print materials for financial organizations, and for three years ran a financially-troubled non-profit business. From April 2006 he has been working for the worldwide systems group of KPMG (the accounting, tax and advisory firm). He has lived in the USA for the last 23 years. Trevor made it over the Atlantic to Founder's Day last year, and attended our AGM.

Richard Wilson

Membership Secretary

Stephen Quigley – a '48 starter**Class of '48 - Get together after 60 years!**

To remember Dickie and Fuzz and Gus and Jack and Syd and Charlie and Basil and Scruff and Bert and Jep and of course Freddie. These and all the others who changed our lives, as we made our way up the school, from C to B to A to Intermediate to the Sixth Form. In the main school, Bishopgate and Number Eleven. Getting lines, detention and yes, the cane. Taking O levels and A levels and S levels. Playing rugby and hockey and cricket. Doing athletics, journeys and oh! cross country. And when it was all over, into uniform and serving the Queen.

If there are any of the 90 still about, who started out nervously that September day in 1948, or who joined us later on the way, and who would like to swap experiences and memories, how about meeting on Founder's Day, Saturday 19 July. The service in the Cathedral begins these days in the morning at 10:30. No Tony Brown to play the organ or Roy Webber to lead the choir, but still quite a show. After the service there is a chance to visit the main part of the School, not No 11, see the exhibitions and activities, admire some fine new buildings, and put your head round the door of the still standing old ones. Then we could adjourn for lunch, and much talk at the Yew Tree Inn at Odstock, at 12:30 for 13:00, if you are not a member of the OWA going to the AGM and OWA lunch in School.

To swell the throng, we would be happy too, to see members of '47 and '49 whose careers will have followed a similar course.

So if you are a paid-up member of the OWA, we can reserve places in the Cathedral by returning a completed form to the OWA Treasurer. For the Yew Tree, please let me know in advance if you plan to come on there. But if you forget to let either of us know in advance, just turn up anyway. You will need to sit in the Cathedral, other than in two sets of reserved seat rows. If you are not of this vintage, but know of those who are, please pass on this notice.

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Items for Sale

On Founder's Day, after the Cathedral service, Tony Green and I will set out our OWA stall in the playground, once again. We will be selling our usual stock of :
Bone china mugs at £4.00 each; books by the late Roger Davies, Dr Freddie Happold and by Arthur Maidment, each at £3.00 a book, as well as OWA polyester ties at £8.00 each.

However, new this year, your Committee decided to invest in silk ties. These are exactly the same design as the latest polyester ones are, with the three coloured diagonal stripes, and the BWS logo of the three bells with the 'Veritas in Caritate' motto beneath. These will cost £12.00 each, representing very good value for money. All to help fund the O W Association.

Your Committee has, once again, donated the prizes for a Bottle Raffle, so please visit our stall on Founder's Day to buy tickets. The draw will take place as usual, after the OWA AGM.

All, but the latter (raffle tickets), can also be purchased by post. We will, obviously, have to charge the cost of postage, to you, I am sorry to say.

Norman Barter

OWA v BWS Golf Day 6 July 2007

Was it a warm, sunny, middle-of-Summer's day? Sort of 'yes' and 'no'.

Was it wet under foot? Well 'yes' in places.

Was it a 'revenge-match', to win, back the Cup at all costs? Well 'no' not really.

Most importantly, did everyone enjoy themselves, and feel they had a great day out, on the edge of the New Forest? Another emphatic 'YES'.

In picking the OWA team, some members had played in one or both of the previous two matches, so knew a bit about the course. First away was the President, Keith Ralls, who was paired with Brian Batten, a winner from the previous year, and they ensured the OWA started with a Win. One up.

Next off for the OWAs was Hamptworth member David Sargent, who was paired with a new member of the OWA team, Stephen Quigley. Another Win, two up.

The day before the match, Martin Quigley, no relation to Stephen, had suffered a strained back, so had to cry off at the last minute. Martin would have paired up with David Johnstone, as they did the previous year. In scrambling round to find another player, David came to the OWA's rescue, and partnered his son Gareth, who is a pupil at BWS. Perhaps Gareth wasn't sure if he ought to beat his school colleagues, so sportingly, the two Johnstones brought in a Draw. Two and one half, to one half up, the OWAs were still ahead.

Then the School fought back, with their first outright win of the day, so we were now, only one and a half to the good.

It all rested on the final match. Bob Naish & I, fellow 1950s Science & First XV pupils together. Battling to save the honour of the Team. Should we 'go for the kill', or play a sporting duel. We opted for the latter, and managed a Draw, which gave the OWA team a Winning margin of two Wins to one Loss, with the two other matches Drawn.

This result was also reflected in the individual prizes. The 'straightest drive' was won by OWA member David Sargent, the 'longest drive' was, not surprisingly hit by a pupil from BWS. But what about 'nearest the pin'? OWA or BWS? I suppose it is fair to say that this was evens, as it was OWA player Gareth Johnstone, BWS pupil.

Perhaps Lee Duckett a master at BWS, was so confident that BWS would retain the Cup, (or he forgot to bring it with him), that this had to be handed back to the OWA team, next day, during the OWA AGM. It now proudly resides in the Carpenter.

The real winner, on the day, though, was the enjoyment everyone extracted from meeting up with fellow Old Boys again, sharing stories and reminiscences, encouraging the boys. This was beautifully summed up by Stephen Quigley, when I asked him afterwards, if he enjoyed his day. His response "I read the article in last year's OWA Newsletter. It sounded enjoyable, and I have thoroughly enjoyed my day."

And that, is what the day is all about. (But the Win was nice too).

On Friday 18th July 2009, Nelson Mandela's 90th birthday, the OWA needs your involvement. Bob Naish has offered to captain the OWA team this year, and has provided an invitation sheet at the end of this Newsletter. He wants to hear from all OWA golfers wishing to meet the challenge from BWS. You will enjoy your day. Please contact Bob.

Ian White

Obituries

Roger Davies 1958 – 1965. I first met Roger, when he was President who, very successfully, organised the OWA Centenary Dinner, at Salisbury Racecourse. This was the start of my becoming more involved with the OWA, thanks mainly to Roger's enthusiasm for the Association & I was elected to the Committee soon afterwards. It is not just the OWA that this School benefited from Roger's involvement. He was instrumental, along with many fellow OWs, in fighting off the then Government's proposals for the scrapping of BWS as a Grammar School, and served the committee responsible for the Re-build of BWS, such that we can see the evidence of these efforts in the new parts of the School to-day. Roger served the OWA in more positions than most OWs, except or including Arthur Bowden, as he was Secretary, Chairman of the Committee, Vice-Chairman & President for more years than most. He re-wrote the Constitution, proposed & succeeded in turning the OWA into a Registered Charity. His concern about the validity & viable structure of the OWA in to-day's world of continuous financial crisis, meant that each member of the Committee was constantly focused on the tasks in hand. In all the years he served on the Committee, Roger rarely missed a meeting, for many years travelling from his home in Twickenham to Salisbury in the evenings, before he eventually retired to Salisbury. It is a very sincere "Thank you" that we owe, for the continuing presence of the OWA. Over these past five years or so, Roger has, single-handedly most of the time, edited, had printed then compiled, & arranged for the despatch of, our Newsletters. Without his guidance this time, this Newsletter will be sent out later than usual. His contribution at Committee meetings, & close liaison with respective Headmasters, ensured that the OWA played, & continues to play, a co-operative role with the School. This was evidenced on 1 February when St Martin's Church was full with fellow OWA members, both previous Administrators whom Roger had engaged on behalf of the OWA, Headmaster, his PA & several staff as well as Mr Clive Barnett, our previous Head. In January of this year, I was absolutely stunned, as I felt personally, that Roger was a great friend, as well as a person I thoroughly enjoyed speaking to, & in whose company, he always brought a smile.
Ian White

Vivian Lambert Trehella – Physics master from 1950 to 1978. As a member of staff, 'Trew' was an ad-hoc member of the OWA. I went to the funeral and then to the wake, where I met Martin, his son, who is now in his 50s, employed as Chief Planning Officer for Swindon. Also attending was his daughter Rachel.
Arthur Bowden

William Arthur Howells	years at BWS	1927 - 1934
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Sadly passed away in October 2007, at the age of 90. A pupil when Dr F C Happold was Headmaster. After attending Portsmouth Art College & King Alfred's Teachers' Training College at Wichester, volunteered for the RAF, at the outbreak of the Second World War, in which he served in two sectors where temperatures were at both extremes of cold & heat, namely Iceland & Egypt. In 1946, William was appointed Head of Art at Chipping Campden Grammar School, & taught there until his retirement in 1977. His other contributions were to play the Organ in many local Churches, & was a Cellist in the Gloucester Philomusica Orchestra, playing at various Edward Elgar Festivals. For BWS, William kindly made the Processional Cross, but it has, unfortunately, disappeared over the years. William's contributions to the Schools and the community were much admired & he will be sadly missed. Our condolences to his wife Pamela, who also taught at Chipping Campden Grammar School, & his family.
Mrs Pamela Howells, who added 'He loved Salisbury & had very happy memories of his School life'.

Requiescat in pace

Member's Lunch - 17 th January 2009

The tradition of holding an Old Wordsworthian's Summer Dinner on/before Founder's Day has withered in recent years, perhaps because of stricter drink driving legislation. Your Committee would like to try holding a Winter Lunch instead - on a Saturday, so that more Members could travel from, and return home, in the same day.

Sarum College (formerly the Theological College) has kindly agreed to host the OWA Lunch in their Refectory. It has room for up to 100 guests, and its chefs have an excellent reputation. Cost will be £20 per person, for the following menu choices, and includes one glass of red or white wine:

Mackerel Pate with Melba Toast

or

Mulligatawny Soup

Braised Salmon and parsley potatoes

or

Moroccan Style Lamb, with Cous Cous

or

Mixed Nut Wellington and Vegetable Selection

Chocolate & Cherry Torte

or

Fruit Brulee

Coffee and Mints

All your Committee plan to attend. I will be keen to hear your views, on where we should go next.

Please indicate if, after lunch, you would like to tour the School to see the new facilities, or climb the Cathedral Tower to see a panorama of Salisbury. Both tours will be free of charge to OWA Members.

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Member's Lunch Booking - 17th January 2009

Member's Name

Circle Menu and Tour choices - Mackerel/Soup; Lamb/Salmon/Vegetarian;
Torte/Brulee; School/Tower

Partner/Guest's Name

Circle Menu and Tour choices - Mackerel/Soup; Lamb/Salmon/Vegetarian;
Torte/Brulee; School/Tower

Correspondence Address: e-mail is <

Telephone no/s:

or postal preference is :

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Please enclose your cheque, payable to "The Old Wordsworthians' Association", for £20 per person.

Mail to: Chris Cochrane, Old Wordsworthians' Association, C/o Bishop Wordsworth's School, No 11, The Close, Salisbury, Wiltshire, SP1 2EB

The Golf Challenge from BWS

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1 May 2008

Dear Fellow Old Wordsworthian

Golf day 18 July 2008

The OWA has been challenged to the fourth match against the School on 18 July 2008, at the same venue, Hamptworth Golf Club, half way between Salisbury and Romsey.

As you will have read elsewhere in this year's OWA Newsletter, last year's match was a repeat of the first match, the School lost their first win, so the OWA leads the series.

Despite the OWA winning the match, every player enjoyed the lovely day.

BWS have thrown down the challenge! Are you ready to accept that challenge the day before Founder's Day 2008, and look forward to a friendly round of golf?

If you can play golf, we will need your support to accept this challenge.

Please let me know if you are interested, by either completing the bottom of this letter and returning it directly to me by post, or preferably, by sending me an e-mail with your information. I have booked breakfast, then a morning round, to be followed by a Ploughman's Buffet lunch at the Club, for the presentations.

If you cannot make 2008, yet are interested for a future year, still let me know as this has now become an annual event.

I look forward to hearing from you by 11th July 2008.

Yours sincerely

Bob Naish

Bob Naish

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I will definitely / probably wish to join my fellow Old Wordsworthians, to meet this challenge, from Bishop Wordsworth School, on Friday 18 July 2008.

My handicap is/ I do not have a handicap. Years at School
Number of lunches required

I cannot play in 2008, but would like to know about future years.

Please print your name

Address :

e-mail address <.....>

Telephone number :

Founder's Day - Saturday, 19th July 2008

The Founder's Day Service will commence in the Cathedral at 10.30am, so please take your seat(s) by 10.20. The OWA will again have a stall in the School playground. Our AGM will start at 12.30pm in the Staff Common Room, with lunch served to those who have pre-booked, at 1pm in the VI Form Room. This is opposite the Staff Room and directions will be sign-posted within the School grounds.

Lunch will cost £15.00 a head, for a two course meal with a glass of wine, water or juice, and a cup of coffee. If you do not have e-mail facility, please return your request for lunch tickets to me, C/o BWS at the address shown previously, **enclosing a stamped, self-addressed envelope.**

If you use e-mail, please send your request via e-mail, and I will respond that way. If you can pay directly from your bank account into the OWA bank account, I will provide our bank details. If that is not possible, can you please send your cheque in the post. Either way, please let me know which will be your payment method in your e-mail to me.

My e-mail address is
ianrwhite@freeuk.com

I look forward to hearing from you. Thank you. *Ian R. White*

FOUNDER'S DAY LUNCH

Please send tickets @ £15.00 per head (cheques to "The Old Wordsworthians' Association"). Total remittance for Lunch enclosed/paid directly £

CATHEDRAL SERVICE ; IMPORTANT - RESERVED SEATS FOR OWA MEMBERS ONLY

Please reserve seats in the OWA reserved block in the Cathedral. Tickets are not issued, but please bring a copy of this page, to have a seat in the OWA reserved area.

TOUR OF No 11, AFTER THE HEADMASTER'S LUNCH HAS FINISHED

Please arrange for a tour of No 11 after the Headmaster's lunch – number in party

NAME Years at BWS from to

e-mail address: <

Postal ADDRESS

Telephone :

ALL REQUESTS MUST BE RECEIVED BEFORE 14th JULY 2008 TO ENSURE THAT I HAVE TIME FOR THE SCHOOL AND CATERER TO BE ADVISED OF NUMBERS