



## OLD WINBURNIANS NEWSLETTER - SPRING 2014

Dear fellow OWs,

*School is out, oh happy days!  
Here comes summer,  
Gonna grab my girl and run away!*

Well, do you remember the old Jerry Keller hit single of 1959? Life was so much simpler then, wasn't it? Not that it felt like it at the time, as I recall!

But here comes the summer of 2014 and with it another Newsletter and another reunion, occasions for old friends to remember other old friends - and rejoice we are still here for, sadly, as you will see from the final page, several OWs have left us in recent months.

I hope I have produced an interesting and entertaining Newsletter with something for everyone. Do write to me - I welcome your contributions and do join us too in person or in spirit when we raise our glasses at 2pm on Saturday, 5th July.

As ever, with very best wishes to all our members.

Alan R. Bennett on behalf of the OWA committee



### FORTHCOMING REUNIONS

Saturday, 5 July 2014

Saturday, December 2014

## WINTER REUNION 2013

Morgan Antell and guest Ann Antell, Alan Bennett, Nick Bishop, Tony Bletsoe, Reginald Booth, and guest Alice Booth, Jim Brewster, Wendy Bundy nee Baker and guest Brian Bundy, Roderic Cheese, Robin Christopher and guest Hazel Christopher, A. Cooper nee Hallett, Robert Copelin, Desmond Cox, Sandra Cox, Janet Coy nee Dowd, Alan Crumpler and guest Maureen Crumpler, John Dare, Joyce Downton, Norah Dyson nee Henfield, Faith Elford nee Hawes and guest John Elford, Anthony Elgar, Peter Eyres, Mervyn Frampton and guest Ann Roome, Edgar Francis, John Froud and guest R. Hurford, Brian Glover, Tony Gould and guest Elizabeth Gould, John Guy, Lawson Hall, Alan Hall, Bill Haskell, Sue Hatherley nee Bush, Maurice Herridge and guest Kate Herridge, John Hill, Luke Hindmarch, Rod Hurt, Carolyn Kamcke nee Walkling and guest J. Boughton, Patrick Keeping, Anne King nee Wall, Susan Lawrence, Alan Maitland and guest June Maitland, Ron Mansfield, Patricia Marshall nee Unsworth, Maria Martin nee Limm, Kenneth Moody, Victor Moss , Jennifer Moss nee Day, Diana Moss nee Anderson and guest James Moss, Sue O'Connor nee Froud, David Park, Brian Pearce, Anthony Porter, Graham Powell and guest Hazel Powell, Christine Price nee Richmond, Terry Randall, Betty Read nee White, Gordon Richards, David Roberts, Ian Rogers, Roy Sheppard and guest Betty Sheppard, John Singleton, Rodney Smith, Derek Stevens, Richard Swinnerton and guest Trudi Swinnerton, Cynthia Tanner nee Streets, Ken Taylor, John Taylor and guest Jill Taylor, Monica Vacher nee Brown, Norman Waterman, Geoffrey Welch, Stanley White and guest Ann James, Prof Bob White, Bill White and guest Marion White, Eddie Wood and guest Jose Wood, Beryl Wythers nee Moreton.

## APOLOGIES RECEIVED FROM

Lorna Dyter, Ann Richmond, Christopher Peters, Francis Hackforth, John Harper, Paul Burry, Lorna Miles, Ken Smart.

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**A query from the Editor.** Further to Dr. Samuel Johnson's observation on page 1 - what do two English ladies first talk of? Answers on a postcard, please!

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## KEN TAYLOR (WGS 1951-56) - a thumbnail sketch

Ken is one of those valued members of the Old Winburnians committee because he has un-rivalled knowledge of the Wimborne area as well as a lot of good sense. He obviously enjoyed his schooldays at QEGS because he has chosen to come back to Wimborne to live even though when we were at school (we were in the same class), he did not live in the town given that he in reality hailed from the Isle of Purbeck. Ken was born in Swanage and was one of four children. He would say that the family budget was always tight and that there was not much extra money for luxuries. The family moved from Swanage to Sandford and then to Organford when he was seven. His father was prevented from joining the Services in 1939 because he had been working in the aircraft industry and this vital work meant that he was not always around when Ken was a youngster. Ken left school in 1956 having got five "O levels" under his belt. Ken was always a clever lad but by his own admission naturally lazy. However, I recall Ken as



pretty perceptive even in his early teens. His sporting prowess was in crosscountry running and he won the 1956 Senior School Championship and subsequently represented Dorset schools in a regional cross country in Exeter before leaving QEGS.

Ken's ambition always had been to become a maths teacher (was the model Joe Kerswell ?) but because of the financial position his parents could not afford for him to stay at school into the 6th Form. What career should a reasonably talented pupil but without influential friends or relatives choose on leaving school, particularly in 1956 before we had even heard of equal opportunities let alone find them enshrined into law? The answer is that he chose public service within two large organisations starting with the Post Office

and then the Department of Employment. After a few years he left the Post Office in Wareham to attend the National College for the Training of Youth Leaders which was attached to Leicester University where he obtained his diploma. Ken and Sue got married in 1967 whilst undertaking his studies.

Having obtained this qualification he went along to the Employment Exchange seeking work and came out with a job - in the office !! He soon became Manager in the Swanage Office and subsequently worked in management positions in Cardiff and Bristol eventually being transferred to Bournemouth as an IT Systems Manager in 1985 when he came to live in Wimborne.

Ken has a strongly developed sense of social awareness. On retirement at the ripe old age of fifty-four he volunteered to be a member of the Hospital Car Service only giving that up after thirteen years in 2007. He is still active in the Lions raising money in charitable work for those who have need and has been President of Wimborne and Ferndown Club twice and will be again in July 2014. He tries to save the planet by growing vegetables and fruit for domestic use on an allotment, and of course, he tries to support small businesses by visiting one or two pubs during the week. He can be found in the Green Man in Wimborne at just gone midday for an hour on most Saturdays in the year. I would be happy to recommend anyone to join him there as Ken has an easy conversational style and highly-developed social skills being a well-rounded human being who it is ever a pleasure to meet.

**Tony Gould (1951-7)**

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
OF THE OLD WINBURNIANS  
ASSOCIATION - 2014.**

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**PLEASE BE SO GOOD AS TO NOTE THAT THE  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE  
ASSOCIATION WILL TAKE PLACE AT  
COBHAM'S SPORTS CLUB, MERLEY,  
WIMBORNE ON MONDAY, 8<sup>th</sup> of SEPTEMBER AT  
10.30 am.**

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**EVERYBODY IS MOST WELCOME AND SO WHY  
NOT ARRANGE TO BE IN THE WIMBORNE  
AREA ON SEPTEMBER 8<sup>th</sup> !**

**THE MEETING IS GENERALLY QUITE SHORT.  
ANY ISSUE MAY BE RAISED AND OF COURSE  
THE OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION ARE UP  
FOR ELECTION OR EVEN RE-ELECTION.**

**TONY GOULD  
CHAIR OF THE OWA**

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We have been assured by meteorologists that England has just endured the wettest winter since records began more than 250 years ago. Wimborne did not escape the deluge - as you can see! When I called my old pal and fellow Old Winburnian, Roger Holman, and suggested a photograph of our former playing field would be of interest to our readers he responded immediately. As one of the county's foremost photographers for many years Roger captured this remarkable scene. The River Allen burst its banks in mid-winter and for nearly 2 months our former playing field resembled a lake. The path beside the river was inaccessible for many weeks. The 'lake' became 'home' to hundreds of gulls. Of course, the former 'lay-out' of the playing field and its pitches has been much altered over the years but I think readers will recognise the simple truth - precious little soccer or rugby would have been played this winter. I fear it would have meant innumerable cross-country runs, much beloved by the few, possessed of the necessary stamina, dreaded by the majority - not least your Editor! The water has only just receded (late March). Many thanks to Roger for his valued contribution.

A.B.



Photo Roger Holman

### ANTHONY ETTRICKE (1623 -17031)

Further to the (Extract from *The Little Book of Dorset* by David Hilliam) to which Stan White drew attention in the Autumn edition of the OW Newsletter, our far flung membership might not be aware that Wimborne has a new 'watering hole' which opened in January 2012 and has been called "The Man in the Wall." It is located in the building vacated by the former Conservative Club in West Borough which, until the end of the Second War, housed the offices of Wimborne Urban District Council.

More mature "Old Winburnians" will no doubt recall with sadness the pre-war days when there were a great many pubs in the town. Quite a number of these hostelries have now gone - among them the George in the Cornmarket, the Crown Hotel in The Square, the Three Lions, the Smith's Arms, the Griffin opposite the railway station and The Crown & Anchor at the Walford end of the town.

As the extract indicated, "The Man in the Wall" was Anthony Ettricke but a few more details could be added to the article as printed.

Anthony Ettricke lived at 'Lodge Farm' at Horton, about a mile from the spot, now known as "Monmouth Ash" where the Duke was captured and that was probably why he was taken before Anthony to be committed for trial.

As was stated, Anthony eventually 'cooled down' and wished to be buried near his ancestors which caused him to do the deal that his final resting place should be under an arch in the wall of Trinity Chapel. His stone coffin is decorated with armorial designs and In 1692 when he obtained a licence to create his tomb, he conferred upon The Minster a perpetual rent charge of twenty shillings for its upkeep, which is still paid by the Corporation of Poole out of property Anthony owned in Parkstone

In the floor of Trinity Chapel are the tombstones of several of Anthony's relatives and on the South wall is a memorial to many of the members. of his family. Almost opposite is a memorial to Lt. William Bankes of the 7th Queens Own Hussars who was awarded a VC at Lucknow during The Indian Rebellion of 1857/8. Also, to the left of the altar is the grave slab of a Dean - John de Berwick, who died in 1312. It is in this Chapel that Lady Margaret Beaufort Set up the Chantry that led to the foundation of WGS, which is now recorded on the Oval Memorial to her, placed there by the OWs in 2009.

**Len Pearce (1936 - 41)**



## Wimborne Square bodies laid to rest

High winds and torrential rain didn't deter a small gathering at Wimborne Cemetery recently to pay their respects, as the 31 bodies discovered under Wimborne Square were re-interred.

Rev Vanessa Herrick, rector of Wimborne Minster, conducted a short service, with local undertaker Nicholas O'Hara placing a small posy of snowdrops, given by one of those gathered, on the small 'coffins'.

The remains, some of which are thought to date as far back as the 14th century, were discovered two years ago during excavations in Wimborne Square amidst preparations for the refurbishment of the area.

Undertaker Nicholas O'Hara is paying for carbon dating to determine the ages of the remains discovered; and provided 31 small wooden boxes for the reinterment, and a memorial



The Rev Vanessa Herrick leads the service at Wimborne Cemetery

stone to mark the grave will be placed in the near future. Rev Vanessa Herrick said: "When they died, they would have been given a Christian burial with dignity in a churchyard. The fact that they've been uncovered during the excavation is because of the enhancement of the Square but it was really important that those bones were reinterred with

the same dignity they were interred with 600-700 years ago. They would have been part of this town and it's right that we, as part of the town, show them our respect."

*Pictures by Jane Norman  
For more images go to  
[www.blackmorevale.co.uk/pictures](http://www.blackmorevale.co.uk/pictures)*



Nicholas O'Hara lays the posy of snowdrops on the top of the small 'coffins'



Nicholas and Anthony O'Hara keep everything steady in the wind before the service

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Any distant relatives of OW's I wonder?

## THE TRAGEDY OF THE SCHOOL TUCKSHOP

The shades of night were closing fast  
As into our school lane there passed  
A boy with much more flesh than bones  
Who cried in low demented tones, "The tuckshop."

Up to that window shuttered kept,  
With painful stride and groan he stepped,  
And hoping that he there might find  
Some food to save his failing mind.

But this poor lad with mind distressed,  
(Weighed down with thought of mid-year test)  
Found that he could not bear the strain  
Without the help of food again.

His manly strength was failing fast,  
He slipped, he fell, and out he passed.  
A crumpled heap upon the stones,  
He had no time for ling'ring groans.

Next morn they found him lying there;  
The lack of food and midnight air  
Had done their dirty work O.K.,  
For stiff and cold, quite still he lay.

From this sad tale I wish to draw,  
A moral (which I feel won't bore),  
"Oh, Strachey, Strachey, give us back,  
That room with food in stack on stack" - "Our Tuckshop"

**Derek Stevens (1942 - 49)**

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(John Strachey was the Minister of Food in Clement Attlee's Labour Government of 1945 - 50)

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Alas, poor Derek (I almost wrote 'poor Yorick'), was clearly close to 'fading away' in those grim 'Austerity' years. Thankfully the lad survived to become our esteemed Mr. Memorabilia without whom the OWA would be a much poorer organisation today. I am also pleased to report that out at Remedy Gate, Woodlands, Derek now contrives to obtain sufficient victuals to maintain his vigour and industry!

A.B.





A number of his old friends and admirers have requested a photograph of John Dacombe (1956 - 62) to whom I often allude in these pages - for that reason I include this photograph.

A gifted cricketer in his prime, John is more often to be seen on the golf course these days. Alas, I am unaware of his present handicap. He may also be occasionally spotted assisting old ladies across the road in Wimborne, even when they have no wish to do so. Yet, as one old dear was overheard to remark: "John is such a sweetie we like to humour him." But, there, that's John for you! As big-hearted as in his days at WGS where contemporaries will remember he was the dedicated, unpaid secretary of Major J.D. Neil's fan-club. A.B.

P.S. As OWs may judge for themselves the fashion sense of our hero remains undimmed by the passing years.



(Postmarked 'Broadstone, July, 1908')

## CORRESPONDENCE

Names in Ken Bartlett's correspondence in the last newsletter revived many memories for me, especially his mention of Gerry van Lottum. We were great friends and used to play cricket in his rather densely wooded garden at Queens Road in Ferndown. The direction of the ball was completely unpredictable as it ricocheted from tree to tree! Like Ken, I also lost touch with Gerry, and would love to hear from him again.

MWB Saunders (Martin, but better-known as Sam) followed Ken as head boy. He transferred to WGS from Swanage Grammar. He went into teaching and I was in touch with him back in 2005. But Ken has probably made contact with him now as I believe he is a member of the OWA.

Ken also referred to the 1951 production of Twelfth Night. My photograph shows the cast, with Gerry van Lottum second from the right, and Ken - with beard and moustache - in the centre of the picture.

So far as my memories of Ken himself are concerned probably the best is one I related in my book of National Service reminiscences, You Horrible Little Man. I wrote: "I was in the Devonshire Regiment and stationed at Exeter when I decided to hitch-hike home for the weekend. A coach pulled up beside me. 'Jump in,' said the driver, and I saw that all the passengers were in the uniform of the Parachute Regiment. No problem. Except that half-way along the aisle I recognised the officer in charge of them. It was Ken, a friend from my Wimborne Grammar School days when we were both in the school cricket team. But now 2nd Lieut Ken.

"What should I do? Army Regulations demand that a private soldier salute an officer. But this was Ken, my old team-mate. I'd feel a bit silly snapping a smart salute to someone who had been a cricket pitch pal. On the other hand, I couldn't just say 'Hi Ken, how's things?' Private soldiers don't talk to officers. They take instructions from them. And call them sir.

"So I took the cowardly way out and strode quickly towards a seat at the back pretending that I had not noticed there was an officer on board. And when the driver reached the point where I had been asked to be let off I moved with equal speed in the opposite direction, not daring even to glance at that uniform with the pip on the shoulder.

"By now any other officer would probably have put me on a charge. But then, if it had been any other officer I would have known what to do. Salute."

Incidentally, I have just followed up the National Service book with a similar volume, , incorporating the stories of some 250 wartime evacuees. Many of my schoolfriends in Ferndown were evacuees from Southampton, and I felt their stories should be told before evacuation, like National Service, becomes merely part of history.

**Brian Davis (1945-51)**



### Alan Crumpler (1953 - 58)

Just a quick update in response to Ken Bartlett's remarks about the Pugh brothers and family. Mr & Mrs Pugh and the boys moved from Caerleon to Sturminster Marshall in the early 1950s where they took a small general provisions shop and sub-post office. Mr Pugh ran the PO and Mrs Pugh the general shop. Mr Pugh had recently published a small book on the History of the Railways. They also had a very nice grey Armstrong Siddeley with fluid drive transmission ! There were three brothers, Howell, Ronnie and Roger, in that order.

Howell went to Cambridge and read Physics and for his PH.D worked at the Cavendish Laboratories with Mott on particle physics. They liased with the labs at Cerne and through that Howell met Senta, a German girl, and they later married and went to America where Howell was involved in the development of a cyclotron particle accelerator for which he was awarded the Young Scientist of the Year award at the age of 37, the youngest at that stage to receive it. He died about 20 years ago from leukemia.

Ronnie went to Cambridge and studied Philosophy and eventually became a Chaplain to Bryanston School where he met and married the Matron, called Margaret, and they had a son who has great musical ability who could more or less play Bach's 2-part invention no.1 at the age of 5. Ronnie later went to Winchester as Chaplain where he has now retired.

Roger, now latterly known as David, his first Christian name, went to Durham and studied Applied Physics and gained a Ph.D in Liquid Dielectrics. He began as a Physics lecturer at Hull University and then went to Massachusetts as a project engineer for the General Electric Co. He continued his appointments covering electrostatics and , most notably, high voltage development and supervision of the installation of a hydro-electric station in Rio de Janeiro. He continued with much more in Canada and has published 14 papers concerned with his field. He has two grown-up sons and lives in Vancouver. His wife is Irish and is a retired French teacher. Roger has been a close friend of mine since school days when he, Herbert Parmenter and another, used to hang me upside down up in one of those forbidden turret places and cut off the top of my hair flush with the ground ! Those were the days!

One other small point: at the December dinner someone - I think it was Cynthia Streets - pointed out that the photographer of the Class 5A picture in the last Newsletter was David Snelgar, not Snelgrove which I incorrectly stated.



(postmarked November, 1916)

## THE SCHOOL CARETAKER FIFTY YEARS AGO

The caretaker I remember is Mr. Burke, in the early 1960s. I can see him now: heavy-shouldered, bespectacled and balding, wearing a tan overall. His hideaway was the boiler room, a lean-to abutting on the end of the chantry building, and I like to think that he brewed cups of tea in there, although I'm not sure that he did. He was a kindly, fatherly figure, and indeed he was the father of several daughters ("all good girls," he would say), and I wondered how they all fitted into their tiny house in the corner of the Corn Market. I didn't know that there was also a son, Rex, as Frank Hackforth recalls. I remember, aged about seven, standing in their living-room which was nearly filled by a table and which had an old kitchen range, and showing off to Mrs. Burke by reading aloud from a newspaper.

I attended the Minster School for infants with Jennifer, the last daughter but one, and we moved up through primary school together. She was pretty, sweet-natured, never spiteful. Sadly, our paths diverged after the rift caused by the Eleven Plus, when she went to Pamphill (as the secondary modern school was known) and I became a chocolate-and-cerise-clad "grammar bug", as the maroon-uniformed Pamphill children used to shout at us rudely from the windows of their bus. I don't think Jenny ever called me a grammar bug ...

I remember our concern when we heard that a lump of stone had fallen off the West Tower of the Minster and hit Mr. Burke on the head as he was making his way through the churchyard to school. The consequences of that accident have faded from my memory, but I hope they were not serious. A nice man, a patient and unassuming man, remembered with affection. And I wish I hadn't lost touch with Jenny.

**Janet Doolaeye, nee Pursey, (1958-65)**

We all wish Janet well with her literary efforts. For further details, click these links:

her blogg: <http://janetdoolaeye.wordpress.com/>

or her page on emazon: <http://preview.tinyurl.com/ntc99fy>

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### David Snelgar (1956 - 58)

The photograph at top of page 10 of the Autumn 2013 newsletter looked vaguely familiar, then I read that I am credited with taking it. There is a copy in my collection and so I defer to Alan Crumpler's far superior memory.

Even more impressive was Alan's recall of the 5 Arts roll-call. I guess I was visiting the Head to discuss one of my too frequent conduct cards so missed most of the names each morning. I'll readily excuse Alan his minor uncertainty as to my surname; in his defence I spent just two years at QEGS when my serviceman father returned from BAOR to West Moors so I was just a short term visitor to Wimborne.

How is the clarinet, Alan? And do you still hear from the French exchange mademoiselle? (Well, Alan, there is a 'loaded' query to respond to!)

## REMINISCENCES

Following on from the autographs from the previous newsletter that Ken Bartlett responded to, I would like to add a few additional comments.

Ken, as many recall, was an outstanding rugby player. He was a member of the St Luke's College team that won the Middlesex 7s in 1957. He represented the Southern Counties against the famous Springboks XV. How many remember going to Bournemouth Football Club to see that game? Later Ken went on to both captain and coach the Saracens rugby team. One can only conjecture how much he would be earning if he was playing today.

My father was a carpenter and he was doing some work for Rex Jayne, the RE. Master. Rex was in the Boots library which was opposite the Crown Hotel in the square. Next door was a small pub called the Crown Tap, run by an Old Winburnian, Walter Churchill. Into the pub walked two pupils, Ken Bartlett and David Winton in their blazers. Rex Jayne caught them and told them next time to take their blazers off!

David Winton was a talented sportsman and he went to work in the Admiralty at Portland. Every Friday lunchtime he went to the pub with the fellow he shared a desk with. This was John Vassall, the famous Russian spy. David left the Civil Service and took up teaching at Stow in the Wold. Playing rugby for Ledbury, I played against him at Stow.

Martin Saunders came to King Alfred's College training to be teacher. At that period of time we had several O.W's in the rugby team, namely Keith Dacombe, Pat Kettle, Martin Saunders, Bill Wheeler and myself. Colin Lumby from Portchester School was also in the team and he played for Wimborne. Martin ended up as a head teacher of an important multi-racial school in Southampton.

Being involved in teacher training within the area, I do recall that one of the Pugh boys became the chaplain at King Alfred's College for a period of time, although I never met him there.

John Smith, leaving university, went to I.M.Marsh College in Liverpool as a drama lecturer. He then came down to Southampton University in the School of Education, and was an external examiner for Drama in the L.S.U. College of H.E., where I worked. Ironically, after government re-organisation the college then became part of the University.

Gerry Van Lottum, when he was in the 6th form, had access to his father's motor car. This, I remember, was a great pull with the young ladies, particularly with Tony Slow's sister, Marian. Bicycles for the rest of us in the Minster youth club came a very poor second.

I found this photo of Sports Day, July 1952. Is there anyone who can put a name to all 11 students? 60 years on I can only place 9. Have a go.



Mike Foot, Ken Bartlett, ? , Alan Snelgrove, Gerry Van Lottum, Len Evans, Pat Kettle, Mike Bartlett, Terry Randall. Sitting: David Scrase & possibly Antell?

Of those 11 pupils 6 of them went on to be P.E. teachers at the start of their careers!

**Terry Randall (1945-52)**

# Education:

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### QUEEN ELIZABETH'S (BOYS) GRAMMAR SCHOOL, WIMBORNE, DORSET.

The Governors invite applications for the position of HEADMASTER, to be taken up in September next. Commencing salary £600 per annum, rising by annual increments of £25 to £675. Applications, on forms to be obtained from the undersigned, must be sent to him, completed, not later than 19th April, 1929.

West Borough, Wimborne, Dorset. GEORGE C. WILLIS, Clerk to the Governors.

A momentous decision for an ambitious teacher. Clearly a certain John Croft Airey M.C. M.A. spotted this very advertisement in the educational 'trade-paper' of the day - the fore-runner of the Times Educational Supplement (?). In September 1929, Mr Airey took over as headmaster of WGS and a school of 150 boys where he was to remain until his retirement in 1951 on a salary of £600 per annum. A.B.

### MISCELLANEOUS

#### "Wimborne in the Past - 1930s to the 1950s"

A DVD, duration 75 minutes, available from Kingfisher Productions, Watershed Productions, Watershed Mill, Settle, North Yorkshire BD24 9LR [www.railwayvideo.com](http://www.railwayvideo.com)

(Perhaps of interest to readers?)

### OUR THANKS TO THE OLD WINBURNIANS

Those who attended our December reunion will recall that your Editor took the opportunity to dispose of some of his remaining copies of "*Dorset Journey*" in return for a donation to 2 charities, the Weldmar hospice at Dorchester and the John Thornton Young Achievers Foundation. Members will be pleased to learn that the exercise raised £205.00 enabling your Editor to send cheques to the value of £102.50 to both named charities.

Your Editor duly received appreciative letters from Linda Thornton on behalf of the JTYAF and Caroline Nickinson on behalf of Weldmar asking me to express their gratitude to the 'OWA for their generosity'.

Since a number of OWA members, unable to attend in December, may wish to pick up a book in July your Editor will repeat the offer. In addition copies of '*The History of WGS*' will also be available to anyone wishing to purchase a copy at £3.50 per copy.



**'Barnaby's Boys' (1954) Form 3A**

Martin Thorby, Charlie Cole, Tony Gould, David Scrase, Ray Best, Ron Curley, Colin Fowler

Eddie Wood, Terry Small, Paul Burton, David Singleton, 'Prof' Bob White, Chris Peters, Ken Taylor, Len York  
D.R. Pugh, Michael Drew, David Mabey, Mr. Barnaby, John Hill, Keith Harvey, Tom Pinfeld-Wells

Alan Hall, ? Parks, Brian Derbyshire, ? Woods, Ben Moss, Brian Walker

(Thanks to Ken Taylor for the photo)

## ATHLETICS, 1959 GIRLS

This was our most successful season so far in outside competition and as a relatively small school, we can feel justly proud of our achievements. We gained four firsts at County level, including a new record, and a first and two second places at the South Western Area Championships. For the first time, we were represented at the National Championships, and we congratulate Karen Hindmarch on being selected to represent the South Western Counties in the Secondary Girls' Long Jump.

Our congratulations also go to Margaret Burt who won the Intermediate 80 yards Hurdles at the South Western Sports, and to Yvonne Sawyer who established a new Intermediate Discus record at the County Championships.

### POOLE DISTRICT SPORTS

- 1sts—K. Hindmarch, Secondary Long Jump; J. Cowdry, Secondary Hurdles (New Record); Y. Sawyer, Intermediate Discus; L. Clement, Long Jump, under 14s.  
 2nds—S. Moore, Junior Long Jump; S. Taylor, Junior Discus; Intermediate Relay: Burt, Clement, Sawyer, Christopher.  
 3rds—S. Moore, Junior Hurdles; K. Hindmarch, Secondary Hurdles; L. Clement, Secondary 150 yds.; M. Burt, Intermediate 150 yds.; K. Robinson, Intermediate Discus.

### COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS

- 1st—J. Cowdry, Secondary Hurdles; K. Hindmarch, Secondary Long Jump; Y. Sawyer, Intermediate Discus (Record); M. Burt, Intermediate Hurdles.  
 2nd—L. Clement, Secondary Long Jump.  
 3rd—E. Brewster, Intermediate Javelin.

### SOUTH WESTERN COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIPS

- 1st—M. Burt, Intermediate Hurdles.  
 2nd—K. Hindmarch, Secondary Long Jump; Y. Sawyer, Intermediate Discus.

### COLOURS

Athletic Colours were awarded to:—M. Burt, L. Clement, J. Cowdry, K. Hindmarch, Y. Sawyer.

### SCHOOL SPORTS, 1959

Eight records were broken this year and three were equalled, and in many of the events a high standard was shown. The biggest surprise in the Girls' events came when Susan Bush won the Senior 100 yds., equalling the record time of 12.4 secs., which made one wonder what some training might have done! The Junior events brought no outstanding performances and Gillian Coomber won the Championship with seven points. Five records were broken in the Intermediate Section, Linda Clement claiming two, Karen Hindmarch and Jill Cowdry one each and Richmond relay team the fifth. Linda Clement was Intermediate Champion with fourteen points, very closely followed by Jill Cowdry who had thirteen.

The highlight of the Senior events was Margaret Burt's record win in the Hurdles in 11.5 secs., which equals the national standard time, and helped her to win the Senior Championship with thirteen points.

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(Well, WGS anyway!  
And without any training!)

### COMPLETE RESULTS

#### JUNIOR

- 100 yds.—1, A. Bishop (D); 2, P. Arnold (G); 3, N. Mann (D). 13.8s.  
 70 yds. Hurdles—1, G. Coomber (R); 2, S. King (R); 3, N. Mann (D). 13.4s.  
 High Jump—1, G. Coomber (R); 2, J. Saunders (S); 3, P. Kift (R). 3' 9"  
 Long Jump—1, M. Butcher (S); 2, J. MacGregor (S); 3, G. Coomber (R). 12' 5½"  
 Rounders Ball—1, N. Mann (D); 2, S. King (R); 3, S. Brown, (R). 120' 8".  
 Relay—1, School; 2, Richmond; 3, Derby. 62.4s.

#### INTERMEDIATE

- \*100 yds.—1, L. Clement (R); 2, J. Cowdry (S); 3, K. Hindmarch (D). 12.1s.  
 \*150 yds.—1, L. Clement (R); 2, J. Cowdry (S); 3, K. Hindmarch (D). 18.2s.  
 \*70 yds. Hurdles—1, J. Cowdry (S); 2, K. Hindmarch (D); 3, E Swinnerton (R). 10.8s.  
 \*High Jump—1, L. Clement (R); 2, K. Hindmarch (D). 4' 2".  
 Long Jump—1, K. Hindmarch (D); 2, L. Clement (R); 3, S. Moore (R). 15' 3½"  
 Discus—1, L. Clement (R); 2, M. Fooks (D); 3, J. Ford (D). 58' 11"  
 Javelin—1, J. Cowdry (S). 59' 9".  
 Rounders Ball.—1, J. Cowdry (S); 2, S. Birch (S); 3, S. Froud (R). 151' 3½".  
 \*Relay—1, Richmond; 2, School; 3, Glyn. 56.2s.

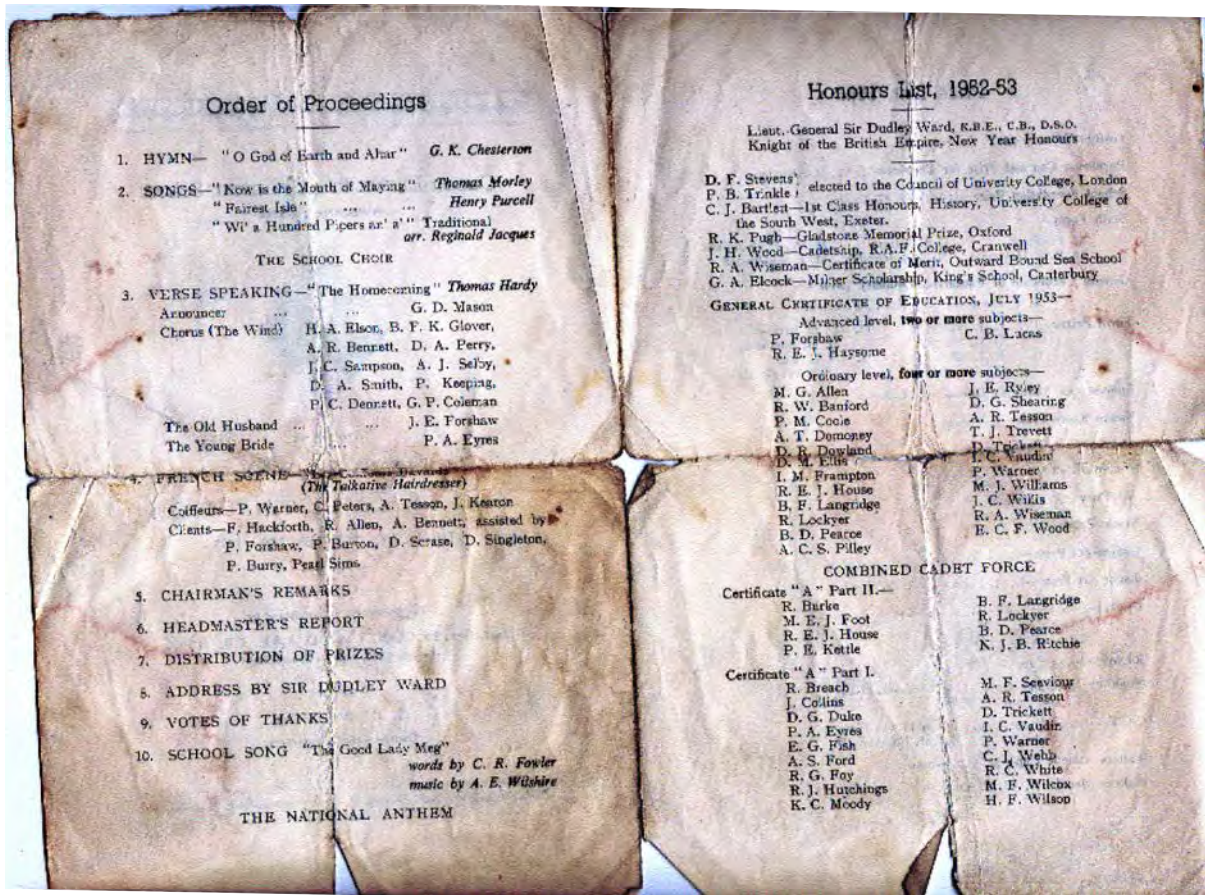
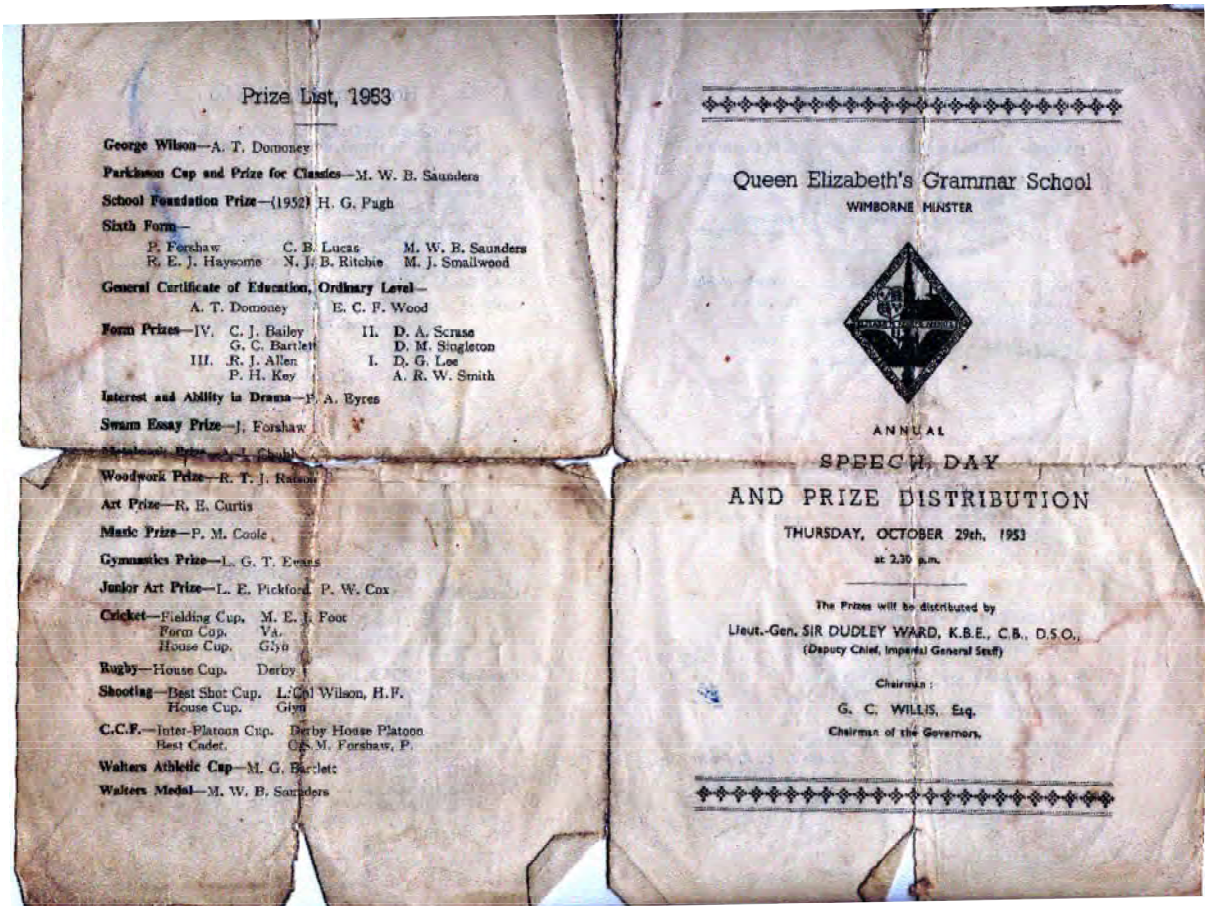
#### SENIOR

- ‡100 yds.—1, S. Bush (R); 2, M. Burt (G); 3, D. Christopher (G). 12.4s.  
 ‡220 yds.—1, M. Burt (G); 2, D. Christopher (G); 3, D. Shearing (R) 28.4s.  
 \*80 yds. Hurdles—1, M. Burt (G); 2, D. Christopher (G); 3, R. Kettle (G). 11.5s.  
 †High Jump—1, Y. Sawyer (G); 2, M. Burt (G); 3, H. Fitcher (R) 4' 1".  
 Long Jump—1, M. Burt (G), S. Bush (R); 3, D. Christopher (G). 13' 8½".  
 \*Discus—1, Y. Sawyer (G); 2, K. Robinson (S); 3, E. Brewster (D). 81' 6".  
 Javelin—1, E. Brewster (D); 2, B. Ramsey (S); 3, Y. Sawyer (G). 68' 8"  
 Cricket Ball—1, E. Brewster (D); M. Rylands (S); 3, Sue Harris (R). 137' 2".  
 \*Relay—1, Glyn; 2, School; 3, Derby. 56.1s.  
 \* New Record. ‡ Equals Record.

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A number of young ladies, here mentioned, are now members of the OWA. These cuttings may remind you of past glories!





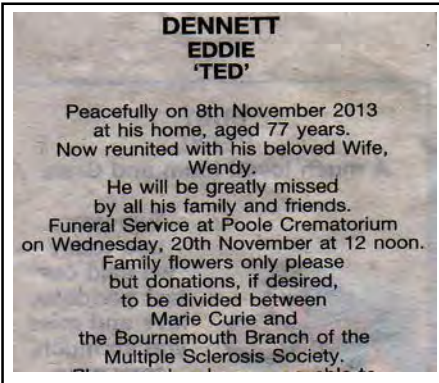
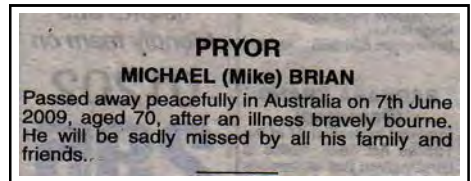
Kindly sent in by Chris Peters (1951 - 54)

(Was the programme in your trousers' pocket when Mrs Peters put them in the washing machine Chris?)

## OBITUARIES AND NOTICES

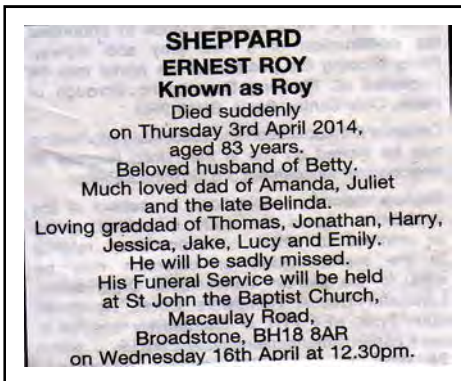
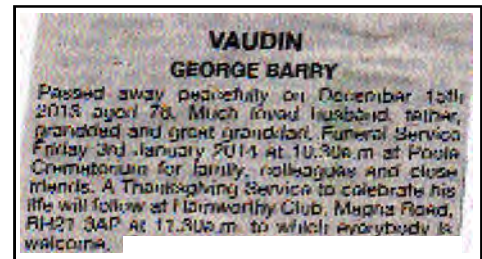
(The following notices have appeared in the local press in recent times. Any responses welcome. A.B.)

**MICHAEL PRYOR** attended WGS between 1951 - 56. He lived at Upton, one of a large family approx 8 - 9 children. He represented the school at soccer as an outside-left. As a young man he emigrated Down Under where he spent much of his life.



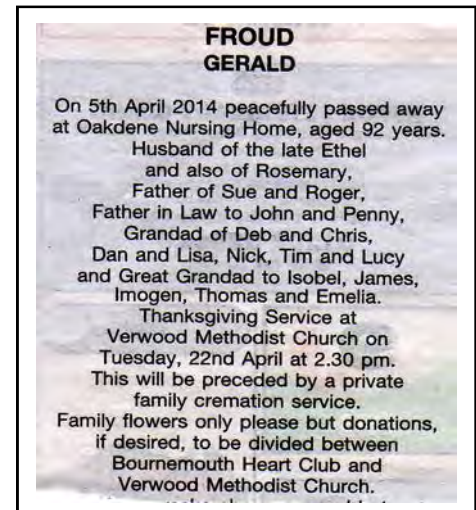
**EDDIE DENNETT** attended WGS between 1948 - 54. A considerable sportsman he represented the school at rugby and soccer. He lived locally all his life in Corfe Mullen.

**GEORGE VAUDIN** This is more of an enquiry than a statement. Is this the Vaudin, one of two brothers, who attended WGS in the 1950's? Possibly head-boy at one period? Perhaps one of our readers can confirm?



**ROY SHEPPARD**  
(1942-46)

**GERALD FROUD**  
(1933-37)



In recent days I have also learned with sadness that two other OW's have passed away - Michael Bartlett (1945 - 52), peacefully in his sleep in Cornwall - and Aubrey Thresher (thanks to his son, Andrew, for the news).

I hope to publish fuller details in the next Newsletter. In the meanwhile, our condolences to the families and friends of the deceased.