OLD WINBURNIANS NEWSLETTER – AUTUMN 2026

Dear Fellow Old Winburnians,

"What's it all about, Alfie ?
Is it just for the moment we live ?"

Can it really be 60 years (1966) since a certain young Liverpudlian lady named Cilla Black posed that profound question set by two American gentlemen, Burt Bacharach and Hal David ? Hasn't our generation really enjoyed the best of what it's all about ? Too young for two World Wars, more or less full employment across our nation in our lifetime, the chance to buy our own houses, full bellies, travel abroad, the NHS for all the imperfections, old age pensions, on our screens comedies like they don't make nowadays – 'Dad's Army', 'The Likely Lads', 'Porridge', 'Fawlty Towers' – with no obscene language that even your Granny could watch with no 'tut-tutting'.

Leaving Grammar School Lane for the very last time it was almost immediately into employment or further education. That was true too for children from just about every school in the land and from every class and background. What would 'Joe' Kerswell, 'Fishy' Maiden, 'Gunner' Holman, 'Bill' Streets and all our other teachers make of today's 'Neets', a million or so of them, school-leavers 'not in work, education or training' ? Sitting at home or in bed playing with their smartphones and receiving their Social Security.

Of course, there was a certain cantankerous old Scotsman, Private Frazer (John Laurie) who warned us all that 'we're doomed ! Doomed ! We're all doomed'. But we know that was all fiction and we have been greatly reassured in more recent times by President Trump who states categorically that warnings that Artificial Intelligence (AI) could kill the human race are all rubbish and can be dismissed. After all, we know the President is a wise man and is never wrong, don't we ?

It's been a remarkable summer, hasn't it ? (Changing the subject seemed sensible). Was it too hot for the beach, sometimes even too hot for the deckchair in the garden unless you could sit under a tree, too hot in the bedroom at night even after you had discarded your pyjamas or nightgown ? Surely you didn't grumble about the sunshine and the effect of the drought on your lawn and flowerbeds ? Of course, there was also the World Cup, wasn't there, with that somewhat peculiar German the manager of the English team. What, do you think, Winston Churchill would have made

of having a German as the manager of the national side ? Mind, they did rather well, not least thanks for Harry Kane. Now, there's someone we all rather admire, don't we ? A splendid footballer and modest with it.

Soon it will be time to be buying your Christmas presents. That's something you/we all look forward to, don't we ? And, of course, if it's humanly possible I know you will be coming along to our Christmas Reunion at Cobham's for a good old plate full of turkey, sausages, Christmas Pudding, mince pies and the rest. We know you all enjoy the drive with all those new-fangled headlights that illuminate your journey so helpfully.

In short, here at the Newsletter the OWA Committee send their greetings to our membership worldwide. It really is splendid to hear from you wherever you should be – from Hong Kong to Wagga-Wagga, even Scunthorpe or Cranborne !

Don't forget to raise a glass at 2pm GMT on Saturday 5th December and join the toast to Absent Friends.

Alan R Bennett
On behalf of the Committee

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[Source : *Dad's Army Appreciation Society*]

The 'Boys' from Walmington-on-Sea
send their Christmas Greetings to the Old Winburnians

FORTHCOMING IMPORTANT OWA DATES FOR YOUR DIARY	Christmas Reunion	Saturday 5th Dec. 2026
	Summer Reunion	Saturday 3rd July 2027
	Annual General Meeting	Monday 13th Sept. 2027

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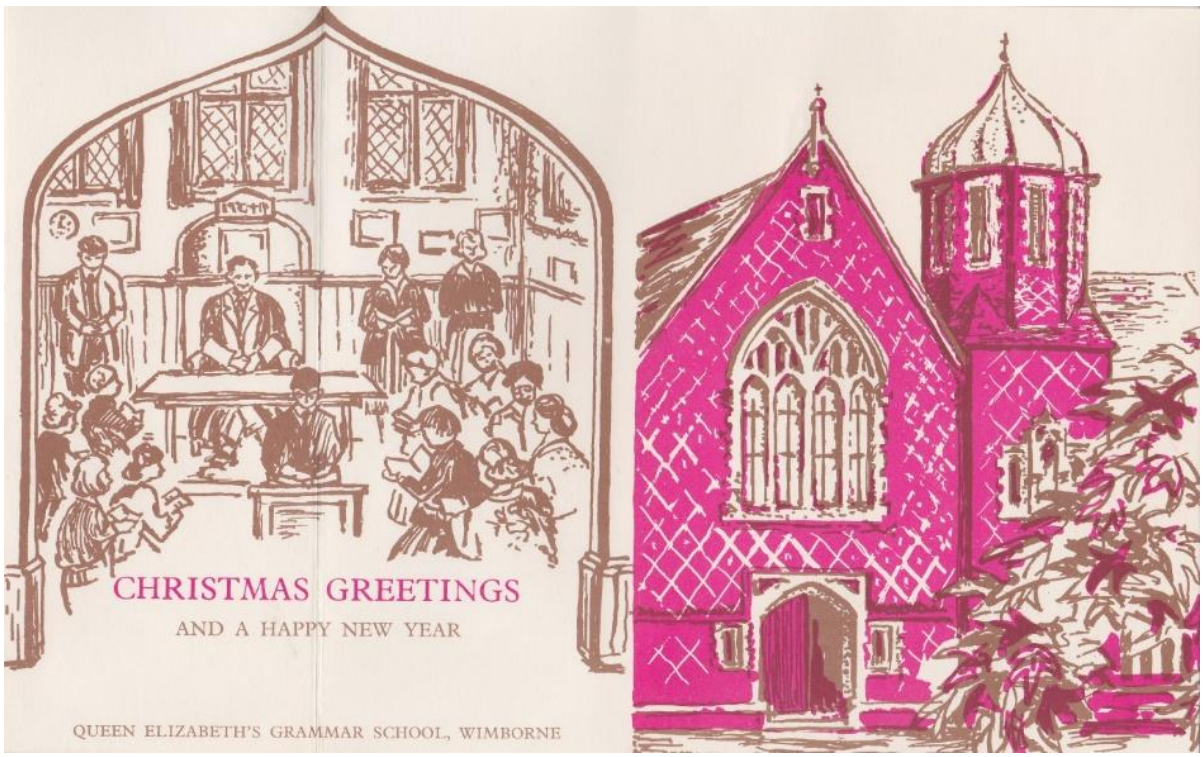
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CHRISTMAS GREETINGS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL !

EXPECTED ATTENDEES AT THE SUMMER REUNION LUNCH ON 4TH JULY 2026

Mr Morgan Antell	52 - 58	Mr John Pearson	Guest of Mr Hill
Mrs Ann Antell	Guest of Mr Antell	Mr Andrew Jones	53 - 60
Mrs Marilyn Barber	Née Bartle 59 - 64	Mr Alan Maitland	54 - 59
Mr Alan Bennett	49 - 56	Mrs June Maitland	Guest of Mr Maitland
Mr Nick Bishop	60 - 63	Mr Victor Moss	56 - 63
Mr Baird McClellan	Guest of Mr Bishop	Mrs Jennifer Moss	Née Day 61 - 63
Mr Derek Burt	47 - 52	Mrs Diana Moss	Née Anderson 55 - 61
Mr Ian Sandy	Guest of Mr Burt	Mr James Moss	Guest of Mrs Moss
Mrs Eunice Carnall	Née Chadd 55 - 62	Mr David Park	48 - 55
Mr Mark Charman	56 - 59	Mrs Lorna Park	Guest of Mr Park
Mrs Elizabeth Clarke	Née Lucas 62 - 69	Mr Graham Powell	38 - 47
Mr Peter Clarke	55 - 57	Mr Simon Powell	Guest of Mr Powell
Mrs Sue Coombes	Née Froud 56 - 63	Mrs Betty Read	Née White 53 - 58
Mr John Coombes	Guest of Mrs Coombes	Mrs Irene Whittle	Guest of Mrs Read
Mr Robert Copelin	46 - 51	Mrs Ann Richmond	Née Mitchell 55 - 60
Mr Desmond Cox	47 - 51	Mrs Deanna Rose	Née Christopher 55 - 60
Mrs Janet Coy	Née Dowd 53 - 58	Mrs Barbara Russell	Née Morris 55 - 60
Mr John Dacombe	56 - 62	Ms Rainbow Russell-Pritchard	Née Lynne Russell 66-71
Mr Stuart Dean	56 - 62	Mr Gary Scammell	66 - 72
Mrs Faith Elford	Née Hawes 56 - 61	Mrs Janet Scammell	Guest of Mr Scammell
Mr Anthony Elgar	53 - 60	Mr John Singleton	54 - 61
Mrs Dianne Elgar	Guest of Mr Elgar	Mr Timothy Spall	58 - 61
Mrs Guilia Felton	Née Griffiths 58 - 63	Mr Richard Strong	55 - 62
Mr Mick Felton	Guest of Mrs Felton	Mrs Jill Strong	Née Cowdrey 56 - 63
Dr John Guy	63 - 71	Mr Ken Taylor	51 - 56
Mr Robin Harris	51 - 56	Mr David Webber	59 - 64
Mr Bill Haskell	52 - 56	Prof Bob White	51 - 57
Mrs Sue Hatherley	Née Bush 53 - 60	Mrs Helen White	Née Filcher 55 - 60
Mr Geoff Hill	58 - 59		

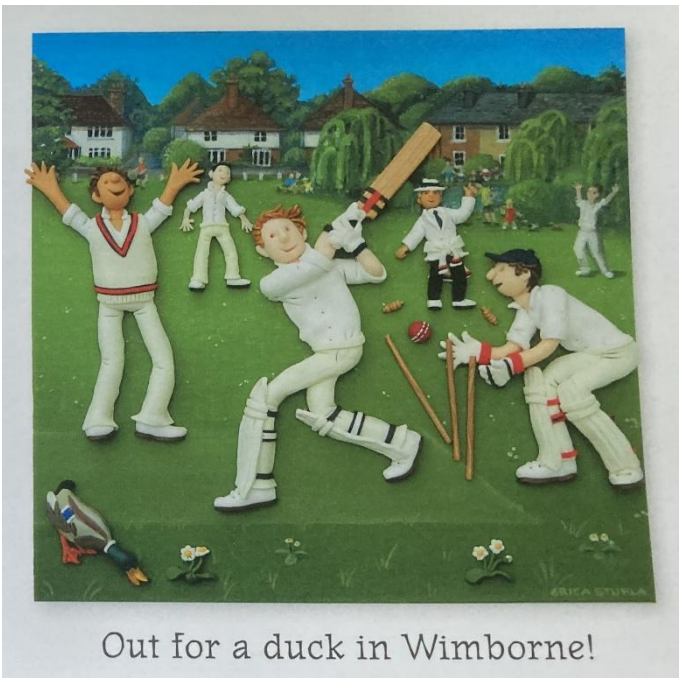
APOLOGIES FOR THE SUMMER REUNION LUNCH ON 4TH JULY 2026

Christine Arthur	David Finnemore	Neil Langridge	David Royce
Jennifer Baker	Janet Finnemore	Carolyn Martin	Guy Russell
Richard Bathurst	Maurice French	Graham McNeill	Peter Russell
Kenneth Bernthal	Anthony Gould	David Norman	David Scrase
Rod Cheese	John Harper	Ken Orman	Elaine Smith
Harry Clarke	Christopher Hyde	Julia Palmer	Pat Trayler
John Clode	Caroline Jennings	Brian Pearce	Peter Watts
Michael Coffin	Elizabeth Judd	Mark Perkins	Geoff Welch
Audrey Cooper	Hilary Kemp	Stephen Randall	Bill White
Janet Doolaege	Brian Langer	Ian Rogers	Havilland Willshire

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[*This past Summer saw the River Allen running very short of water, with very little "flow" in many places. A possible problem for some ducks !*]



[*Other "ducks" probably came at their usual summertime rate – this from a birthday card I received !*]

[*All photographs provided by Dr John Guy*]

QUIZ AT THE SUMMER REUNION LUNCH ON 4TH JULY 2026
set by
JANET COY (53-58) & ANN RICHMOND (55-60)

(At the latest Reunion Lunch, Janet and Ann set us a short quiz, a copy of which is shown below.

Ed.)

	QUESTION	ANSWER
1.	What year was the Old Winburnians founded ?	1896
2.	Where was the Celebratory Dinner held ?	King's Head Hotel
3.	When did Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School finally close its doors ?	1971
4.	When was the Old Winburnians Association revived ?	1997
5.	When did girls arrive at Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School ?	1953
6.	How many girls were admitted in the first year at the school ?	30
7.	Who superseded J D Neil as Headmaster of the school ?	Denys Whitmore
8.	How old was Margaret Beaufort when she had Henry ?	13
9.	How many children did she have ?	1
10.	Who was her Grandson ?	King Henry VIII
11.	Margaret died in 1509 but when did teaching in Wimborne begin ?	1511
12.	When and where is the Memorial Plaque to Lady Margaret laid ?	2009 Inside the Minster at the far end of the South Chapel

SUMMARY REPORTS TO ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING ON 14TH SEPT. 2026

REPORT OF TREASURER

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FROM 01/06/25 TO 31/05/26

Income	2025/26	*2024/25*	Expenditure	2025/26	*2024/25*
Reunions	£3,694.00	*£2,449.00*	Reunions	£3,537.00	*£2,636.00*
Subscriptions	£930.00	*£886.00*	Newsletter Costs	£1,236.77	*£1,402.15*
Raffle Receipts	£409.00	*£306.00*	Raffle Prizes	£72.00	*£80.77*
Donations	£48.00	*£95.00*	Remembrance Day Poppy Wreath	£40.00	*£40.00*
			Website Costs	£0.00	*£138.74*
TOTAL INCOME	£5,081.00	*£3,736.00*	**TOTAL EXPENDITURE**	£4,885.77	*£4,297.66*
	Excess of Income over Expenditure			**£195.23**	***-£802.36***

BALANCE SHEET AT 31ST MAY 2026

ASSETS AT 31ST MAY 2025		ASSETS AT 31ST MAY 2026	
NatWest Current A/C	£7,923.33	NatWest Current A/C	£8,118.56
LESS unpresented Cheques	£0.00	LESS unpresented Cheques	£0.00
SUB-TOTAL	£7,923.33	SUB-TOTAL	£8,118.56
PLUS Excess of Income over Expenditure	£195.23		
TOTAL	**£8,118.56**	**TOTAL**	**£8,118.56**

Alan Maitland
14th September 2026

REPORT OF MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

SUMMARY OF CURRENT MEMBERSHIP (as in membership database on 14/09/2026)

Total Number of Members : 242 (at 2025 AGM : 245)
UK based : 202
Overseas based : 40
Members who are considered as former staff : 12
Expired subscriptions/resignations (since 2025 AGM) : 4
New members (since 2025 AGM) : 8
Deceased members (as reported since 2025 AGM) : 7
Over the 12 months since the 2025 AGM, the following occurred :

- Deceased members : 5 in UK, 2 Overseas
- New members : 6 in UK, 2 Overseas

Details can be found on the Old Winburnians internet site www.oldwinburnians.org.uk.

John Guy
14th September 2026

MEMORIES OF MR 'MOTTY' MOTTRAM

(I recently received the following letter from one of our overseas members, Janet Doolaege (née Pursey) (58-65).

Ed.)

La Boissière-Ecole
France
June 2026

Dear Alan,

As always, I was pleased to receive the latest Newsletter, and bravo for keeping it going. I'm only sorry that, as the years go by, it contains fewer and fewer names that I recognize. I'm delighted to see that the lime tree has survived – if that really is the lime tree. I don't recognize all those sheds around it.

I remember Mr Mottram congratulating us on our petition to save that tree from being felled. And talking of Mr Mottram, I remember him very well because when my family first moved to Wimborne he lived just across the road from us in Westfield Close with his wife, son and daughter. I can remember how pleased Mrs Mottram was to move into the larger, older house in King Street, and I am surprised and sorry if it has really been demolished. It was a solid, square house with a flat roof, set in a garden, not right on the street but just off a small turning to the left as you walk towards Pye Corner from the school. The turning was almost opposite the Minster Infants' School, which I attended and which is now a Community Centre. Has the house really gone, like all the old terraced cottages along King Street ?

I also attended the primary school which used to be the Boys' Council School, and I was fascinated to read that Mr Lovell proposed a toast at the Annual Dinner in 1940. He was still headmaster when I started at that school in 1955. He was fierce but fair, and I was very fond of him.

Ned's emotional speech was interesting, as was the obituary. But when did he die, do you know ? The article doesn't say.

I'm also glad to know that the sundial has been preserved. I was vaguely aware of it, but we weren't supposed to wander into the strip of garden. We were only allowed to sit on the wall !

I haven't any immediate plans to attend another reunion, since the friends I enjoyed seeing are gradually dropping out, understandably, as they live miles away and we are all getting older … I haven't set foot in England for several years, not least because crossing the border gets increasingly complicated for us "foreigners" (I hold a European passport) – but who knows, perhaps I will pay another visit some day. Meanwhile I will think of you drinking to absent friends at the OW reunions, and long may you continue to do so.

All the very best, Janet

Number 14, King Street Mystery Solved
by Alan R Bennett (49-56)

So, Number 14, King Street, once the home of Mr L H 'Motty' Mottram, has not been demolished – yet ! In the previous Newsletter readers may remember that in my walk along King Street I could not locate Number 14. Little wonder when you look at the condition of the property in the photographs ! Quite why it has been allowed to fall into such a state of disrepair I have no idea. My dear old pal, and sparring partner John Dacombe (56-62), tells me he believes the building belongs to the Hanham estate and may well be destined for demolition. Recalling the history of Number 14, John remembers his own father who was a builder working on the property when John was a boy. It is intriguing also to read the letter from Janet Doolaege (58-65), Mr Pursey's daughter, and her affectionate memory of Mr Mottram when he moved into Number 14 after leaving Westfield Close. Yes, dear old 'Motty' was one of the very best of human beings, besides being a splendid teacher. I am not personally religious but if he is looking down at us from above with that kindly familiar smile on his face – 'you were one of the best, Motty and we are all grateful for your dedicated efforts on behalf of we Old Winburnians.'





As for Number 14, we will all be watching for any developments ! I will keep members posted !





[*All photographs kindly provided by John Dacombe*]

WIMBORNE GRAMMAR SCHOOL SPEECH DAY

circa 1953

(The following is reproduced from an article which appeared in the Poole and Dorset Herald.

Ed.)

THIRTY GIRL PUPILS BREAK 4½ CENTURIES' TRADITION

Wonder if Queen Elizabeth turned in her grave – says General

Thirty girls sat in the front row of the pupils at Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School's annual speech day at Wimborne Minster – and broke a tradition which goes back over four-and-a-half centuries.

It was the first time in the history of the school, founded in 1496, that girls had attended a speech day as pupils. Formerly it has always been a boys' school, and girls started there at the beginning of the present term.

Each speaker made reference to this change in the life of the school, and all of them were confident it would succeed.

The new Chairman of the Governors, Mr G C Willis said "It is a unique occasion in the history of the school to see girls in the front row ……. With this co-educational arrangement and with the introduction of girls we know that the quality of the scholarship and the intelligence of the pupil will be enhanced."

In his annual report, the Headmaster, Major J D Neil, commented : "Only time will tell if this is a wise decision, but I think it is and that as a result of it the reputation for learning good manners and virtue which this school had so long enjoyed, will be enhanced."

'A progressive lady'

Lt-Gen. Sir Dudley Ward, KBE, CB, DSO, (Deputy Chief, Imperial General Staff), an old boy of the school, who presented the prizes, referred to the lady who founded the school : "I have been wondering whether she turned in her grave. It is fair to believe that she in her time was a progressive lady and would be prepared to say that she would see how it turned out."

The headmaster told the girls : "At all events I extend to you, the first girl-pupils of Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School, a very hearty welcome. You have fitted into our life without in any way disrupting us; you will no doubt make your characteristic contribution when you have been here a little longer."

Reason for change

Reason for the new move said Major Neil was that in the Wimborne district it had been decided to run two mixed schools, a mixed grammar and a mixed secondary school. So that the boys who might have gone to the Grammar school (but might not have quite made the grade there) would go to the Secondary school.

It might seem hard on those boys but the fact was that many of them left at 16 or even younger and therefore the fifth and sixth forms were depleted where the most characteristic work of a grammar school was done. In the past year 14 boys left without obtaining a General Certificate of Education – a large proportion of an annual entry of 60.

As the county development plan provided for a similar grammar school for girls in Wimborne, the answer was to combine the two. "And so we are taking at Queen Elizabeth's an approximately equal number of boys and girls, who will, we hope, keep their places filled right up through the school."

A lean year

Last year, academically, reported the headmaster had been lean; no university awards and a performance in the GCE not as good as we had hoped. "There are a number of possible reasons for this, and I prefer to accept the most obvious one : the boys were just not good enough."

There had however, been good work going on at school and the boys were beginning to shift the responsibility for working, fairly and squarely on their own shoulders. "I can see signs of this changed attitude on the horizon."

New competition

In sport too, success had eluded them. Two out of 12 football matches had been won, three cricket matches were drawn and four lost (two by a narrow margin). But the sporting spirit had brought great credit to the school. Four rugby matches had been won and three lost and at the athletic sports seven new records were broken.

A new interest in house competitions was shown this year when a big competition covering every aspect of school life (sport, scholastic successes and conduct) was instituted. It had made every pupil think that they were contributing all the time to the effort of the house. It had been won for the first time by Glyn House.

The headmaster reviewed other school activities including the Dramatic Society, the orchestra, the Young Farmers' Club and the Combined Cadet Force. He thanked all members of the staff and welcomed two new women teachers, Miss Jarman and Miss Goodfield. "I think the school is lucky in having two such ladies to inaugurate the new order of things."

A new master, Mr Hoare (athletics and games) was also welcomed.

Structural additions

Additions to the school, now in progress, was a second floor to the classroom block, which when finished would comprise a set of five new rooms. The Education Committee also had planned for hard tennis courts, improvements to the playground, and the modernisation of the main building "a little further ahead."

The Old Winburnians Society, thanks to its new hon. secretary Mr Mottram, had been revived. Its membership was rising again, and activities had been renewed.

The Parents Association, in its first year, had been an unbounded success. Out of 600 parents and guardians, 197 were enrolled, and the more serious events, in particular, had been very well attended. About £45 had been raised by them at social events.

Of the year in general, the headmaster summed-up : "It has been a time of great change and great activity, not crowned with outward marks of success, but to my mind permeated by a spirit which augurs very well for the future."

To produce leaders

After the prize presentation, Sir Dudley Ward reminded the pupils there were some people who thought that a change was bound to be for the good – "but that is not necessarily so."

To get the best from a change, they had to take the good of the present and the traditions of the past and build them on the needs of the future. For the school to do its job properly it had to produce leaders, and by reason of its recent changes they had good opportunities of doing that. He urged the boys who were still at school, to put everything they could into their school life, and to those who were leaving, he advised : "For heavens sake go for something you really want to do and into which you can put your whole life. If you find you have made a mistake in your career take your courage in both hand and change ……."

In his opening remarks, Mr Willis made reference to the loss of the school by the death of Mr O B P Burdon, his predecessor as chairman of the Board of Governors.

"He was a charming gentleman of high intellect, and in every sense a gentleman …. We cannot afford to lose men like him, but we do owe a debt of gratitude to him for all he has done for the school and the scholars."

PRIZE LIST

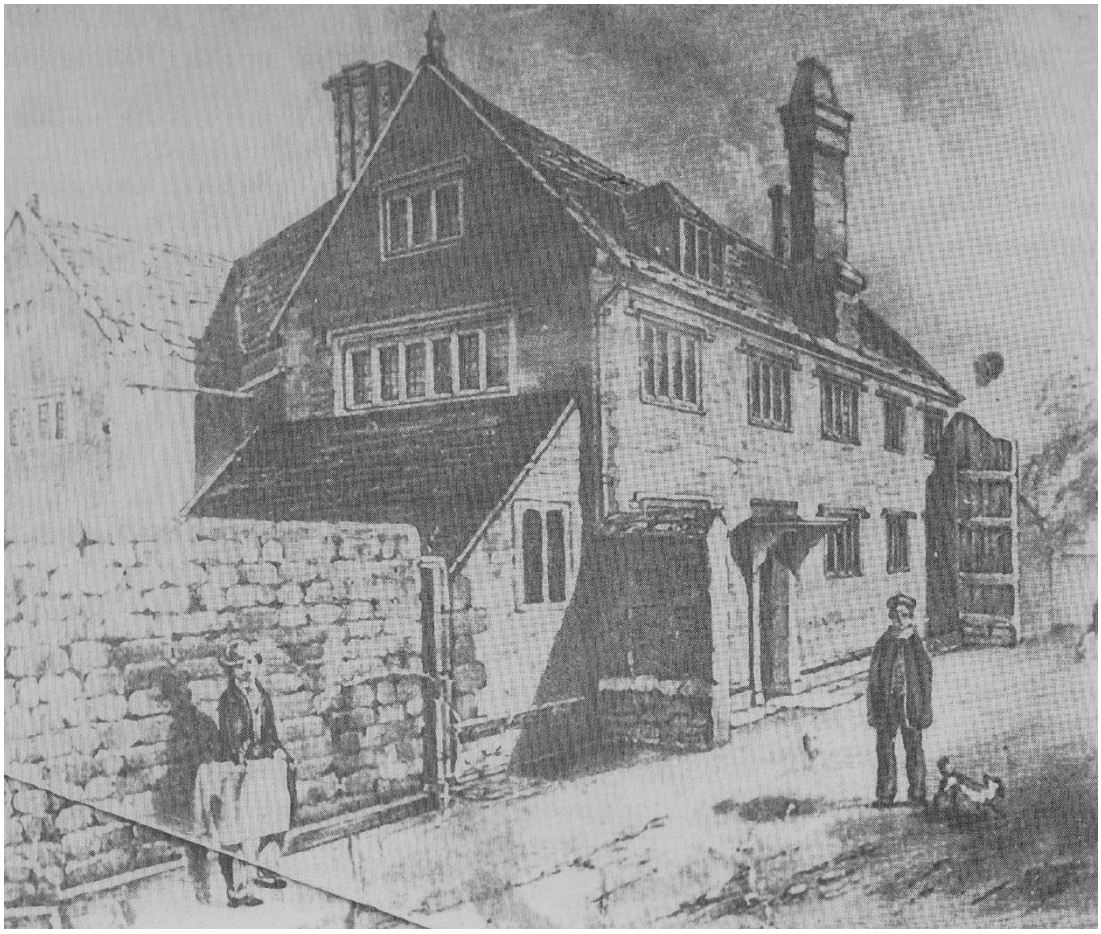
George Wilson, A T Domoney. Parkinson Cup for Classics, M W B Saunders. School Foundation, H G Pugh. Sixth Form, P Forshaw, R E J Haysome, C B Lucas, N J B Ritchie, M W B Saunders, and M J Smallwood. General Certificate of Education (ordinary level), A T Domoney, E C F Wood.

Form IV, C J Bailey, G C Bartlett; III, R J Allen, P H Key; II, D A Scrase, D M Singleton; I, D G Lee, A R W Smith.

Interest and ability in drama, P A Eyres. Swann essay, J Forshaw. Metalwork, A J Chubb. Woodwork, R T J Raison. Art, R E Curtis. Music, P M Coole. Gymnastics, L G T Evans. Junior art, L E Pickford, P W Cox. Cricket Fielding Cup, M E J Foot. Form Cup, Va. House Cup, Glyn. Rugby, house cup, Derby. Shooting, individual cup, L/Cpl Wilson; house cup, Glyn. CCF inter-platoon cup, Derby House; platoon best cadet, C M Forshaw. Walters Athletic Cup, M G Bartlett. Walters Medal, M W B Saunders.

After songs by the school choir, boys who took part in verse speaking and a short French scene were : verse speaking, G D Mason, H A Elson, B F K Glover, A R Bennett, D A Perry, J C Sampson, A J Selby, D A Smith, P Keeping, P C Dennett, G P Coleman, J E Forshaw and P A Eyres. French scene, P Warner, C Peters, A Tesson, J Kearon, F Hackforth, R Allen, A Bennett, P Forshaw, P Burton, D Scrase, D Singleton, P Burry, Pearl Sims.

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THE SCHOOL IN THE 1830s

[*Source : The Winburnian (Reminiscence), No.137, Summer 2000*]

FROM THE ARCHIVES

From The Winburnian No. 118, June, 1954

(A pupil's perspective one year on from 1953.

Ed.)

GIRLS AT THE GRAMMAR SCHOOL

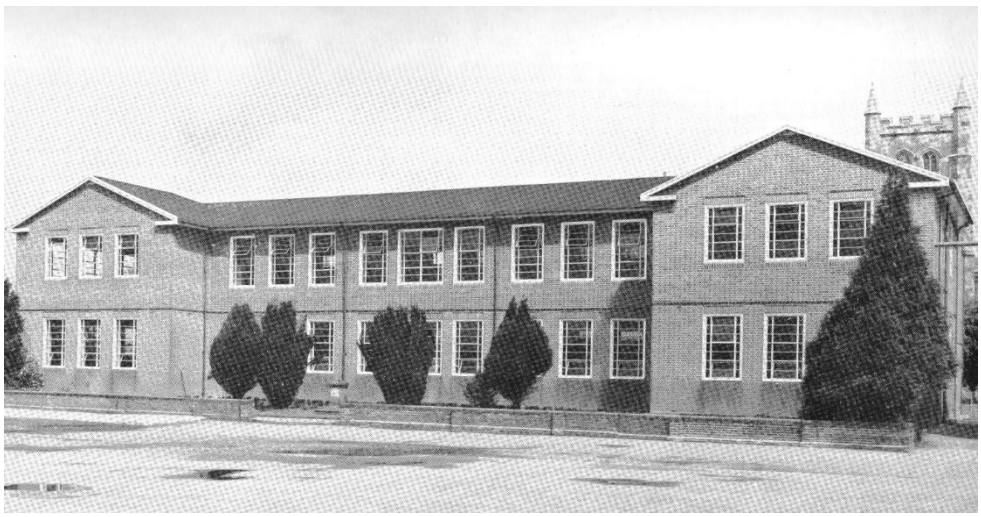
On the day we arrived at this ancient Grammar School we felt very forlorn amongst the huge crowd of boys, talking and laughing. Very soon, though, we were led away to the classrooms by a Mistress, who showed us our rooms which were in the New Building, to which was being added an upper storey. Some of us were used to mixed classes, but to others it was quite new. We were divided into two Forms according to our initials.

We very soon settled down to the School life, and now we are quite used to the usual routine. The boys have become more or less accustomed to their school being changed into a co-educational one. On the Opening Day of the new extensions we really felt that we were part of the School when being addressed by Miss Sutherland and Mr Wordsworth, who both said that the Good Lady Meg would have approved of the idea of girls entering the boy's school.

Pearl Sims (1E)

(Pearl arrived by bus from Verwood. I arrived by bus from Upton. In the afternoon our buses often left at almost the same time. The Verwood bus turned right out of Grammar School Lane and the Upton bus turned left. We got into the habit of smiling and waving to one another. In due course we began writing 'love letters' to one another. It was all such innocent fun. After I left school in 1956 we never saw one another again. Sadly, I learned many years later that Pearl had passed away at quite a young age as did 2 or 3 of her contemporaries. I still treasure those distant memories of innocent affection and her smile as she waved to me.

Alan R Bennett Your Editor)



THE NEW BUILDINGS, SOUTH SIDE

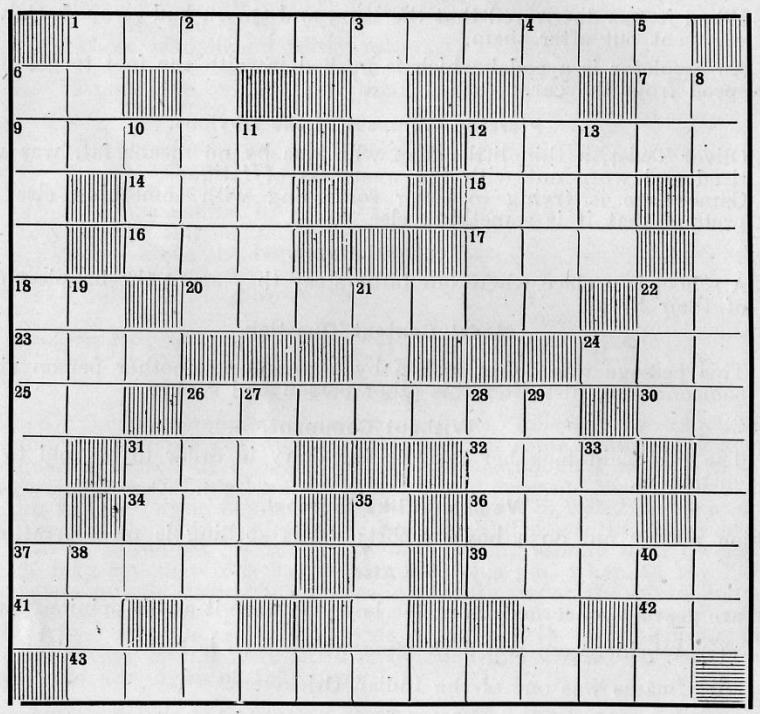
From The Winburnian No. 72, Summer Term, 1936

(You may recall we featured this crossword puzzle in our last two newsletters, it coming from The Winburnian referenced above. Sadly, we have had very little response to the challenge of solving it, although there were a few conversations about it at the latest Summer Reunion. So time to call it a day on any last minute entries ! Please find the puzzle again and the answers below.

Ed.)

CROSSWORD PUZZLE.

The anonymous composer of this, our third puzzle, has offered half-a-crown for the first correct solution handed in to the Editor. We think that anyone who does so will earn it!



CLUES.

ACROSS.

1.—Dramatist known to Va.
6.—Or not.
7.—Preposition.
9.—" —— into our gates with praise."
12.—Keep your breath to cool this.
14.—Terror, Upset?
15.—Well-known work of reference might be useful here.
16.—If you know a better one?
17.—Tiny whig.
18.—Sometimes takes the subjunctive.
20.—No need to slim.
22.—Dorset affirmative.
23.—To keep this suffix seems to mean to watch.
24.—Connection between poetry and poverty.
25.—With 30 makes carpets.

26.—One of the things done in the gymnasium.
30.—See 25.
31.—Often lost.
32.—Another five.
34.—Conj.
36.—Is plural.
37.—New suggests a beginner in Latin.
39.—To do nothing, go away.
41.—Uncome.
42.—Sailor.
43.—More often heard of than brought, even by shepherds.

DOWN.

1.—Offspring, male.
2.—What A does to the bells (2 words 1, 4).
3.—Pit found in check.
4.—Possible to get into this—with the rent.
5.—Hungry again? Then do it.
6.—Up at last.
8.—The noxious fumes whereof . . . (3 words).
10.—Often confused with 19.
11.—Film?
12.—Metal in this heavy fellow.
13.—Queer.
19.—See 10.
21.—Oxford teacher turns to do this.
22.—I wrote much about nothing.
26.—He doubtless calls it his christian name, but do the Abyssinians agree?
27.—Concludes.
28.—This is a tidy calf.
29.—In front of 6 down.
31. On the School field.
33.—Number of the young masculine negroes.
35.—Past-matrimonial term.
38.—Does a baby say this upside down?
40.—This is idle talk too.

..... and now the answers !



EDITORIAL

Since our last number appeared many events have occurred which may this time in all soberness be called epoch-making. One after another, country after country, independent nations have fallen beneath the weight of Germany's armies. Small countries whose very harmlessness might have been thought sufficient to ensure their safety have been engulfed, and the supposedly impregnable Maginot Line failed to prevent France from sharing their fate. The British Expeditionary Force appeared lost, but achieved the seemingly impossible feat of make a safe withdrawal through never-to-be-forgotten Dunkirk. Invasion seemed imminent, is still possible; the battle of Britain was fought in the air, and, when the first round went so unmistakably to England, bombing began in deadly earnest. London was attacked, and evacuation recommenced.

All these events have affected the School directly or indirectly. When Wimborne is declared a defence area, when machine-gun posts are set up, when even the School Field is edged with a row of forbidding concrete tank-barriers, and when everyone feels that an enemy force may soon be pounding away at close quarters, it is hardly reasonable to suppose that school life will pursue quite its even tenour. What is most surprising is how nearly normal everything has been. It wants more than Hitler, it seems, to shake us.

What do the changes amount to ? A few of us have had bombs drop unpleasantly close. School started late once or twice to make up for lost sleep. A train or a bus has delayed a few boys very occasionally. Lessons have been interrupted by the siren, though now we lose little time for this reason. Three more masters have been called up. Not a very big account, Mr Hitler !

Doubtless, as the war continues and intensifies, we shall feel it more. We must expect it, and be glad of the chance to do our share. We must do everything to help the national effort; save paper, metal, money; accept extra tasks, expect less benefits. But we must also express our belief that civilisation must go-on by being determined to ignore those evils which we cannot prevent. In a muddled world education, in its fullest sense, is the only genuine hope; and not all the insane acts of all the dictators shall stop us having it.

SCHOOL NOTES

During Summer Term the School continued taking defensive measures against the Blitzkrieg by means of A R P exercises in fire-fighting, messenger-training, and first-aid. Quite a number of boys are doing similar jobs in their own districts, and are proud possessors of warden's badges.

As soon as the request for Local Defence Volunteers was broadcast, practically all the staff and a number of senior boys volunteered, and have since been continuing training and carrying out the lonely vigils of the Home Guard. What would have happened to the School had the church bells for invasion rung during morning assembly luckily remained an engaging hypothesis only.

During the Summer Holidays, in accordance with the expressed wishes of the Government, a number of boys elected to attend school for recreational activities. During this time various useful jobs were done. All the windows in the school were fitted with muslin to prevent blast splinters, weeds were removed on a big scale, crops were gathered and ground dug on the allotment, and the exceptional weather made swimming more popular than ever.

In the matter of National Savings the School continues to do well. In the Wimborne Savings Week £20 6s 6d was the amount subscribed. The Group has 117 members and the average weekly contribution for the last five months is £8. That is the cost of a rifle and 40 rounds of ammunition. Voluntarily lent to the war effort how much more valuable this is, in spite of what cynics may say, in the struggle against gangsterism, than is a corresponding amount seized from the people in the Axis countries. There is still room for more members in the Group to show the School's will to help the national effort. Form IIIb leads the School with a membership of 18.

THE SCHOOL ALLOTMENT

The School's "Dig for Victory" campaign has had a very successful year. Upon the acquisition of an allotment at Julian's Road last September, work was begun with great vigour. The ground was cleaned, with some difficulty, by the boys of the Lower and Middle School. I say with difficulty because it happened that there was a very free-growing weed which caused a few back-aches.

A set of tools was purchased from School Funds at the end of last year, and these proved a very useful addition to those which were already in use at the school. By dint of hard labour, about half the plot was cleared so that the earliest seeds could be put in. In early March two rows of beans were sown. Other crops followed, and by the middle of May quite a sizeable part of the plot was planted. A few weeks later the first beans were picked and, judging by the demand for them, they proved a popular addition to Spring dinners both for boarders and day boys.

By the time the Summer Holidays came along, the allotment was in a very good condition. The rows of potatoes were looking well, the carrots were weeded and thinned, and the garden presented a very different countenance to that which it had shown the July before. But it was plain that it could not be left for eight weeks without the attention that is needed for growing crops in weeding and similar jobs. It was arranged, therefore, that the boys who were able and willing to, should come to the garden once or twice a week to keep it in order. This was done quite well on the whole, and the garden was kept presentable.

The potatoes were dug up during the holidays, and long before the work was finished it could easily be seen that there was a heavy crop.

It should also be stated that there is a new garden under construction at the field behind the tennis courts. Although this is rather heavy going, for an old Roman road must have run across the middle of it, fairly rapid progress is being made in completing it, and it is hoped that it will be planted by the spring or early summer.

The shrubberies at the entrance to the field, which were planted a few years ago, have been filled with cabbages, and although these present rather an incongruous appearance, they will provide good food during the winter months.

The outlook then for this newcomer to the curriculum is very good indeed, and it is to be hoped that gardening will continue as a subject long after the war.

F H S

MY PAPERS CAME

My papers came some weeks ago, I'm in the Army now.
There won't be any lessons for a while,
There won't be any shouting to Third Formers, "Stop the row",
Nor "S"s in the margin meaning "Style".

"Mensa" will be five letters – no declension I must teach;
With Dative verbs there won't be any fuss.
And no one worries here about the different parts of speech,
Or of nouns which (though they're neuter) end in "-us".

IIa is grimly grappling with that "simple" thing, analysis,
And the IVth with Duke Orsino and the fool;
But for me it's more important what the time of all reveilles is.
(My papers came one Monday – vale School !)

My papers came some weeks ago ('twas in the afternoon),
And now I drill and march, and march and drill;
And unless, as is just possible, this war is over soon,
I shall be on Christmas Day just drilling still.

So while others dish the milk out and while others take Game 2,
(I am desperately seeking for a rhyme)
And while others spend free periods marking Comp and Latin too,
Let them know I'm marking – marking time.

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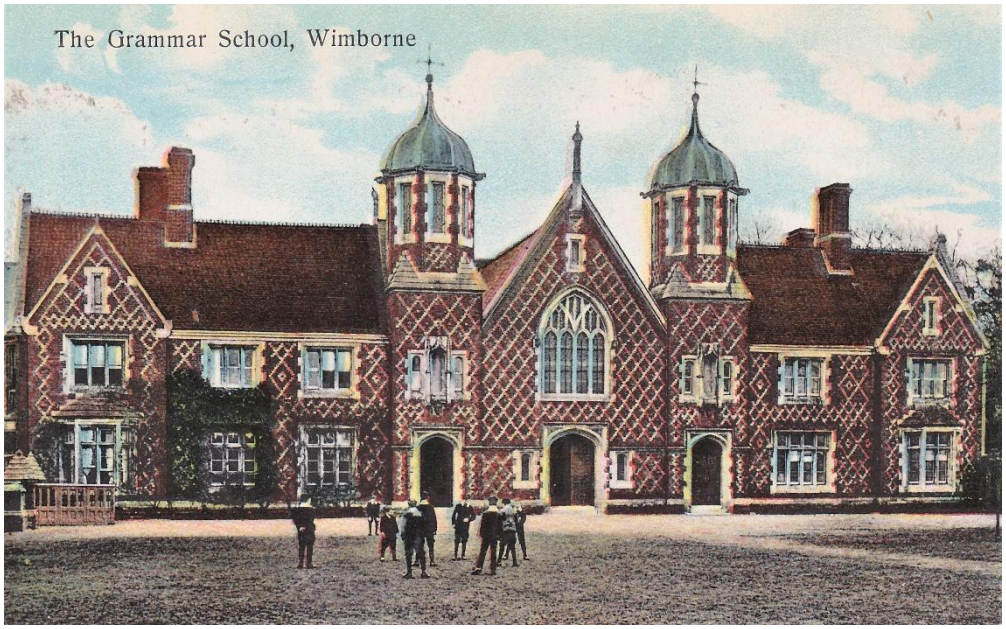
(A perspective on the OWA from 1957. Ed.)

OLD WINBURNIANS ASSOCIATION

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The other day, by good chance, I came across a little book whose tattered, greasy pages and ribboned cover seemed to indicate a century of varied repose in attic, mouldering cellar and book-sellers' shelves. It was entitled Hunt's Guide to Dorsetshire, published in 1851. It is thus it describes, in a somewhat grandiose eulogy of the town, what was then the 'new building' of the School, whose foundation stone had been laid in 1848 :

> "It is finished in the Tudor style of architecture of red brick and stone, the effect of which is extremely good and does infinite credit to the Architects, Messrs Morris and Hobson, as well as to the Superintendent of the Work, Mr T G Smithers. The sculptured details and the two statues of the Foundress and Charteress were executed by Mr F Richardson with the usual fidelity and masterly finish."



This is, of course, interesting as a reflection of contemporary taste in mid-19th century, although there may be two opinions on the architectural competence of the gentlemen cited, especially their competence as devisers of draught exclusion. What is, I feel, of greater interest, especially to Old Boys of the School, is the reference to the two statues 'of masterly finish' of the Lady Margaret and of Queen Bess. All at the School will recall the two vacant niches on the frontage above the main doorways; some may even, in an idle moment, have lamented their vacancy and had notions, probably unseemly and facetious, of filling them themselves !

However, should Mr Hunt be correct in his description, there were statues there in the original scheme of things in 1851. As far as I can gather, so far, they were not there in the late 1880's. One cannot but speculate as to their fate. Were they of copper or some baser metal, removed after but a short career of glory to make Crimean cannon balls ? Were they swept away in some unspeakable tempest ? Was the stone of their making so sadly soft and ill-chosen that after but a few years in frontal grandeur their lineaments became rounded and unrecognizable with the erosion of wind and dust from gravelled playground ? Or is some grimmer tale behind their disappearance, some tale of bad boys on a cool summer's night climbing to their lonely heights for horrified Authority to see them adorned with next blue morning with unseemly night-cap and battered mortar-board ?

In any case, whatever their history, grave or gay, I feel we all ought to feel grateful to Mr Hunt.

1851 – twenty years or so before legal enactment made it a compulsory obligation on their parents that all children should be educated – to the age of 14, to the age when education may be assumed as first showing its roseate buds. How Time, as they do say, flies ! And now we are in the 1950's and already many of us 'Old' Winburnians must be recalling wistfully the days of solid grind from stale text books in stale routines. Much virtue therein, we may reflect, casting a brow-raising glance at gramophone turn-tables, film-strip projectors, television cabinets, with loud-speaker giving full comment and directions, the Master or Mistress standing humbly aside as a Warder of Ceremonies.

Too gloomy by half, someone answers, thinking of the smatterings of schools (mostly of the 'Modern' type) littering the countryside and looking like crosses between an up-to-date cosmetics factory and a deflated Crystal Palace (of pious memory), schools with the latest in hygienic cloak-rooms – usually with classes held therein – and a stage of such superfine equipment and lighting that Olivier himself would have no shame in strutting and fretting upon (usually two classes on this). No reflection, of course, on our new palaces of learning, or our old ones, but only a hope that, in addition to gaining practice in the art of forming queues, filling up forms, looking and listening and performing the other external functions of a modern citizen, they will also become acquainted therein with the new and at present quite unpractised art of using leisure wisely and creatively.

Our scientists, industrialists, publicists, etc. (all those in the know) tell us that in the seventies and eighties of this century, so automized are we becoming, leisure there will be in abundance, a 60 hour week of it ! And as yet few seem to have struck the notion of educating our children to live the leisure in full richness. 'Education for Work' cried the 1850's. 'Education for Leisure' should be the full-throated reply of the 1950's. Or, at least, for Work and Leisure !

Among the secretarial documents it is my honour temporarily to possess a card file of names of Old Winburnians who were, till a matter of anything from 2 to 20 years ago, Members of our Association. As their subscriptions have lapsed they will not see these notes, and if by chance you happen to be among the few who possibly do both see and

read them, perhaps this is an opportunity to ask you to be so good as to remind any of our lapsed friends you may meet or know of that their renewal of Membership would be highly appreciated by us all. Our Membership remains steady – 300 odd thereabouts – but it only remains at that number because each year we get anything from 20 to 40 new Members and lose anything from 20 to 30 – a case of two steps forward and 1½ back. These figures may be slightly exaggerated, but will convey the idea. Personal reminders and the gentle hint might do something to remedy this. So, should the opportunity offer, please take it.

Speaking of economics, the price of the Ties has been increased by our suppliers, so we have been compelled to raise the price to you from 12/6 to 13/-, plus 4d. postage. Which naturally leads to a reminder that Maurice Herridge or myself will be delighted to send you a receipt for your 1958 subscription (7/6) whenever you feel like sending it along.

REUNION, JULY, 1957

For the record, it may be well to recall that a pleasant morning was spent by our Members, necessarily few on a Saturday, who were able to visit the School on a bright day last July and enjoy the appreciated hospitality of the Headmaster and Mrs Neil. As far as the competitive spirit was concerned, it was a matter of Fives and Shooting; it so happened that the Old Boys were on form on this occasion, winning the former by 250 to 211, and the latter by 374 to 294. The form, however, did not hold till the afternoon, and School must be congratulated on winning the Cricket Match, an interesting contest, in what I believe in sporting circles is known as 'convincing style'.

The School team thus repeated the victory of July, 1896, when scoring 75, it scuttled the Old Boys for 63. It is interesting to note that playing for the Old Boys on this occasion were not less than four reverend gentlemen, one of whom, the Rev C G Paget, was bowled for a duck by Drake, who also took the wicket of the Rev C E Curtis after he has amassed 3. In fact, the four of them together only managed to notch up 13 amongst them, of which 9 (not out) was contributed by the Rev E H H Lee. Actually, a devotion to historical accuracy compels me to tell you that it was really Mr Higgins who won for the School (in the matter of runs anyhow), for he made 29, while Mr Ashwin slashed up 10. Regrettably, Mr C R Fowler was out first ball.

This reminiscence, perhaps, may be pardoned when I also tell you that, as far as is known, this was the first match ever played between the School and its Old Boys – indeed, 1896, the 400th anniversary of the founding of the School, was the first year in which a Commemoration Service was held in the Minster. It was at the suggestion of the Lord Bishop of Salisbury (who took this Service and preached the Sermon) that the Service should be held annually. Thus, it was the first of a long line which has carried on to today.

I am indebted for this information to a lengthy cutting from a local newspaper – probably the 'Western Gazette' – given to me by A G Hollins, who was then a boy at the School. I had the pleasure of meeting Mr Hollins when, during the summer, he was visiting Wimborne from his home at Crowborough, Sussex, in connection with the

annual gathering of the 'Friends of the Minster'. In addition to the cutting – columns and columns of it – I also received on behalf of the Association a 'School List, Sports' Card and other interesting relics of 60 years ago.

As to the 400th anniversary, folks did themselves proud those days. The bells of the Minster 'rang out at intervals' all day, the town was beflagged and there was feasting and junketing (after the match) in, of all places, the gym. Perhaps a few quotations from this lengthy account of our 400th birthday as a School and of our birth year as an Association may be of interest. Here they are :

> 'Some exceptionally interesting proceedings took place on Saturday in connection with the Queen Elizabeth's Free Grammar School of Wimborne Minster, the occasion being the commemoration of the 400th anniversary of the foundation of this ancient and well-known scholastic institution. Unlike Sherborne and many other larger schools, it has not been the custom to celebrate the anniversary of this school, but no doubt the very decided hints thrown out by the Bishop of Salisbury on Saturday in his address – supported as it subsequently was by the Headmaster (Mr Fynes Clinton) will be seriously taken up by the Governors and others interested in the School and Minster, and efforts will be made in the future to hold an annual School Commemoration Service in the Minster.'

There follows a long and somewhat involved account of the history of the School from its foundation, after which the account goes on :

> 'The present Headmaster (Mr Fynes Clinton, M A) was appointed in 1879. The School, like many other similar foundations deriving their income from land, has suffered much from the long period of agricultural depression, but it speaks well for the ability of the governing body and the Headmaster that the scholars and their parents have no reason to complain of the equipment and training of the school through lack of funds. During the last twelve months one important institution has been established in connection with the School in the form of an Old Boys' Association, and to the kindness of the Secretary of that body (Mr M Raymond) we are indebted for the above particulars. The association has already done a little to benefit the 'Old School', and if it can unearth a benefactor imbued with the same spirit as the Foundress of the School, and thereby increase the endowment, so that the pinch of depression shall not be felt in the future, the Association will have attained an object the benefit of which cannot be over-estimated.'

Other snippets :

> 'On the arrival of the Bishop the choir proceeded to the chancel singing 'Onward, Christian Soldiers' to Sullivan's tune.'

> 'He (the Bishop) was very thankful to be allowed to preach the first commemoration sermon, and in doing so he wished to express the hope they would have similar commemorations annually – not necessarily to such a large

congregation as they then had – but similar to those held yearly at Sherborne and Winchester and schools of a like character.'

'In conclusion he (the Headmaster) thanked all those who had so kindly assisted at the Service and His Lordship for the kind sermon he had addressed to the boys. He was sure his words would remain among them, and he hoped they would be able to carry out the Bishop's suggestion – which they ought to consider almost as a demand – that a commemoration service should be held every year. They could not always hope to have such a large congregation as they had had that morning, but he hoped all the boys and the masters would be able to meet the clergy and the staff of the Minster at a service in future years.' (Loud applause.)

Snippet for School Play fans :

'A short programme was then gone through and consisted of scenes from 'Twelfth Night' – ably given by Lovell, Phelan, Acworth ma, Tanner ma, Knight, Greenhill ma, Mearns ma – and 'King Henry V', given by Stent, Crawley ma and Stevens. Some School songs and glees were also given by members of the School choir.'

Final Curtain :

'An adjournment was then made to the gymnasium, where a large and distinguished company were entertained to lunch by Mr and Mrs Fynes Clinton. The company included Mr Druitt, of Christchurch, who attended the School 75 years ago, The Bishop of Salisbury, Lady Wimborne, Sir Richard and Lady Glyn, Canon and the Misses Bernard, Major General and Mrs Truell, etc.'

'75 years ago !' And now it's 61 years since the first Commemoration Service – which covers 136 years of our little history !

A Successfully Revived Evening Function

All who took part – and there were a good fifty of us – would agree that the revived 'treasure hunt' which ended the Reunion celebrations on the Saturday evening was pleasant, agreeable, romantic and charming. Even the watery start of the proceedings failed as a damper of spirits, while the rendezvous at the Red Lion, Sturminster Marshall where a regal spread had been laid out by mine host and his good lady amidst the mystery of skittles (alley for the use of) had just the right touch. We are all grateful to Gordon and Mrs Dacombe for the organization which ran so smoothly. Congratulations, too, to C P Russell's car-load – the winners !

‘He’s a good Guy – how would we manage without him ?’
by Alan R Bennett (49-56)

It’s easy to take people for granted and that’s why I wish to pay a special tribute to my good pal, John Guy. Without John I doubt the OWA would or could survive for very long. Indeed, his contribution is absolutely critical. I know John will dismiss my words for he is very modest and self-effacing. However, let me describe his contribution to this particular edition of our OWA Autumn Newsletter as an example of his invaluable skills.

Read the fascinating extract from the long deceased Poole & Dorset Herald first published 74 years ago. Let me explain. Finding the article a couple of weeks ago in an old book I handed the very scruffy, torn sheet to John who then proceeded to retype the entire article. It was a painstaking chore he applied himself to in his customary cheerful manner so producing a fascinating account of a very special moment in our School’s history. Examine too the collection of extracts I selected from old copies of The Winburnian relating to World War 2 and how it impacted upon the lives of pupils at the school. Once again John employed his skills to organise and reproduce them in their appropriate sequence.

Look closely at the whole Newsletter and observe how it has been arranged with accompanying pictures – the whole issue bears comparison with any professionally produced publication.

Members need reflect for only a few minutes to appreciate that it’s the Newsletter that plays a critical role in holding the OWA together and, very simply, without John Guy’s computer skills there would be no Newsletters.

As the Editor I know just how dependent upon John I am. I am a mere scribbler. To conclude, this Newsletter is not merely the Autumn edition, it is also our pre-Christmas edition with the details of our December Re-union. Inevitably, travel in December presents more problems than in the summer but we hope to see as many of you as possible on that Saturday afternoon and, to return to the main theme of my message, how about showing your appreciation of John Guy’s invaluable role in the OWA by sending him a Christmas card telling him just that – his address is elsewhere. He deserves a record number !

All the very best from Yours Truly,

Alan R Bennett

OBITUARIES

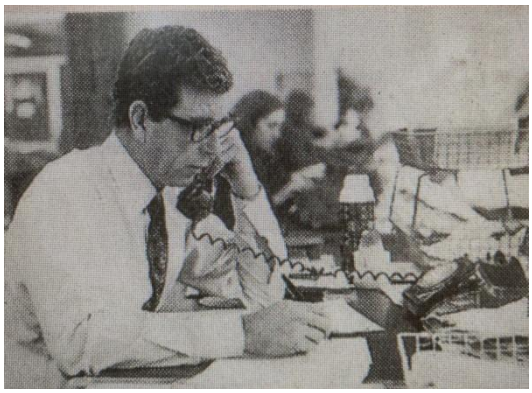
BRIAN DAVIS (46-51)

(We are most grateful to Brian's wife, Joy, for sending us the news of Brian's passing. Also, for sending a copy of his obituary (written by a friend and former colleague of Brian's, Sue Elliott) which we have reproduced below. Ed.)

Old-school journalist and mentor to newspaper trainees with a fierce insistence on fact-checking

Brian Davis has died, aged 91. He was a journalist of the old school, meticulous in his commitment to fair, accurate reporting throughout an understated but distinguished career. All those he trained remember his mantra: "If you can't get names right, why should anyone trust the rest of the story ?"

He spent the bulk of his time in regional journalism, except for a stint subediting on the Guardian in the 1960s. He trained dozens of young journalists, including the future broadcaster Richard Madeley at the Brentwood Argus, where Brian was the launch editor in 1968 and stayed for nearly 20 years. He later appeared as a guest on an episode of This is Your Life that featured Madeley.



Brian was also the author of three books: Ferndown, The Back of Beyond (1966), about growing up in a Dorset village; You 'Orrible Little Man (2010), highlighting his experience of national service; and I'll Take That One (2013), about child wartime evacuees.

Brian was born in Ferndown, to Ernest Davis, a hotel waiter, and his wife, Norah. He never entirely lost his Dorset lilt or the love of the county. He attended Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School in Wimborne and at 18 worked at the Wimborne News for two years before beginning his national service in 1955. After that he worked on papers including the Hertfordshire Mercury, the Romford Recorder and the Ilford Pictorial, and then moved to launch the Argus – a tough job in an already crowded but very lucrative market, served at one time by five different newspapers.

His fierce insistence on fact-checking belied a character that former colleagues described as encouraging, kind, funny, quirky, intelligent and patient.

Brian went on to become an editor at the Yellow Advertiser before freelancing until a stroke in 2014 brought his career to an end.

He was devoted to his second wife, Joyce (née Noys), a receptionist, whom he married in 1973 and her son, Alan. They survive him, as do his children, Russell and Kate, from his first marriage, to Joan, which ended in divorce.

GRAHAM POWELL (38-47)

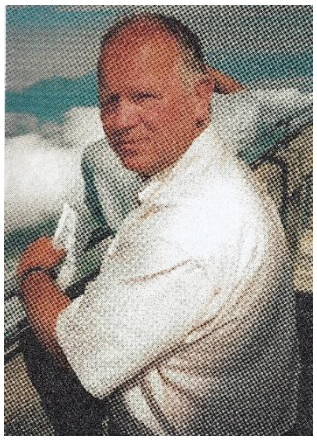
(We have just received the sad news that Graham died on 14th September. We are most grateful to his wife, Hazel, for letting us know. We hope to include a detailed tribute to Graham in our next newsletter.

Ed.)

RODNEY GEORGE FRAMPTON (started at QEGS, Wimborne in 1962)

(Although not an OWA member, Rodney was a former pupil at QEGS and we recently received the sad news that he died on 14th April.

Ed.)



Rodney George Frampton (Rod) was born on the 6th July 1951 in Holtwood. He was the second son of Max and Ivy Frampton who already had Trevor (3½ years Rod's senior) and, subsequently, they were to have a third son Tim (7½ years his junior). From an early age his family life was centred around Holtwood Chapel, attending church service in the morning and Sunday School in the afternoon.

In 1962 Rod was faced with sitting the dreaded 11-plus exam. As a result, he joined older brother Trevor at Wimborne County Modern School, Pamphill in 1962, but it soon became obvious that a mistake had been made. It transpired that the examiners had made an error and he should have attended Wimborne Grammar School after all. His Mother was ecstatic, with his Father groaning about having to pay for yet another school uniform, but Rod was only too pleased to play Rugby for whoever !

At 16 Rod took to the road on a scooter which meant he could meet up at school lunchtimes with Carol (who would subsequently become his wife) at Parkstone Grammar School as their romance blossomed. Although Rod had been driving tractors and an old car on local lanes, he was desperate to be able to drive a car "on the road" legally. As you have to be 17 years old to do so he had a plan ! He was 17 on Saturday 6th July and his driving instructor put him in for the test on Monday 8th – and he passed ! Thence, he saved frantically for a car and subsequently, bought a red mini.

Once on a special treat visit Rod was taken by his father to the Motor Show at Earls Court. He was inspired seeing the young salesmen in sharp suits and the even more impressive cars – this was to influence his early career.

After leaving school he began a technician's course at the Ford Motor Company in Dagenham. Living in 'digs' and "doing hard sums" in the classroom, and being under sharp supervision in the machine shop; it seemed a long way away from 'swanning around' at the Motor Show. To add to his disillusionment, he alone was 'selected' to travel to Cumbria to join other 'selected' young men for an outward bound course ! This wasn't an easy spot of team building – this was 'Boot Camp' ! However, ultimately, he did become one of those men in sharp suits at the Motor Show.

Carol had followed Rod to London and became a policewoman with The City of London police. They married and Rod moved with the Ford Motor Company from Essex to Rugby before moving back to Dorset when Rod accepted the offer of a post within the family firm of S J Frampton. He worked closely with his father and took great pride in the building projects with which the firm were involved and continued to build on the good reputation that his father and brothers had brought to the business. In the 1990s a worldwide recession had its impact on many businesses and times were not easy in the building trade, including that for S J Frampton. The three brothers, working closely together, found a new way forward, each of them played a part in that challenging process.

Rod enjoyed ten years of retirement in which he particularly valued time with his wife Carol, his three children Joanna, Oliver and Rose, their partners and his six grandchildren – all of whom survive him.

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…….. was this your last view from QEGS as you left on your last day ?



[Source : *Wimborne Camera*]

[*Grammar School Lane – perhaps your last view from the School as you left the King Street site ?*]

Grateful thanks to Melvyn Gilbert at Minster Press for his help in reproducing this Newsletter