



WCA Newsletter

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2005 REUNION WEEK WAS THE BEST YET!

The official reunion day on 2 July 2005 saw former students enjoying the company of current pupils, parents and staff at the **Annual College Summer Fayre**. Some joined in a current v past pupils' **cricket match** during the afternoon, kindly organized by Alan Corrigan (62-69), and around 100 stayed for the **Hog Roast supper**.

The day began with escorted tours of the College led by 6th Formers, in the course of which many comparisons were made between the superb facilities that exist now and the way things were 'in our day.' Some of those who had not returned for many years found it difficult to visualise where particular nissen huts once stood!

The Parent-Staff Association (PSA) Summer Fayre got underway at lunch-time and it was surprising to find how many of the parents are College past-pupils. The WCA ran two stands: a book stall (John Beales and Julie Harding) and a one-in-twenty five-chance raffle (Philip Wade and Alan Bridges).

At 1.30 pm, Alan Corrigan's Old Boys XI took to the field against a College XI in 20 overs match, using the 1st team pitch (sad to note the absence of the old pavilion that was destroyed by fire in 1972). It was closely fought, but in the end the College XI gained victory by just a few runs.



The Old Boys XI (minus one): George Ross, Dave Johnson, Bryan Baxter, Robin Corrigan, Alan Corrigan (Captain), Tom Archer, George Corrigan, Steve Read, Barry Martin, Joseph Ludkin ... (Mike Curry missing!)

In the evening, we enjoyed a hog roast in the Refectory and were entertained by the excellent music and humour of **The Rockin' Johnnies**, John Dunn (61-68) and John Langham (65-69).

This topped an eventful week, which also saw the **Annual 1950s Golf Match** on Friday 1 July, excellently organized by Bob Rowell, and the presence of a team of WCA members at the College stand at the **Royal Norfolk Show** on Wed 29/Thu 30 June.

It was certainly a great opportunity for former students to enjoy a Norfolk week in high summer, ideal for those needing an excuse to come back to Norfolk! And we plan to do more of the same for 2006 (see details on page 2).

1950s GOLF DAY AND DINNER SPROWSTON, 1 JULY 2005 *by Bob Rowell (52-59)*

We enjoyed another day's golf on the redesigned and maturing course at Sprowston Manor, which is a golfing challenge even to the regular golfers. In the evening, the non golfers joined the party for a meal in the Suffolk Suite in the hotel. It was great to welcome some new golfers to this event, but disappointing that some of those from previous years already had golfing or holiday commitments and were unable to be there. (See page 2 for details of this year's event for your diary!). Tony Pyle won the competition at his first attempt and appeared a little embarrassed at having done so. We have no problem with that, but do look forward to him returning to defend his title!

Longest Drive – Tony Wyatt
Nearest The Pin – Terry Nicholls

Those attending:

Barry Adkins, John Beales, David Burdett, Ruth Chase (Brown), Janet Couperthwaite (Wing), Terry Coppin, David Everett, Alan Fry, Brian Fuller, Huby Harbord, Pat Harvey (Basey), Mike Herring, Tony Lake, Geoff Morter, Tony Moulton, Terry Nicholls, Beverly Nicholls, Joyce Pycroft (Daniels), Tony Pyle, Ann Pyle (McCafferty), Peter Read, Mike Rees, Bob Rowell, Maggie Skipp (Smith), David Spinks, Vera Spinks, Mervyn Taylor, David Whyte, Pat Wooldridge (Dack), Esme Wyatt (McNaulty), Tony Wyatt.

"THE 60S BUNCH" REUNIONS *by Philip Wade (60-67)*

The Grand National weekend at the Manor Hotel, Blakeney, in April 2005 was a great success. The combination of golf, walks, watching the racing, good food and drink and excellent company was a winner! See page 3 for what is planned for 2006.



The Blakeney crowd clockwise from top left: Graham Smith, Eileen Pearson, Sandra Leeks, Steve Human, Alan Bridges, Susanne Milligan, Marion Rix, Philip Wade, Victor Laird, Richard Hines, Alistair Taylor.

Annual Christmas drinks were held on Sunday 11th December 2005 at the Kings Arms, Hall Road, Norwich. No Nicola Keatley anymore as landlady, but we were still well looked after. Friends who came along were Alan Bridges, Eileen Pearson, Graham Smith, Marion Reed, Susanne Milligan, Alan McIvor Dean, Carole Arnold, Philip Robinson, Steven Read, Brian Ellis, Kathy Eastwood, Chris Brown, Gerald Francis, Sandra Leeks, Alistair Taylor and Stephen Human. Great way to spend an afternoon.

Afterwards seven of us went for supper in the Chinese restaurant above the multi-storey car-park at the top of St. Stephen's Street in Norwich, which is still serving excellent food after quite a few years. Lovely evening too.

If you would like to hear direct what the 60s Bunch are up to, please send/ resend me your e-mail address to philip@windhoek.co.uk so I have your latest contact details.

REUNION WEEK 28 JUNE-1 JULY 2006

This will follow the same general format as 2005:

ROYAL NORFOLK SHOW ON 28 AND 29 JUNE 2006:

There will be a team of WCA members on the College stand throughout both days – do come and join us for a chat (helpers most welcome – please contact the Alumni Secretary, Joanne Allen, on alumni@wymondhamcollege.com)

GOLF AND/OR DINNER AT SPROWSTON MANOR ON FRIDAY 30 JUNE:

Bob Rowell is kindly organising another 1950s Golf Day this year. It will again be at Sprowston Manor and held on Friday 30th June to precede the official reunion the next day. Vera Spinks is looking forward to more lady golfers being with us this year, if possible!

Please put this date in your diary and contact Bob Rowell for more information on 01629 582229, 07710229126 or bob.rowell@virgin.net

OFFICIAL WCA ANNUAL REUNION ON SATURDAY 1 JULY 2006:

We are grateful to the College for allowing us to hold this on site again. It will coincide with the retirement of Chris Sayer, whom many of you will remember, and we hope many of you will turn up to enjoy the day and wish him well.

There will be **tours** of the College led by 6th formers available on request in the morning (9.30 am until 12 noon), and the **PSA Summer Fayre** to enjoy in the afternoon (12 noon until 4 pm), where you will be able to purchase refreshments and at which the WCA will have a stall.



Philip Wade, Marion Rix and Alan Bridges on the raffle stall at the 2005 Summer Fayre

Also during the afternoon, there will be past v. current students cricket and tennis matches, and if anyone wants to volunteer to organize anything else (rounders?), do please contact the Alumni Secretary.

Cricket match: if you'd like to take part, please contact Alan Corrigan on adcorrigan@aol.com or 0208 429 1464. The current pupils won last year – let's see if the past students can turn the tables this year!

Tennis match: if you are interested in playing, contact Michael Brand on mbrand@oshsch.com. He's particularly interested in hearing from members of his former tennis teams (what about it Messrs Budd, Spurgeon, Tufts, Hammond, Hannant Brands, Soleau, Dennys et al?!).

Afternoon tea: Tea and coffee will be available in the Peel Common Room from 4-6 pm for those wanting a quiet place to 'chill' before the evening 'do'.



Heather Wright (nee Sanders), Francis Wright and Brian Ellis at the 2005 Reunion Dinner

Dinner: This will be an informal event in the Refectory starting at 6.30 pm, with a Hog Roast supper (with vegetarian alternative, salads and desserts), a pay bar and music (incl. Frank Lawlor on the piano). The cost for the dinner is just £15 per head. If you wish to attend the Reunion, please complete and return the form in the centre of this newsletter.

Worried you might not know anyone? - why not get a table of friends together?!

NEW CHAIRMAN'S GREETINGS

From Michael Brand (Staff 63-98)

I am delighted to take up the post of Chairman for 2005/6. The highlight of this year will be our official WCA reunion on 1st July 2006. It will, I hope, be a special one. Our President for the year, Mr Christopher Sayer, is retiring from the teaching staff after 38 years service. This is a new record equalled only by a former bursar. Of the 38 years, 33 of them have been spent as a Head of House. This is, indeed, a College record and, I would think, a national one also.

It is my hope that as many former members of Peel and Kett Hall (staff and students) would try to attend if possible.

Or, if you have any memories of Mr Sayer you wish to share, do please get in touch.



Chris Sayer - who will be retiring this year

Also, I personally should like to see former students from Salisbury and Fry. I look forward to seeing lots of you then!

CAROLE ARNOLD RETIRES

Carole Arnold retired in September 2005 after 8 years as Secretary of the Wymondham College Association (WCA) and Wymondham College Trust (WCT).

Very many thanks to Carole for all her hard work in establishing, nurturing interest in and building the WCA into an association of which former students, governors and staff alike can feel proud to be part, and which we can all enjoy.

To mark her retirement, we were able to take Carole out for a meal to celebrate the occasion (see picture below of her chatting to College Principal, Victoria Musgrave (left), and WCA President Bob Rowell.



Those of you who got to know and appreciate the time Carole would dispense through friendly telephone conversations will be pleased to know that, as a 'member' of your association, she will continue the good times through her input as a committee member.

Carole's successor is Joanne Allen who will, I am sure, bring her own style, enthusiasm and success to both the WCA and WCT.

David Spinks (51-55)

THE 60S BUNCH
ANNUAL GRAND NATIONAL WEEKEND
7-9 APRIL 2006, LONDON

Thanks to Alan Bridges, the details for the weekend away are as follows:

Venue: Hilton London Hyde Park Hotel, Bayswater Road. Arrive Friday April 7th, depart Sunday April 9th. Two nights Bed & Breakfast plus dinner on the first night for a total cost of £94 per person. There is no single supplement! Details of the hotel/break can be found at www.sagaholidays.co.uk/hilton. The hotel does not have its own car park but there is a Master (?) Car Park nearby at £20 per 24 hrs! Booking Tel No: 0800 856 2851. Quote Saga Code: P37SF2.

IMPORTANT NOTE: It is not an indefinite offer, so book early to avoid disappointment!!

Can't stay? Why not just drop in for drinks or a meal? – everyone welcome.

Philip Wade (60-67)

A NORFOLK 60S GET-TOGETHER
17 JUNE 2006

Enid Stanbrook-Evans (nee Watson - 1957-64) writes: "Is there any interest for those who left the College in the early-to-mid 60s in a social gathering at Wensum Valley on June 17th 2006, with a fork buffet like last time (2003). I know several are available and interested, but I have very few contacts at present, as I lost my provider some time ago with my addresses! All help with spreading the word to our usual crowd would be much appreciated if we make it a date. It doesn't have to be a large affair to be fun."
enidst_evans@yahoo.com.

CALLING ALL COUNTIES/COUNTRIES!

We'd love to get a programme of **County Suppers** together. Is there anyone out there who would like to take on the job of organizing an annual get-together for past pupils of the College living in your county? It could be a drink/meal at the pub, or a small reception in your own home – whatever you prefer. It would probably cross the 'decades' and provide an opportunity for both reminiscing and local networking! The WCA database can provide a list of past students and staff by county to help get started, and we can probably try to send a Committee Member along too if that helps! Of course, if you are based

overseas, you could do this on a country-wide basis! Do contact the Alumni Secretary if you'd like to give it a go.

If any of you are already organising mini reunions, even if these are just for a few of your peers, do please let us have details for the newsletter and we'll be happy to include them.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2004/5
by Philip Wade (60-67)

My year as Chairman has certainly been a rewarding and enjoyable one.

July 2005 saw another successful official reunion at the College, in a more informal style than in previous years, and the Norfolk Show was a wonderful opportunity to chat to past students. The online database is flourishing once again, providing an excellent resource for contacting the 4500+ past students now on it. Other smaller reunions and sporting activities continue to be organized by various past pupils, which is encouraging. And the WCA is on a firmer financial footing than ever before thanks to fundraising efforts. My thanks go the Committee and our other WCA supporters for making this all possible.

Do please continue to let us have feedback on what you want to see the Association doing. We'd love to have more Committee members, particularly to better represent the ladies and younger leavers. I pass the Chairman's baton to Michael Brand, who I know will do an excellent job as Chairman.

TREASURER'S REPORT 2004-5
by Steve Read (68-73)

The accounts for the year to 30th September 2005 showed a satisfactory increase in net funds held; from £2802 at the beginning of the year to £3932 at its end. Without going into great detail, a brief summary of the year's transactions are as follows:

Net Surplus from Reunion event	£1005
Net Surplus from 100 Club	£2145
Other donations and income	£ 870
Newsletter cost and distribution	£(2558)
Other costs	£(333)

What the figures above do not show is the support and time given freely by the committee, and also the College, who fund the Alumni Secretary position, and to whom we are very grateful.

The 100 Club continues to provide vital income to the WCA and new members are welcome (see 100 Club report opposite). We also rely on your donations, so do please keep them coming (form in the centre of this newsletter).

The coming year brings fresh challenges. Your Committee is committed to improving the www.wymondhamca.co.uk registration website and has enlisted professional support and maintenance to enable this to happen. Also, it is the aim to improve the quality and content of your annual newsletter, already by far the largest item of WCA expenditure.

In conclusion, whilst currently in a satisfactory financial position, it is imperative that in order to provide improving facilities we are able to be in a position to afford to do so! As a consequence you can be sure that your Committee will be attempting to find ways to ensure this happens.

100 CLUB REPORT
by Phil Robinson (66-73)

This is the second full year that we have been operating the WCA 100 club and we have generated £2,145.00 in income (as at 30th September 2005). This is an encouraging sum, but it could be much higher. At present we only have 73 members who subscribe £5.00 per month into the draw. This is an increase from the 60 members that we had last year. But, given that we have 4,500+ members on our database, I would have expected membership to be substantially higher. I constantly read within the newsletter of the numerous ex-pupils who are grateful for their time at the College and it surprises me that more of them have not wanted to become members of the 100 club to ensure that the WCA survives.

Of the monies raised, 40% is redistributed in prize monies with 60% being retained by the WCA. The cost of producing, printing and posting the yearly newsletter is in excess of £2,500, so the current income from the draw does not even cover the newsletter costs. Thus we are reliant on reunion profits and donations to ensure that the WCA can operate effectively

For those of you who may wish to join, the monthly payment can be made by Standing Order but we are happy to accept yearly payments of £60.00 if preferred.

We meet monthly at hostelrys within Norfolk (and try to ensure that the ones we choose offer a good selection of real ales, and are actually open!) and all ex-pupils and staff are more than welcome to attend. If you have a local that you would like us to visit, please let us know. However the only way of effectively advising people of where/ when we meet is by e-mail. If you wish to be kept advised of the monthly meetings and who has won, and you also have access to the Internet/e-mail, please contact me so that I can add you to the list.

If you feel that you can support the WCA in this scheme, please contact me, Phil Robinson – WCA 100 Club Administrator at: “Pipkim”, Hill Road, Fair Green, Middleton, King’s Lynn Norfolk, PE32 1RW or email at philip.robinson@constructionplus.net.

A copy of the relevant Bank Mandate can be found in the centre of this newsletter.

WYCOL PSA BALL 3 JUNE 2006

The PSA are holding their Grand Summer Ball on Sat 3rd June in the marquee in the College grounds. Tickets are £35 per head, tables of 10, canapés and Pimms on arrival 7pm, hot and cold buffet, dancing to Agent Orange, Grand Auction, carriages 12.30pm. Past pupils would be most welcome. They are also hoping to gain sponsorship for tables this year and would love to hear from anyone (or their company?) who would be willing to sponsor one. Further details from: Sandie Hammond on 01603 713630 or hammond.sandie@virgin.net.

COLLEGE MAGAZINES

If you would like to purchase copies of the latest College magazine 2005-6 when it is published, these are available via the Alumni Secretary at a cost of £5.00 (please complete and return the enclosed Response Sheet accordingly).

Joanne also has several copies of the College magazines covering the years from 1975 to 2005 (but not including 1977 and 1984) which are surplus to requirements. These can be purchased for £3 each (including P&P) by sending your order with a cheque payable to Wymondham College Association to the Alumni Secretary at the College address.

MEMORABILIA

There are still copies for sale of the book “**Wymondham College – The First Fifty Years**” written by long-serving teachers Roger Garrard and Michael Brand. This 92-page book provides a detailed and well-illustrated chronological history of the College. It was published in July 2001. It can be purchased from the Alumni Secretary at the reduced price of £5, plus P&P (£2 UK, £5 overseas). All proceeds go to the Wymondham College Trust Bursary Fund. Order form enclosed.

Also now available are **limited edition (500) signed prints** of a Battle of Britain Memorial Flight Spitfire flying over the College, size 63 cm x 50cm. The original painting was done by David Chedgy (Head of Art at the College) in 1986. The prints are signed by David, Sir Michael Beetham (Marshal of the Royal Air Force), Sqn Ldr Tony Banfield (RAF Officer Commanding, BBMF) and Flt Lt Jim Wild (RAF Pilot - who flew the plane over the College on 15 September 1986). Price is £10 each, plus postage & packing - £3 UK and £5 overseas. Orders to the Alumni Secretary, with cheques payable to Wymondham College Association. To view a small reproduction of this painting, please see www.WCRemembered's fundraising page. *One of these prints was sold at auction by Keys of Aylsham for £40 on 19 August 2005!*

NOTICE OF WCA AGM 2006

This will take place on Saturday 18 November 2006 at 11 am at the College. All past students and staff are welcome – just advise the Secretary if you plan to attend.

AGENDA:-

1. Apologies
2. Minutes of the last AGM
3. Matters Arising
4. Chairman’s Report
5. Treasurer’s Report and adoption of accounts
6. Secretary’s Report
7. Election of Officers and Committee
8. Any Other Business

MAKE A LEGACY AND SAVE TAX?

Are you aware that Inheritance Tax (IHT) is charged at the rate of 40% on death on estates valued above £275,000? What was once considered a tax that applied only to the wealthy is now, due to the rapid increases in the value of residential properties, something for which the majority of individuals need to plan.

Fortunately there are a number of strategies and actions (too numerous to go into detail here – seek good professional advice) that can be taken, both during lifetime and upon death, that can dramatically reduce (and even eliminate) the tax burden on families and loved ones. Probably the single most important method is to make a will that will minimise the IHT position by efficient distribution of the estate upon death.

One aspect that is not so well known is that gifts to charities are generally fully exempt, whether made in lifetime or on death. The **Wymondham College Trust** is a registered charity whose aim is to support the College in providing their unique education experience to future generations regardless of social background (see the website www.wymondhamcollegetrust.co.uk).

So, for those of you considering making a will or inserting a codicil to an existing will, why not include a bequest to the **Wymondham College Trust** – you may just be saving your spouse/children some tax!

DATES FOR YOUR 2006 DIARY

7-9 April	60s Bunch Grand National Weekend
3 June	PSA Grand Summer Ball
17 June	Norfolk 60s Get-together
28-29 June	Royal Norfolk Show
30 June	’50s Golf Day, Sprowston
1 July	PSA Summer Fayre and WCA Official Reunion
14 Sept.	College Presentation Evening at 7.30 pm
12 Nov.	College Remembrance Service
18 Nov.	WCA AGM
19 Nov.	Founder’s Day at College, at which all past pupils and staff are most welcome

NEWS FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE

Dear fellow alumni,

As I put pen to paper as Acting Principal, a position many of my 82-87 cohort may not quite believe, the news that **the College has just been granted £9.8 million by the DfES**, has just been released.

This magnificent news comes following over two years' worth of work by the Senior Management team. As a result, the College will now be able to expand the opportunities of even more youngsters than currently possible. Over a 5-year period, a further 210 pupils will be able to join one of the best schools in the country, under the "Successful and Popular Scheme".

The £9.8 million is going towards building a further 11 classrooms, moving the staffroom out of Peel and constructing a 110-bed expansion of Lincoln House (our current Yr 13 House). This will enable us to house all the sixth form under one roof, with many new facilities, including en-suite rooms for the Yr13's.

This news came on top of a very successful 2005, which saw **100% of students achieving 5 A-Cs at GCSE and a 98% pass rate at A Level**. Plus, we were placed 2nd in the County value-added tables for Key Stages 2-4 (2nd behind Norwich High School for Girls), and top for Key Stage 3-4.

Below I have highlighted some of the changes/events that have occurred over recent months at the College, which hopefully will be of interest to you.

Second Specialism

I am delighted to confirm that the College has been selected to hold a second specialism. We are currently a Technology Specialist College and, as of April 06, we will also be a Modern Foreign Language Specialist College. This award brings extra funding into the College which will enable us to develop our MFL Dept's resources and opportunities.

State Boarding Schools Assoc.

The College played host to over 120 delegates on 15th and 16th January 06 for this organisation's Annual Conference. The event was hugely successful and

showed the College in very positive terms. We were privileged to hear from Prof John West-Burnham, Norman Lamb MP, Richard Bacon MP and Prof Eastwood from the UEA. A number of Governors attended the conference, which included a fantastic "Norfolk" meal on the Sunday evening.

Staffing

The following teaching staff left at the end of the Summer 05 term: Lesley Arrowsmith (Maths), Matthew Chapillon (English), James Gibbon (Geography), Lisa Ryans (Science), Robert Wood (Maths), Valentina Keller (English), Mike Foster (Science), Ben Ash (Bus. Studies), James Hibbert (English), Michelle Witting (English), Keith Ashness (Science), Charles Hill (Science), Sarah Caine (Psychology), Linda Foster (PE), Louise Black (English) and Rachel Clarke (English).

In the Spring Term 2006, Miss Katie Mann joined the College, replacing Mrs Louise Black in the English Dept and in Peel. Mrs Polly Atkin also is due to return to her post of Deputy Head of Cavell, following maternity leave.

Sport

Biathlon: December saw the first ever Eastern Regional Schools' Biathlon. The event was in Thetford and attracted 200 competitors from over 40 schools in the region. 13 competitors from the College qualified for the Nationals.

Cross Country: The first round of the England Schools' Cup was hosted by the College and attended by 18 schools in 4 age groups. Our Inter Boys came in 1st, our Inter Girls 2nd, Junior Girls 3rd and Junior Boys 6th.

Football: The 1st XI team are flying high in the Anglian Services League and The Norwich Schools' League and Cup. The 2nd team are playing in the Anglian Independent Schools' League and are currently in first place.

Hockey: The season started with mixed success. Notable successes have been a 7-1 win for the U14s over Greshams B squad and 8-0 victory for the U16s over Framlingham. Also, seven pupils have been selected to play for the County.

Netball: Both the U14 and U16 squads progressed to the County Tournaments. The 1st VI also competed in the County

Round of the National Schools' Tournament where they successfully took away the County Cup for the first time.

Rounders: Congratulations go to the four pupils who were successful in the 2nd round of England Rounders trials.

Rugby: The College has enjoyed and recorded yet another successful season across all the age groups and the teams have won 80% of their matches. In the Daily Mail national competitions, the 1st team reached the 3rd round and the U15s the 5th round.

Swimming: The Senior Swimming Squad competed in the first ever Norfolk Schools' Swimming Gala for Y10-13 held at the UEA in September. College students won the Y10/11 Boys' Trophy and were crowned overall champions.

Other Activities

Drugs Education: Congratulations went to six students who were chosen to receive the Diana, Princess of Wales Memorial Awards for their outstanding contributions to the school and the community in the form of our Drugs Education Group.

English and Drama: The College production of "Daisy Pulls it Off" was staged at the Norwich Playhouse over 3 nights in November. As ever, the production was a huge success and the subject of rave reviews.

Also in November, David Almond, the award-winning children's author, visited the College to sign books and talk to Y7 students.

Two College teams reached the Final of a national literature competition. Although the teams did not win, they were proud to be there and look forward to competing again next year.

Musical Events: The Founders' Day Concert took place on Sunday 27th November and saw performances by the Concert Band, Junior Windband, Jazz Band, Saxophone Group, Flute Choir, String Group, Brass Group, Boys' and Girls' Choirs and the College Choir.

Finally, I would like to send out an invitation to all alumni to get in touch with the Association, and to become more involved in the future developments of our College.

Yours still in boarding,
Dominic Findlay
Acting Principal

EXCERPTS FROM WCREMEMBERED.CO.UK

We are grateful to Bill ('Herb') Atkins, WCA Committee member, who also runs and edits the wonderful WCRemembered website, for the following "gleanings":

Regaining Contact

Barry Adkins (North House 1954-59) is keen to re-establish contact with **Robert Mapes**, **Michael Hulme** (used to live in the Preston Area, but is not in the phone book), **David Tilson** (lived in East Winch) and **Diana Gosling** (left in 1960 and lived in East Dereham). Please get in touch with Barry at janet@adkins84.freemove.co.uk.

Trevor Lincoln is trying to contact **Carol Hazard** who was at the College in the early Sixties - brookhouse.mail@fsmail.net.

From **Rhiannon Williams**: "I studied at Wymondham College from 1995 until 2002, having a fantastic time as I'm sure most people did. I was sent there principally because my mother had been there before me; her name when she attended (1960's) was **Gillian Bishop**, and as you may know, she passed away almost five years ago now. I have noticed a couple of references to her on WCR, one by Philip Wade in the 2004 newsletter and another in the 'in memoriam' section. Is it possible to get in touch with Philip or anyone who may have known her? I am eager to learn more about her during her Wymondham days and would like to find out if there are any photographs out there."

Philip Bacon writes: "I would like to make contact with **Ray (RJ) Smith** (nicknamed unfairly 'Screwball' by the Art master, great characters both!) and **Gerald Gunton** (Captain 1st XV) who were in the college with me from 1955 to 1962. My Nickname was Sam (after Sam Pig adventures)! Ray went to Birmingham University and read Civil Engineering. We last met in 1963 at a college ball at Rugby College of Engineering Technology. Gerald became a Geography teacher and married **Chris Vincent** (also same years) who was at Canley Teacher Training College (Now Warwick University) and we used to meet there occasionally where I met my wife. It would be great to make contact with them or Chris to find out what has

happened over the years. Best wishes, Phil Bacon (Sam) - Now living in Wales - philbacon@europus.com. [*Gerald and Chris were at the 2005 Reunion and we have passed Phil's message on to them via the WCA database website*]

Dawn Tupper (formerly Burlingham) would like to get in contact with **Pam Medlock** and **Sue Speed**. Dawn was a year older but was quite friendly with both girls - dawn@reddy7.fsnet.co.uk.

David Hamilton (1961-67) would like to know what became of two past pupils at Wymondham from at least 64-66; **Susan Watts** (who was in the Junior Choir at one time) and **Caroline (Aggy) Anderson** - contact him on davejhamilton@supanet.com.

Stella Howchin (nee Sparks) would dearly love to catch up again with **Teresa Wilson-Pepper**. They were both in Winchester from 1966 to 1972 - saps@telus.net.

Pamela Ashworth-Lucht (nee Keeley; East House 1959-63) appears on the 'Where Are They Now' page as being sought by **Ruth Richardson**, **Julia Gibbons** and **Sue Culley** (as were). She has been in touch with us but we don't have working addresses for either Ruth, Julia or Sue! Contact pamela.ashworth-lucht@virgin.net.

Lisa Curry (Kett then Lincoln, 1988 - 1995) is now working for the District Council in Huntingdon promoting healthy lifestyles. She is hoping to get in touch with **Garrick Munday**, **Ben Handford**, **Sarah White**, **Jo Doy**, **Garry Bond**, **Dodie Treplin** among many others. Lisa can be contacted on lisa.curry@huntsdc.gov.uk.

Finally, does anyone know where **Nicholas Barton** is? Philip Wade (philip@windhoek.co.uk) would like to get in touch.

General News

Fortunately there's been no let-up in the arrival of new material for the web site and so we have continued to expand in all areas, however we still need more photographs and memories related to the 1980s and 1990s. A big thank you to the good people who have taken the trouble to post, scan and e-mail their contributions. If you have yet to add your own input, do please unearth those old photos and set down in print your memories of your time at the College.

At the last count, 377 people have done just that, leaving another 12000 or so who are yet to take the plunge! Contact bill@wcremembered.co.uk or ring 0118 9613454.

The December edition of *Mathematics Teaching* (the Quarterly Journal of the Association of Teachers of Mathematics) featured a photo of Wymondham College Class 1c 1954 on its cover. The magazine's editor was looking for something appropriate to front the 50th Anniversary edition and found the photo in WCRemembered's 1950s Forms section. The photo was taken by '**Doc**' **Staveley** and our copy was kindly provided by Dennis Herrell. It features **Geoffrey Holmes**, **Dennis Herrell**, **Adrian Smith**, **Robin Hall**, **Patrick Lawty**, **William Hurren**, **Gill Faraway**, **Margaret Wilson**, **Janis Jongman**, **Carole Gaines**, **Geraldine Ratchford** and **Freda Pearce**, among others not yet identified. Bill Atkins has a couple of spare copies (first come, first served) bill@wcremembered.co.uk or phone 0118 9613454.

News of Past Pupils and Staff

We've discovered that two ex-pupils have engineering 'jobs to die for.' **Chris 'Stack' Morris** is Chief Engineer of the historic aircraft in the Shuttleworth Collection at Old Warden, Bedfordshire. On the ground, **Mike Gascoyne** is Toyota F1 Technical Director, having worked previously in senior positions for McLaren, Tyrrell, Sauber, Jordan and Benetton-Renault. In 1979, when at the College, Mike and his contemporary Andrew Watts received a Design Council award from the Duke of Edinburgh for their radio-controlled aircraft.

Do you remember **David Chedghey**? Under the headline 'Norwich couple's sex mission to India' it was explained that David and Debby, his second wife, were undertaking a 6-week tour taking in Delhi, Calcutta and other parts of India to carry out work ranging from teaching art to autistic children to educating truck drivers about safe sex. Debby is already well accustomed to the reality of sexually transmitted diseases through her role as co-director of the Matrix Project which helps sex-workers in Norwich. Artist husband David, known simply as Chedghey, said: "We just felt we needed to do something different - we were fed up of coming home in the evening and watching Eastenders."

There were five nominations for the British Radio Awards 'East of England Presenter of the Year' and they included two past-pupils; **Andie Harper** (BBC Radio Cambridgeshire - FM 96 and 95.7 MHz; AM 1026 metres) and **Richard Lawson** (North Norfolk Radio - FM 96.2 and 103.2 MHz). Richard has since left NNR and we're now unsure of his whereabouts - if you're out there Richard, please get in touch.

Our UK MPs **Patsy Calton** (Cheadle - Lib Dem), **Norman Lamb** (Norfolk North - Lib Dem) and **Stephen Byers** (Tyneside North - Labour) all retained their seats at the General Election on 5th May 2005. Sadly, Patsy died just a few weeks later (see Obituaries, p.11) Norman was later appointed as Trade and Industry spokesman for his party.

Colin Self was at the College in the 1950s, emerged in the 1960s pop art scene and is now a renowned artist and sculptor. He presented a programme 'Picture of Norfolk' on BBC1 (East) in June 2005.

Many of us watched the 13 part series 'Coast' in which geographer, writer and presenter **Nick Crane** (Durham 1967-72) travelled 11,700 miles around the entire coastline of the United Kingdom. The series explored England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland, looking at the UK's heritage, celebrating the unique character of its coastal communities, and telling the people's story of our seafaring nation.

Ben Patston, ex-1st XV, Norfolk Schools XV and Eastern Counties Schools XV player has joined the Northampton Saints RFU Academy as fly-half. More details at www.northamptonssaints.co.uk.

From the King's Lynn Citizen: 'Knott's Last Landing' - A former Downham Market man, who has made national newspaper headlines and appeared on breakfast television during a 40-year career at HM Customs and Excise, is retiring. Working as a front-line officer at Dover, **Nigel Knott** has experienced many amusing -and sometimes tragic - moments in the constant battle to prevent illicit goods coming into the country. He attended the Paradise Road School in Downham and won a scholarship to Wymondham College. He intends to continue part-time with public relations, make amateur films, and use his golf clubs a little more. His brother, Michael, runs a framing and art shop in Downham High Street.

Mark Strong (1973-79) appeared with Tamzin Outhwaite in the excellent 2-part ITV1 drama *Walk Away And I Stumble* in November 2005. He is also the narrator for the BBC2 series "Who Do You Think You Are?".

Mervyn Taylor (Pupil 1952-57 and Maths teacher 1961-95), competed in the world final of the Audi Quattro Golf Cup at Scottsdale, Arizona in November 2005 and came 13th (with his partner Gary Stuttard), scoring 66 points in the Stableford competition. In May he won the qualifying individual event at Bawburgh by a single point over Gary, then they teamed up to win the regional heat at Hanbury Manor Golf Club in Ware, Hertfordshire, and the UK final at Turnberry Golf Club, near Ayr in October. Mervyn is a member of Diss Golf Club and has a handicap of 12.

Zoe Ramsden (96-98) Mrs Musk-Chilvers passed on a programme of an Opera by Massenet held in Pujols, Lot et Garonne, France, in which Zoe took part along with her husband. Her contemporaries will remember that her opera career started at Wymondham College when she played the part of Mabel in Gilbert and Sullivan's 'Pirates of Penzance'. Zoe also performed at the Shelton Festival in June 2005.

Justin Bell (86-88) joined the Army after leaving the College and has done 8 operational tours, including Iraq, mostly with Explosive Ordnance Disposal Units. On 22 Sept 2004, his team undertook a clearance task which took 3 days and resulted in 8 tonnes of World War I&2 era ammunition being safely cleared; amongst these 1700 items, 45 were chemical weapons. His Unit Commander subsequently nominated him for a bravery award and, on 13 December 2005, he was awarded the Queen's Gallantry Medal for his work by HRH Prince Charles at Buckingham Palace. Justin is grateful for the good start in life that Wymondham College gave him and highlighted the fact that, of the 280 Ammunition Technicians in the Army, he has come across 6 who are former students of the College!

WYMONDHAM COLLEGE GHOST - THE STORY CONTINUES

The 2005 Newsletter carried a piece by Maurice Jackson (52-59) about the so-called College Ghost. Here is a reply from Terry Howard.

"Your correspondent's article on the above is, I'm afraid, pure invention! I and the likes of Chris Lester and Ian Jenner lived in the said end room and witnessed the "phenomena" from day one. In full it consisted of knocks and scraping sounds, and something akin to water dripping. Wellies dropping from lockers... nonsense! Also the room was never in uproar, nor was anyone ever bewildered or frightened! Finally, the housemaster at the time was Bill Bailey as we called him, so it would be easy to check MY facts against the self-styled legend maker in your pages.

PS. I believe the tapes are still around; my daughter listened to them during her incarceration in the 70s."

WCA ONLINE DATABASE

The on-line Wymondham College Association registration database (wymondhamca.co.uk) unfortunately suffered problems during the Spring and Summer and may well have caused users some frustration, for which we apologise. However, it underwent maintenance at the beginning of November and is now 'back on the air'. It is the main source of contact details for newsletter mailings, and provides a wonderful opportunity for past students to get in touch with each other direct via the 'contact a friend' facility.

At its inception, there were plans to include a message board facility but, for various reasons, this has been scrapped. However, there is another message board facility available on <http://communities.msn.co.uk/WymondhamCollegePastPupils>.

Of course, the database only works effectively if the records are up-to-date, and we would make a plea that you take a few minutes to go online and check that your details (postal and email) are still correct. We are hoping to use the mass e-mailing facility more in the course of 2006 to keep you up-to-date with latest news and developments. However, when we tried this at the end of 2005, it became apparent that over 350 of the 4000+ registrants' e-mail addresses were out of date, which meant a lot of costly and time-consuming remedial work for the Alumni Secretary removing the old addresses. We would rather spend time and money developing the site, so would be very grateful if you could please try to keep your details updated.

OTHER NEWS OF PAST PUPILS/STAFF

The following are excerpts taken from the online new and re-registrations of past pupils/staff on the WCA website www.wymondhamca.co.uk, via which you should be able to contact them:-

From the 1950s.....

David Ladbroke (51-54) Retired and enjoying it!

Heather Bligh (Roy 53-59) I was a scholarship entrant at 10 years of age and went right through to Upper Sixth. I now live in Australia with David Bligh who was a student at the same time.

Ian Logan (53-60) Wymondham to Bristol University to Land Survey Training at Newbury. Then Directorate of Overseas Surveys 1964-1987 living/working in various third world countries. Then Ordnance Survey until recent retirement. Married; three boys, four grandchildren.

Jean Freeman-Allen (Snelling 54-59) Married - two children - one girl, one boy plus one stepson. Working as Exams Officer at local school. Trekked the Inca Trail this year for Age Concern. It was fantastic.

Dennis Hanwell (54-59) Retired to Jamaica following career in the chemical/pharmaceutical industry. Companies include May & Baker, Syntex Bahamas, Ghist brocades Bahamas, Chirex UK. Played rugby until late 80's for combined Bahamas/ Jamaica Golden Oldies team in Australia and the UK.

Keith Hudson (54-61) Aimless, mostly unsatisfying existence immediately after leaving WC. Travelling overland to Australia in the late 60's proved to be formative and ever since I have become happier and happier. Now living a life of well-provided ease with a congenial wife, amiable offspring and wonderful weather. My memories of WC are mixed - I feel in some ways that the formal education I received was better than my kids had - but I'd never have sent them there.

Philip Bacon (55-62) I am presently living in Monmouthshire in a 'restored' farmhouse. I have run my own company Europus Ltd since 1991, after 12 years with ICI Fibres across Europe and six years with Texaco Refinery. The company provides European project and management consultancy services to companies and organisations across Europe. Topics covered are: renewable energy, automotive and aeronautical technologies. We raise funds for R&D and develop the small companies. I am married with two grown-up children. Hobbies include 'house restoration' and Morgan/classic cars.

Diana Poole (Leggett 55-62) Still teaching, in Nottinghamshire. Family grown up and left home.

Rosemary Bentley (Smith 56-62) Trained as a nurse at Addenbrookes Hospital in Cambridge 1963-66. Continued nursing in Cambridge. Married in 1969. I have two sons aged 32 and 30 and three grandsons.

Christopher John Smith (56-63) Fair curly hair, stammer, hobbies model aircraft & photography. Started out in South House moving to Gloucester house in Lincoln Hall. School prefect demoted by Metcalfe for being caught at Snetterton race track one Sunday afternoon (with others!).

Michael Oakes (57-59) I was, I believe, only the second American student, "Yank", to have attended Wymondham at the time...in the late '50's. I was an American Air Force 'brat'. My father was stationed at Sculthorpe AFB. We lived in Holt and my sister went to Sutherland House in Cromer during the same period.

Bill Johnson (58-61) Described by Jack Hawkyard as having "a negative personality" - otherwise known as keeping your head down and not attracting attention. In fact, I don't even remember me!

From the 1960s.....

Andie Harper (58-66) Left WC in 1966 and started teaching at Feltwell in 1970. Moved to Cambs in 1987 where I taught until 1997. Freelanced at BBC Radio Cambridgeshire from 1989 presenting most programmes but, on leaving teaching in 1997, I became the Sports Producer. Am now presenting the Mid Morning Show. My son Adam and daughter Ceri were both at WC in the 1980's in Kett.

June Clarke (Armiger 59-62) I have been married to Phillip for 36 years. I have two sons, Anthony now 34 and Ian 32. Anthony is married to Sarah and has a son Harry who is 6. Ian is 32 and lives with his partner Sally. I work as a Senior Healthcare Assistant at Lloyds Pharmacy Aylsham.

Jill Thorn (Welfare 59-62) Left school to come to Australia in 1962. Worked for a few years in various jobs, laboratory assistant, sales assistant, before getting married in 1967. Had four children - 3 girls, 1 son. I now have 6 grandchildren!! My husband was killed in a car accident in 1979 so raised my four children alone as a full time job!! Worked for 12 years @ TAFE NSW as class support. Now retired.

Pamela Ashworth-Lucht (Keeley 59-63) I arrived with the scholarship intake in Sept.'59. I was a very 'broad Norfolk' spoken village girl from North Creake, near Burnham Market, who was also an epileptic. I have never worked out how I was allowed at boarding college but guess it might have helped other kids grow into a world with all types. I left in '63, a confident young woman who has had a varied life and three husbands (the latest still alive, and my toyboy!). Please get in touch if you remember me; we are none of us getting any younger and I have left contact a bit late, to say the least!!!

Margaret Chapman (Benstead 59-64) Joined WC in 2nd Year and stayed until Upper Sixth. Following a career as Primary School teacher, I am at present working as Home Tutor for Suffolk County Council (teaching pupils who have been excluded or are out of the school system for medical reasons). I would love to hear from any old friends, e.g. Cathy Browning or Marian Adam. I am married with two daughters and

five grandchildren and am into photography and Family History.

Sarah Childs (Betts 59-66) Trained as a physiotherapist in London and stayed there 7 years; a spell in Cambridge then emigrated to Australia. Returned to Norfolk 1977 (not such a bad place after all!) and worked at Cromer, Mundesley & Kelling Hospitals before retiring happily 2 years ago. Now busy with various courses, travelling, gardening, tennis & time for friends, coffee & eating out.

Michael Bell (60-63) Left WC in 4th year to join RAF parents in Malta. R.N. Artificer Apprenticeship from 1964. Served on Eskimo, Dreadnought (Nuc.Sub) and Portsmouth Field Gun Crew 1970. Played Rugby and Athletics. In 1973 RAF Aircrew transfer. Flew on Nimrods and VC10s. In 1994 left for civil airlines. Flown on B727 and B747 all over the world for 6 airlines. Presently live in South Wales, married twice, grown up son and daughter.

Mary Christodoulou (Hegarty 60-65) Enjoyed the sport at W.C., not much else I'm afraid. It was a hard regime! Work for a children's charity in central London. Have 2 sons & 3 grand-children. Looking forward to the next episode of life WITHOUT work.

Ian Matthews (61-62) Wymondham gave me many of the life values that are still important to me. I have had varied success in my career but even at this late stage I am still learning and seeking new opportunities. I have a wife and grown up family and 2 grandchildren. My sedentary hobbies include painting and reading, with keeping fit and playing golf occupying the active past times. Sadly, I lost contact with my fellow students and would be interested to hear from anyone who remembers me or would like to share remembered experiences.

Jane Kemp (Button 62-68) Still living locally. Managing to keep body and soul together and have a career in nursing which I hope to retire from in the not-too-distant future and retrain in the alternative therapy known as reflexology. Also kept busy with children/ grandchildren.

Andrew Sturman (62-69) I left Wymondham College in 1969, studied at Birmingham University 1970 to 1976, and graduated with a PhD in climatology. I left England for Canada in September 1976, acting as visiting 'professor' at the Memorial University of Newfoundland for two semesters. I then moved to New Zealand where I have lived ever since, working at the University of Canterbury, specialising in weather and climate.

Mike Frostick (63-65) Managed to get a little bit taller! Now married with 2 grown up boys. Working for Ordnance Survey.

Patricia Hart (Dodd 63-69) My brother Trevor Dodd also attended the College. I left in the lower sixth form.

Sheridan Jeary (64-71) Working as a Lecturer at Bournemouth University in Information Technology and belatedly studying for a PhD. Why didn't I do it years ago? Too busy enjoying myself! Loads of people I'd love to hear from - wondering where they all are now.....

David Cousins (64-70) Married with 2 children. Management consultant. Happy.

Barbara Evans (Harvey 65-70) After leaving school, I was an au pair in Holyoke, Massachusetts, USA. I met my future husband during that time and I have been married to David since 1972. We have 2 grown children, Helen 25 and Andrew 21. I am an Oncology Nurse and work in a small rural hospital outpatient clinic in the beautiful state of Vermont.

Michael Evans (66-73) After reading PPP at Corpus Christi, Oxford, went on to become a professional beekeeper in the French Massif Central. Now involved in environmental education, running a theme museum, and helping out the new British ex-pat community as they rush to the Limousin and get caught up in French red tape. Now almost French (French wife, 4 French children, French driving) but still miss a decent pint of beer, Fish 'n Chips, THE Bean Cobbler, etc.

Caroline Harrison (Browne 67-72) I joined WC as a 'transfer third'. I enjoyed my time there although didn't excel at anything academic! I'm much more of a 'hands on' person. Looking back, I guess it was tough but the regime set me up for life. I have lots of good memories.

From the 1970s.....

Jenny Robertson (67-74) Have been working as a lecturer in accounting and finance at the University of Brighton for a number of years.

Sandra Deacon (Partridge 68-74) I have been married to **Phil Deacon** (Wymondham College 70-72) for twenty-nine years. I believe we were the first couple to marry following the joining of Wakefield and Durham. We live in the West Country. Phil is the Assistant Director of The Housing Corporation (South-West) and I am a Paediatric Physiotherapist working in a special school in Honiton and East Devon Community. We have three adult sons. We have managed to keep in touch with a few friends and still visit Norfolk regularly to visit family.

Deb Anderson (Smith 68-75) Currently living in Dorset and working as a medical rep, I have two teenage daughters, and an unwelcome sprinkling of grey hairs! Inside I still think I'm 14 so would love to hear from anyone who was 14 with me the first time round!

Stephen Wigney (68-75) Still living within 3 miles of the college. Don't visit often, though! Married to dysfunctional wife with 4 kids (1 at Canterbury Uni) love them to bits. Working locally, still fishing and drinking real ale. Love to hear from anyone who remembers me!

Neil Harrington (69-73) Now in my 50's, still married to Barb who I was with whilst at WC. Two kids (Claire-28, Matthew-26) both went to WC too, both in Fry, both had same HM as me, Mike Brand, and other staff. I'm a Computer Consultant, Director. I write software with my son. I don't revisit, participate in reunions etc. too busy, too far and all the other rubbish excuses! Sorry folks.

David Smith (69-74) After leaving school, went to college in London studying quantity surveying. Joined Wimpey builders and then local builders R G Carter. Left that industry and have been working at plastic bottle manufacturing company in Beccles for last 25 years. Appointed director around 5 years ago. Played rugby since leaving school and only stopped due to knee injury. Very keen skier and enjoy watching Norwich but don't understand why. Very fond memories of the old college days!

Paulette Solomon (Collingsworth 69-74) When I was at WyColl I lived at Taverham, and had to travel in on the bus. Now live in Costessey and I have a daughter who lives in Wales. I now work for a very dear friend with whom I went to WyCol.

Carol Walker (Clarkson 69-76) Currently teaching in primary, moving onto deputy headship in Sept. Have three children: Rick 16, Siobhan 18 and Garry 21. Also nanny to Harvey 19 months. Living in Grimsby. Happily married for 26 years and generally happy with life!

Richard Ross (69-76) Tall dark and handsome - that's how I'd like to be remembered. Ho hum - another disappointment in a lifetime of minor disappointments. Not all bad though - I managed to fool Yvonne (Vick) into marrying me and it's been over 26 years now. Three children, all of whom I like (you have to love them, but liking them is special!). Play rugby on Saturdays and am at UEA doing an MBA. Like to hear from anyone with lots of money who wants to invite me to their house in the Caribbean to talk over old times. I'll bring the beers - don't want to be a scrounger.

Sally Whales (Rivett 70-75) I was a very quiet and shy pupil and do not expect many to remember me - and regret that I was not outstanding in any particular field! Really enjoyed sports, especially hockey & swimming, playing in the orchestra, and probably my only claim to fame was being one of two girls (the other being Teresa McKelvie) in the cadets, air force section, and getting to fly a chipmunk!

Sally Pointer (Botwood 70-75) After school, spent 2 years at Norwich City College doing Social Studies. Trained as a nurse and later as a midwife, practising at the N & N. Married 1986, had a son in 1989 and a daughter in 1994. Now working in our own business, farming and poultry, living in the country with lots of dogs & horses.

Yvonne Ross (Vick 70-76) I didn't work very hard at Wymondham, I was too busy having fun and meeting my wonderful husband, Richard. However, after bringing up my three children, I am now doing a BSc in Psychosocial Sciences at the UEA and loving it!

Tim Mac (70-77) Living in Dubai - curious about contemporaries?

Liam Fletcher (Dark 71-77) Living in Yorkshire, married with three children; Claire, Michelle and Darren. I work for Asda as an Operations Manager, my wife Margaret works as a wages clerk.

Gerry Doherty (71-78) After school went to Sussex Uni, worked all over UK then in

Hong Kong and Africa. Married to Fiona and have 3 kids. Currently living and working in Ireland in Local Govt. Environment section. Fond memories of Wymondham College, seems like pre history in some ways, a simpler time - but internet's great.

Stephen Dugdale (72-77) Worked for Norwich Union for 25 years - then went to university! Now in 3rd year of ecology degree at UEA, and hoping to do a PhD. Married to Caroline for 20 years. 3 children aged 18, 16 & 14.

Gavin Kedar (72-78) Emigrated to Australia in '78. Married Judy in '84. 2 boys, 2 girls. Farming at Millaroo in Nth Queensland.

Neil McGregor (72-79) Solicitor based in Bucharest and advising on inward investment in Romania, Bulgaria, Serbia and elsewhere in the Balkans. Married to Boiana (Romanian/Bulgarian), no children yet.

Claire Sandbrooke (Goldie 73-78) Boarder in Fry - started in Course 13 - went to Course 20, then 32, 42, and ended up in 52 with Vanessa Harding, Gillian Munn, Dick Scarborough et al - a brilliant life - with my course mates, and housemates in Fry.

Tracy Penton (Warnes 73-79) Married with two daughters (aged 13 and 7) and living in Bedfordshire. Living close to sister Debbie (also at Wymondham College). Currently at Uni doing teacher training.

Cheryl Turkington (Bond 73-79) Married, 2 children aged 12 & 9, living on the Surrey/Hampshire borders. Busy Mum, working part-time for local Housing Association. Sadly do not get back to Norfolk as much as I should.

Stephen Kirk (74-78) Currently studying for a PhD at Massey University in NZ. Married with 2 dogs and 2 fish. Own 160-odd acres of forestry where we are building our dream home.

Kate Millbank (74-79) I was the naughtiest girl in the school! At least that was what I was told by irate teachers on numerous occasions. My favourite teacher was Mr. Ellis, my French and German teacher. I had long blonde hair (still do) and have two kids, the youngest of whom is following in my footsteps! I work for the Conservative Party as an agent and live with a farmer with two dogs called Gromit and Truffle.

Rachel Thrussell (Newman 74-79) After leaving school I joined Barclays where I worked for 14 years. I have been at Moneyfacts for the last 12 years, where I am Head of Savings. I am married with 2 children, Jacky 15 and Tony 13.

Jo Barnard (Gidney 75-79) Younger sister of Mandy, was a boarder in Lincoln to start with then a Day pupil. I really enjoyed sport and represented the College in Hockey and Netball. Had a great time and now my daughter is enjoying the same experiences!

Andy Spall (75-80) Left school 1980, worked on a farm for six years and then joined Norfolk Constabulary, where I am currently the Motorcycle Sergeant. Married to Elaine with one daughter, Victoria, born in 1999.

Patrick Knollys (75-80) Came to Fry Hall, Wymondham College in September 1975. Moved to Peel for the sixth form in 1978. Left in 1980. Now working in London. Would love to hear from anyone interested!

Steve Smith (75-82) I have moved back to Norfolk after 16 years in London and am more than a little curious as to what others have been up to! No, not having a mid life crisis, just really nose!

Reinhard Krebs (Staff 76-77) I used to be a German-assistant at the College in 1976/77 and so I can rightfully say that I started my career as a teacher at an English boarding school. I still remember that time, and those days are now a great source for my English lessons in Germany.

Ashling Beattie (76-80) I came to Wymondham College as a boarder at age 14, starting off in Lincoln Hall. I moved to Peel Hall in the VIth form. I left in 1980.

Steve Martin (76-81) Left after year 5 due to moving away. Ran own business for 10 years before qualifying as a Chartered Accountant. 7 Years general practice before moving to NU. Married in 1986 to Karen. 2 children. Best memory of Wymondham was the cricket team for that year.

David Rix (76-83) After leaving WyCol, I started work for Lloyds Bank. In 1987 I started my flying career in the RAF. After leaving I sponsored myself to fly commercially, and started flying for AIR UK Ltd. While there I met my wife, Alison, and we have a daughter, Luka, who is 8 yrs old. In 2003 we decided to leave the UK and I got a job with Emirates Airline in Dubai, which is where we live today.

Claire Williams (Cox 76-83) Currently married and living in Bedfordshire. Now wish I'd known at 15 what I do now. Currently back at Uni completing a Joint Honours Degree!! Hoping to become a primary school teacher.

Kevin Stephens (77-81) Running my own telephone systems business for the last 8 years. Living with my fiance Nikki and our 4 children in Poringland (no have not gone far). Hit the big 40 this year which I don't mind admitting because most of those who knew me at school are there already!

From the 1980s.....

Christopher Allen (77-84) Currently living in Alsace, France, on the Swiss-French border, whilst working in Basel, Switzerland. Married to Beatrice for 10 years with 3 kids - Nicholas 9, Jonathan 8 and Katherine 4. Work for Syngenta as CFO for the Seeds division. I am still in close touch with Simon and Charles Scott and have seen Juliette Hannah and Amanda Carey in the last few years. EasyJet has now a hub in Basel, and I would recommend a visit, whether to see the Swiss mountains, the Black Forest in Germany or the wine regions of Alsace or Burgundy Baune, which is 2 hours away. I would enjoy a walk down memory lane too and would be happy to meet up with anyone who knew me.

Simon Scott (77-84) Living in Ely with my wife (Carolyn - a Yank) and two children (Lucy - 6 years & Clare - 4 years). Qualified

as a Chartered Accountant, went to Oz for 2 years, gained most of my experience with Agri-businesses and went on to help mainly farmers, food and technology businesses to raise funds and set up accounting systems.

Alison Webster (77-84) Left Wymondham College for Cambridge, where I studied Theology. Have worked for various social-justice based organisations, and now as a social and political affairs adviser to the Church of England Diocese of Oxford. Live with my husband, Alex, in Herts, though our *real* home is North Norfolk. Have written 2 books: one on sex and one on wellbeing.

Karl Catchpole (78-83) Managing Director of a very large replacement window company; own several houses (rented to UEA students) and recently purchased some building land, so I guess Wymondham College stood me well!! Have one child (daughter called Madeleine); not married/never been married; enjoying life to the max!!

Mark Alden (79-85) As the nickname suggests, slightly tubby at school. Still in the Norfolk area but soon to move to Cornwall

Graham Tufts (79-86) Working in London for HSBC Investment Bank.

Adam Harper (81-88) After leaving Wymondham, I took a year out and went to Zimbabwe. I then studied in Hull for a couple of years before moving to London where I've spent many years pursuing the dream of pop stardom. As well as enjoying my musical pursuits, I've had a stab at stand-up comedy. Career-wise I am now Director of Professional Development for the AAT. It's a great and challenging job that gives me the opportunity to travel the world a bit. Happily unmarried with my partner Amanda - no kids, no pets.

Steve Jermy (81-88) Now a Major in the Army and currently serving in Bath after 10 years in Germany. Had the opportunity to serve in Bosnia, Kosovo, Oman, Afghanistan, Iraq (x2), Kuwait and numerous others. Married to Bev and have two children Ben (8) and Evey (4).

Graham Jordan (81-88) Was a member of the rock band June Recruits. Now an Area Sales Manager for Nationwide BS.

Nic Sharp (81-88) Completed BA in Financial Economics at City Poly (now London Guildhall) before returning to Norfolk. Currently working for Virgin Money in Norwich. Recently divorced, although have two lovely daughters (5 & 7), who'll hopefully also attend the College one day. Still in touch with a few ex pupils through Wymondham Rugby Club.

Marcus Chapman (82-89) In Cavell 82-87, then Peel till 89 as a boarder. Solicitor in Mid Norfolk firm. Married 30.08.03, have a beautiful daughter Lily-Anna born 27.08.05. Still trying to play Rugby. Lost touch eventually with the gang, Sparky, Sparrow, Craig Ives, Wiggy, Doctor Pete Blair.

Tim Vogel (82-89) Having tried to flee the county, I have ended back here in Norfolk, married, with 2 little girls. I run my own niche accountancy practice doing forensic accounting, and a bit of consultancy work.

Ian Luddington (83-89) Hi to anyone who remembers me. I boarded in New Hall under the careful observation of Mr Rutherford; then Lincoln Hall for A levels. Went to Uni of Bristol to study Elec Eng, scraped a 2:2 (too many distractions...), and got a job a BT running projects which I still do now. Married to Johanna, one daughter born 06/2005. Live in the countryside in N.Wilts and like to go sailing (on other people's boats) when I can.

Alison Sandeman (84-90) Following seven years at Wymondham College, went to St Mary's College, Strawberry Hill and trained as a Maths and PE teacher. Educated the minds of some unfortunate secondary school pupils in South London, before taking a commission in the RAF. I currently torture techies at Cosford.

Daniel Bookham (84-91) Argumentative ginger bloke in Cavell/Peel 1984-91. Now living in the Northeast US, working as a finance/ops manager for a small charity after about 1000 other jobs. Two dogs, one fiancee, burgeoning beer gut.

Lucy Hastings (Holland 84-91) Several brain haemorrhages on, I have become a mum this year - amazing! Totally enjoying life and have been married for three years now. Really looking forward to the future.

Gini (Virginia) Hanbury (86-92) Completed Fine Arts degree at Norwich School of Art and Design followed by a PGCE after travelling in Europe and Australia. Teaching Art at Redbourne School in Bedfordshire.

Andrew Winstanley (87-92) Went off to read a degree in Maritime Studies, and now work in the Marine Industry.

Jennifer Chapman (Couzens 88-92) I am now married and currently studying to be a midwife, I have two children, both girls. Husband in the Army but we've settled in Colchester.

From the 1990s

Will Treleaven (88-93) Following on from my time at Wymondham College (New Hall) I went on to complete a four-year apprenticeship in Aeronautical Engineering with Marshall Aerospace, Cambridge. I stayed with Marshall's almost 10 years working to maintain and modify a range of corporate and business aircraft. In January 2004 I was relocated to Luxembourg by a Canadian PET Company called Husky to maintain their European Business Jet. The job offers me a great deal of travel in and around Europe, Russia, Middle East and North Africa, quite often working in hostile environments. It would be great to hear from anybody who still remembers me.

Lisa Curry (88-95) Just finished second degree at university in Sports Therapy. Living in West Sussex with fiance, Keith.

Christopher Haverson (88-95) After Wymondham, did Science A-levels; ended up at Bristol doing a Environment degree. Still live in Bristol and am looking to make contact with mainly people in my year but also anyone I knew at Wymondham.

Paul Evans (89-92) I'm living down in sunny Hampshire, settled down with children

and a house, still following football and enjoying my beer! Would love to hear from anyone who remembers me!

Donna Eke (Woodroffe 90-93) Went to Wales to do a BEd. Qualified in 1999 and went to work in Swaffham. I am now teaching in Thetford. I have 2 lovely girls, called Daisy and Millie, and a great husband who stays at home to look after them. Love to hear from anyone who remembers me. I didn't board, and came to the sixth form from Attleborough.

Stuart John Davison (90-97) I'm a live music venue manager in Newcastle, and am getting married in a year or so. Managing music rather than playing these days but still in that area, as at school.

Ed Sell (90-97) gave a cheerful welcome to Carole Arnold when she wearily sought a cup of tea in 'The Place to Eat' in John Lewis, Norwich where he is the Customer Services Manager.

Tom Hampson (90-97) I am currently living in Florida training as a commercial helicopter pilot. I got married on June 1st 2004 to Louise who is out here with me. Once qualified (August 2005) I will hope to work as a flight instructor for a year before returning to the UK.

Tom Roberts (92-97) After finishing at Wymondham, I did a degree at Southampton University then went travelling all over the Middle East and the Far East. Arrived back in the UK and worked in Norwich for 2 years. Last September re-located to Ipswich for a new job where I am working as a yacht broker and having a great time. Be good to hear from any mates who re-appear from the good ol' days!

Will Daniels (92-99) After spending 5 years getting an engineering degree from Loughborough University, I took a year off and went travelling in Australia. I came back to the UK in May 05 and started as an engineer for a company in Stevenage and I'm currently living in Hitchin.

Henry Potter (93-99) Started as Assistant Professional at Hunstanton Golf Club on 9 Sept 05. He is a former junior member of the Club and has a degree in Golf Management from Lincoln University. He has also enrolled as an external student in the PGA Foundation Degree Course at the University of Birmingham. Contact him for a game!

Chris Barton (93-00) Since leaving Wymondham College I have found my niche, working as a Metropolitan Police Officer in London. Living with partner and 9-year-old daughter. Unfortunately lost contact with most of friends from school but often remember the good old days of Smiths Buses and Cross Country runs (not!)

Kate Draycott (94-96) I currently live in Colchester with my partner, Paul. I work in IT as an Account Manager. I still keep in regular contact with Emma Clayton, Gemma Clayton-Taylor, Natalie Slowey, Nicki Sams and Kelly Stebbings. My sister (Sophie) has been happily married for 8 months. Please get in contact if you remember me.

Nikki Baker (95-97) Now working in palliative care at a hospice in Newcastle upon Tyne. Moved north to be near to Andrew, my boyfriend of 7 years! Still in touch with Heather and would love to catch up with my friends from Wymondham days.

Christopher Key (95-02) I was a day pupil years 7-12 in Fry, then in Lincoln for Y13. Went to pub occasional lunch times. Getting married later this year.

James Leech (96-03) Currently at Bath University doing Chemical Engineering. Graduation in 2008 and will be earning lots of money working for ExxonMobil on placement in 2006-2007. Having a fantastic time both at university and travelling, spending vast amounts of cash but not doing nearly enough work. Hoping for a 2:1 and less than £20,000 of debt!

Cassa Annison-King (98-99) You might remember me as 'Witch'. I had very long black hair and I was a boarder in Peel Hall. I was there just for half of year 7.

From 2000+

Elaine Mann (2000-02) Currently I'm studying for my finals at Warwick Uni in Law and Sociology and then next year I'm heading to London to start my solicitor training.

Kim Smith (2001-03) I'm now in my final year at DeMontfort University. I am reading Media Studies. It's all going well and am enjoying the student life!!

OBITUARIES

Patsy Calton (nee Yeldon)

was re-elected as MP for Cheadle in the 2005 General Election, but died on Sunday 29th May after a long battle with cancer. Liberal Democrat leader Charles Kennedy said "Patsy was a spirited and courageous MP, and nowhere was that spirit and commitment more evident than in the way she continued to represent Cheadle throughout the recurrence of her illness during the general election campaign, and most movingly when only last week she took her oath in the House of Commons. Despite her desperate illness, her determination shone through."

Patsy was at the College from 1960 to 1967 (initially in South House, then Winchester).

by Bill Atkins

Brenda Chamberlain (nee Shephard)

It is with great sadness that we belatedly report the death of one of the founding members of staff of the College.

As Miss Shephard, she joined the 13+ Grammar School section to teach Maths in September 1951, and, as with many of the "pioneers", this was her first teaching post. Her qualities of dedication and a mature sense of responsibility were soon recognized by her being given charge of South House girls, when the houses were originally formed in the nissen huts three years later, and then as one of the first two housemistresses when North and South House girls moved into Peel Hall on its opening in 1957.

Brenda combined her teaching, boarding and sporting skills (she helped with games for a few years) with a great sense of humour, as exemplified by her masquerading with Eileen Baron (nee Fox) as Tweedledum and Tweedledee at one of the Fancy Dress Balls that were an annual feature of life at the College in the fifties. She was married in August 1959 at Wymondham Abbey, with a choir from the sixth form in attendance, to Allen Chamberlain, who had arrived in 1958 to teach Geography. Two years later they moved to Harlow, thence to Lowestoft, where Brenda ended her teaching career as Deputy Head at the Benjamin Britten High School.

They both came to the 50th Anniversary Reunion in 2001, when she admitted she had not been well, but we none of us had any idea that she had then been fighting cancer for over six years, and from which she died, after some forty operations, in October 2004.

Many people will remember her with gratitude and affection, and we extend our sincere commiserations to Allen, whom we hope we might see at another reunion before long.

by Roger Garrard

Miss Gladys Dolan

Miss Gladys 'Doolly' Dolan, born in 1916, died at the Norfolk & Norwich Hospital on 7th April 2005. She was a Matron at the College for 25 years from September 1951 to April 1976.

She was born in Attleborough and initially worked locally as a nanny and home help. During the war, she ran a nursery in Letchworth.

Miss Dolan was a well respected, popular matron, with the 11-14 year-olds under her care. She was initially in charge of Dorm 16 (Girls), before moving to East House (Boys). There she served under several housemasters, including Bob Norton, when the boys in her charge were accommodated in nissen huts. Later, in 1971, she moved to the purpose-built accommodation of Salisbury House, with John Worley, and then to the mixed Fry house, with Michael Brand.

During retirement Gladys Dolan was a keen gardener and an active member of her local church, St. Mary's in Attleborough, where she helped with the flowers. She never married, and was predeceased by three of her four sisters.

by John Beales

Terry Marney

It was both sad and suprising to learn of the death in June 2005 of Terry Marney, member of the PE staff from 1959 to 1968. He followed Mike Rees as coach to the 1st Rugby XV, and was both feared and respected for the severity of his training regimes. Needless to say, College rugby became firmly established during his time and teams achieved much success at all age-levels.

From us he went on to the Hewett School in Norwich, but had left teaching some years ago.

Dave Goman

Much-respected teacher of engineering technology and technical drawing (1951-1983), was diagnosed with cancer of the lung at the beginning of 2005 and passed away peacefully in his sleep early on the morning of 24th March 2005. The funeral service and cremation were held at Earlham Crematorium on 7th April 2005. Characteristically, Dave was planning his funeral arrangements right up to the end, leaving his family (principally his niece Alison) very little to do. Alison was very moved by the many messages that Dave received from former students and staff. He asked for no flowers, but wished for any donations to be made to the Prize & Bursary Fund of the Wymondham College Trust.

by Bill Atkins

Corrie van den Heuval

On Friday June 3rd 2005, at a hospital in Thailand, Corrie died peacefully after a tragic accident aged 62.

Some memories of Corrie from Phil Robinson (66-73): "Corrie joined the Wymondham College Technical School in 1953, leaving in 1960. I didn't really know him but I had three (some tenuous!) links with him - via Wymondham College; West Norfolk Rugby Club (where he is fondly remembered by his peers who are still involved with the club) and W. & C. French (Construction) Ltd (he was a site agent on the A3 Esher Bypass in 1975/6 where I was a Cost & Bonus Surveyor). It wasn't until we heard of his death that we discovered that when he worked for Kier he worked with Phil Whiscombe who is married to Linda Whiscombe who is Bursar's secretary here at the College - small world."

David Spurling

It was with great sadness that we heard of the death of David Spurling whilst visiting England from his home in Alsace in early December 2005. David came to the College in the late 1970s to join the English Department. For nearly twenty years, he became a mentor to countless students, enabling them to excel in their English studies and introducing many of them to arts of theatre. He directed many successful productions at the College and throughout his career, was a trusted advisor and sympathetic friend to staff and students alike. David will be sadly missed by his many friends, and his contribution to the life of the College will have influence for many years to come.

by David Hare

(College Chaplain 1984-1999)

The Dave Goman Fund Appeal



£560 was donated at Dave's funeral which he had bequeathed to the College to be used to sponsor a Technology Prize, with any surplus going to the Wymondham College Trust Bursary Fund financing boarding places.

A good number of you have kindly helped boost this figure to nearly £1200, and for this we thank you. For those of you who missed this notice, knew and respected Dave as a friend and teacher and would like to add your name to the list of those who have made donations, please send your cheque (payable to "The Wymondham College Trust") to:

Mrs Joanne Allen
Secretary to the Trustees
Wymondham College
Norfolk NR18 9SZ

If you are a UK tax payer, you could enhance your donation by using a Gift Aid Form which can be found in the centre of this newsletter or can be downloaded from the Trust website at: www.wymondhamcollegetrust.co.uk/trust.htm.

With thanks,

*David Spinks,
Chairman of Trustees*



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THE 2005/6 COMMITTEE

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Carole Arnold (1995-2005 ex staff)
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John Beales (52-59)
Roger Garrard (52-88 ex staff)
Mu Gurbutt (Current Staff Rep)
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Mike Herring (52-58)
Phil Robinson (66-73) - 100 Club
Bob Rowell (52-59)
Jack Smith (51-53)
David Spinks (51-55)
Philip Wade (60-67)
+ we welcomed 2 new members:-
Asha Gita Simmons (Ramseebaluck 81-87) as a rep for the 1980s, and
Joseph Ludkin (90-97) representing the 1990s.

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2000-02 Jack Smith
2003/4 Roger Garrard
2004/5 Bob Rowell