

## From the President

**Jack Smith (51-53)** President of the Association shares these wise words which he read at the 50th Anniversary Dinner

### THE GOLDEN EAGLE

A man found an eagle's egg and put it in the nest of a back yard hen. The eaglet hatched with the brood of chicks and grew up with them.

All his life the eagle did what the backyard chickens did, thinking he was a backyard chicken. He scratched the earth for worms and insects. He clucked and cackled. And he would thrash his wings and fly a foot into the air.

Years passed and the eagle grew very old. One day he saw a magnificent bird far above him in the cloudless sky. It glided in graceful majesty among the powerful wind currents, with scarcely a beat of its strong golden wings.

The old eagle looked up in awe. Who's that?' he asked

'That's the eagle, the king of the birds,' said his neighbour. 'He belongs to the sky. We belong to the earth - we're chickens.'

So the eagle lived and died a chicken, for that's what he thought he was.

## 100 Club

Recipients of last year's WCA Newsletter (2002) will be aware that Jack Smith, our President, wrote about the need to raise funds to ensure the continuation of the Wymondham College Association.

To date, the College has assisted in the financial support of the Association but, as we now have a more formal structure, we need to be able to prove that we can "stand on our own two feet".

The yearly newsletter is edited and compiled by Carole Arnold (ably assisted by Julie Harding) who is our "link" with you all. She is also the administrator of the WCA Database system. The college has funded Carole's time spent on WCA matters so far but we are conscious that we, the ex-pupils/staff from Wymondham College, should do more financially.

The initial start up cost of the WCA Database package has been sponsored by two committee members, to whom we are grateful, but the system will have

further maintenance/upgrade costs to keep it up and running, year on year.

We have previously relied upon donations to fund the activities of the Association. We have also realised that reliance on an annual subscription is not a cost-effective way of raising funds. The committee have a number of fund raising ideas to explore but one that we have initiated is a "100/200" Club. (Suggestions for a catchier title than that would be gratefully received!)

The idea is that members pay £5.00 per month into a designated WCA bank account. As an example, based on the scheme, £6,000 per year will be raised. 40% of the yearly total will be paid out in prizes, with the remaining 60% retained by the WCA. Two prizes of £50 per month will be drawn, but twice per year, (June and December) a "star" draw of a £500 prize and a £200 prize will be drawn. All prize monies will be pro-rata to the number of members involved in the scheme. i.e. should we have 200 members, the prize monies mentioned will be doubled; if we have only 50 members, the prize monies will be halved.

If you feel that you can support the WCA in this scheme, please contact me, **Phil Robinson – WCA Chairman** at [philip.robinson@constructionplus.net](mailto:philip.robinson@constructionplus.net) or at "Pipkim", Hill Road, Fair Green, Middleton, King's Lynn, Norfolk. PE32 1RW

The early birds amongst you will be able to select your lucky/favourite numbers!

## The Treasurer

Steve Read (68-73) has taken on the job of treasurer of the Association and would like to draw attention to the enclosed standing order form in the centre pages This is for anyone wishing to make a donation to the WCA on an annual basis

## WEBSITES

Log yourselves on to [www.wymondhamca.co.uk](http://www.wymondhamca.co.uk) the on-line database of Wymondham College Association with 4500 people listed, and find your old friends and also receive the WCA Newsletter electronically to save us on postage. Wymondham College ... Remembered  
**Co-editors: Bill ('Herb') Atkins (North/York 58-64) and Steve Grant (Durham/New 68-75).** More and more

news and up-to-date information is on [www.WCRemembered.co.uk](http://www.WCRemembered.co.uk).

There is also the MSN Group at <http://groups.msn.com/WymondhamCollegePastPupils/> - worth a visit.

## News of 'our' man in Kuwait

**Duncan Jones (60-67)** has worked for 34 years at ITN. Travelled extensively, visiting 53 countries. As ITN Cameraman out in Kuwait at present, he is bored witless at times waiting ... and would appreciate hearing from any old friends [duncanjones1@hotmail.com](mailto:duncanjones1@hotmail.com).

There was a piece about him in the Lynn News on 11/3/03 recalling his previous experience in The Gulf as a sound recordist working with Sandy Gall. He never dreamed that 12 years later he would be back in the region covering a renewed conflict with Saddam.

Bill Atkins sent this update.

Duncan had one spell out there last month, came back for a break and is now on his second stint at the 'front' with Martin Geissler (his reporter). Last message said:

*"Just got back to Kuwait after spending most of my time in UK recalling what a hangover is like. General Mike Jackson (most senior Brit army officer) visited our brave lads in the desert yesterday. Unfortunately he did it in a huge sandstorm. As soon as I got out of the car I was enveloped in dust and sand, most of which went straight into my eyes. I filmed for an hour whilst not being able to see through the viewfinder. When I got back to the hotel and cleared my streaming eyes, they were so red it looked as if I'd been on a 24-hour bender (I wish....)*

*Amazingly the pix were framed OK and in focus. I made a mental note to film with my eyes closed more often!*

## REUNIONS

### 70s Reunion 2003

This will be held on **Saturday 21 June 2003** in the College marquee. Buffet or BBQ supper and a disco for those who want to dance later in the evening. Full details on the enclosed response sheet. As always, other groups are welcome to join in but please make sure you gather a group from your generation.

## Reunion for the Baby Boomers

**Date:** Saturday 5th July 2003

6.30pm onwards.

**Venue:** Wensum Valley Hotel, Golf and Country Club, Taverham, Norwich, Norfolk NR8 6HP.

<http://www.wensumvalley.co.uk>

**Format:** Social evening with Fork Buffet

**Cost:** £20 per person (includes welcome drink). 125 places available.

**Booking: Places reserved by:** sending a cheque £20, payable to the above hotel and post-dated 1 June 2003 sent to Enid. First come first served!

In addition, accommodation is available as follows:

B & B £40 when 2 sharing £50 single

1 Night Leisure Break £70

2 Night Leisure Break £140

Leisure Breaks = unlimited Golf and use of Leisure centre, plus 3 Course Dinner and B&B. Fishing is available 'as a package', if required

### Point of Contact:

Enid Stanbrook-Evans (57-64)

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## 1950s Golf Day & Reunion

The golf Competition was held this year at Dunston Hall, a pleasant course to the south of Norwich. It was a beautiful sunny day and the golf was keenly contested as well as it being an enjoyable social occasion

Winner: Mervyn Taylor

Ladies winner: Vera Spinks

Longest drive: Bob Rowell

Nearest hit: Bob Rowell

Booby prize: Mike Herring

The meal in the evening was held at the Oaklands Hotel in Thorpe St Andrew where the non-golfers joined the party. It was great to see some new old faces and inevitably time passed too quickly.

In an attempt to compensate for that we are planning another get together on **25 July 2003**. You will be contacted or contact **Bob Rowell 01629 582229 or 07710 279171 or Mike Herring [mikedot@btopenworld.com](mailto:mikedot@btopenworld.com)**

Those attending: Barry Adkins, Mervyn Beck, Norma Beck, David Burdett, Ruth Chase (Brown), Janet Couperthwaite (Wing), Barry Croxford, David Everett, Aubrey Hammond, Pat Harvey (Basey), Mike Herring, Robin Howes, Valerie Howes (Preston), Huby Harboard, Emba Jones, Tony Lake, Peggy McGowan (Wright) Pat Meek (Morris) Brian Meek, Geoff Morter, Tony Moulton, Terry Nichols, Peter

Read, Mike Rees, Wendy Roper (Fuller), Bob Rowell, Ros Sayer (Walker)

**50s Reunion 2004** will probably be around 20<sup>th</sup> June 2004, so start planning and gathering old friends to make this a memorable reunion.

## World Cup Rugby in Australia October 2003

**John Beales (52-59)** and **Mike Herring** and others are planning a trip to Australia for the world cup and would like to have a reunion with ex Wymondham College friends resident in Australia or New Zealand. The date for the reunion planned is 31 October 2003 in Sydney. Anyone interested in meeting up for this reunion or willing to help co-ordinate please contact either John Beales

[johnbeales@isham60.freeserve.co.uk](mailto:johnbeales@isham60.freeserve.co.uk)

or Joan Thomson (Worthington)

[J.A.Thomson@bigpond.com.au](mailto:J.A.Thomson@bigpond.com.au)

Their itinerary is -

17-21 October 2003 - Perth

21-24 October 2003 - Sydney

24-27 October 2003 - Melbourne

28-31 October 2003 - Sydney

1-8 November 2003 - Brisbane

## ~~~~~ Walsingham 2002 (or W4) - November 16<sup>th</sup> 2002

Yet again more than 25 hardy souls (predominantly from the '66 to '73 era) journeyed to North Norfolk for our fourth annual reunion. Elmham House (the hostel for the Roman Catholic/Anglican National Shrine of our Lady, Little Walsingham) provided our bed & breakfast accommodation. (unfortunately the "dormitories" that some had so looked forward to staying in were only single or twin rooms!), the Black Lion Hotel next door providing a buffet supper (and copious quantities of liquid sustenance!) for us in their Function Room.

This year the hostel was having a "Two for One" offer that gave the opportunity for some to partake of two nights B & B for the price of one (thus the weekends B & B cost was all of £15.25!). This enabled five of the Wells girls (Moir Greenlee, Shirley Frosdick, Peppy Metson, Anne Jones, and Joanna Bassingthwaighte) to have their own mini reunion at the Red Lion in Stiffkey on the Friday evening prior to the main event on the following evening. The following morning they visited their old housemistress, Miss Colls, in West Runton, near Cromer.

It has always been gratifying to have so many positive responses from old & new attendees, and after the previous three events. Everyone seems to be as enthused about it and were prepared to travel long distances to spend time with their peers from nearly 30 years ago.

Six new faces appeared this year, with Stella Sparkes coming the furthest (from the west coast of Canada) to join us. It was encouraging how "comfortable" everyone felt together after so many years apart. Whilst people may have changed on the outside, their demeanour and sense of humour remains.

It was another evening of reminiscences, laughter, "joshing" and more "I wonder what happened to ....."?

The following morning, some of the hung-over contingent wanted to blow the cobwebs away, so 16 or so of us went for a stroll along Holkham beach, which was just what was required as it was a cold but bright day. It was good to have individual chats with people outside of the "pub" environment. Just one word to Judi for next year - high heels and sand don't mix !!!!! Roll on next year.

The photographs from this reunion appear at

[www.wcremembered.co.uk/walsingham02.html](http://www.wcremembered.co.uk/walsingham02.html)

Attendees: -

Girls: Gill Norman, Moira Greenlee, Lynne Semmens, Sue Muir, Sandra Howard, Joanna Bassingthwaighte, Clare Cooke, Stella Sparkes, Anne Jones, Judi Kingsmill, Peppy Metson, Shirley Frosdick, Jane Bassingthwaighte.

Boys: - John Herring, Colin Leaford, Steve Read, Guy Pettit, Simon Turtle, Chris Parnham, Steve Chapman, Steve Roy, Robin Postle, Philip Robinson, Ian Almond, Duncan Ferguson, Neil Sparrow Leon Andrew.

## The 60's Bunch News.

After two years the whereabouts of almost 100 who joined the college in 1960 as first formers or 1962 as new thirds has been established. Not all have come out to play yet. Of those that have, most have come back for more! It is nice to know that many also now keep in regular contact after such a long time of being out of touch. Lots of mini reunions going on. As the youngsters say "its cool, its wicked."

2002 Christmas drinks were again sipped in the King's Arms, Hall Road,

Norwich. Sandra Leeks, Eileen Pearson, Chris P. Duck, Alan McIvor-Dean, Carmen Influence, Graham Smith, Jean Cameron John Wake, Lies A. Wake, Annette Welham, Susanne Milligan, Alistair Taylor, Pete Zaparlor, Libby Smith (plus hubby), Anna Conder, Alan Bridges, Marion Rix and Nigel Barnard (plus wife) all made an appearance. Our hostess Nicola Keatley and John made sure service was tops, and the bottles of champagne produced from the cellars were a lovely surprise, soon consumed! A big thanks to Nicola and John for putting up with us, and we are welcome to return again this year!

Next get-together is at Oliver's Hotel in St Ives, Cambridgeshire. Special offer for Friday and Saturday night DB&B is £100.50 per person sharing a twin / double room. Other rates available for one night. Join us for a round of golf on the Friday. Just drop in for a drink or join us for dinner one evening. Saturday evening is dress up evening in best glad rags! The Grand National is run on the Saturday afternoon and we haven't lost money on it yet! For more information contact me *Philip Wade (60-67)* at [philip@melton101.freeserve.co.uk](mailto:philip@melton101.freeserve.co.uk) or phone the hotel direct on 01480 463252. As at 15<sup>th</sup> February 2003 there were 6 rooms left. 10 of us have booked in so far, and others have mailed me to say they plan to call in.

Philip would be delighted to hear from Pauline and Edith Clarke (Andrews) before the St Ives gathering as Susanne Milligan. Helen Clack and Sandra Wright are all booked in and were in the same house as Pauline and Edith.

### **80s/90s Reunion June 2002**

This was held in the College marquee on Kett lawn. It was a very enjoyable evening attended by about 100 people. We had a splendid BBQ and a disco to which some danced the night away. Many of those present were disappointed not to see more staff there.

### **Where are they now?**

With greater usage of the online database [www.wymondhamca.co.uk](http://www.wymondhamca.co.uk) this column is almost becoming obsolete!

**Clive Beckett (55-60)** is searching for **Angela Monsey** and would also love to hear from any 55-60 South boys. [clive\\_lynn@mac.com](mailto:clive_lynn@mac.com)

**Mike Stacey (51-54)** would like to trace all the original 'guinea pigs' who started at the College in April 1951

**Dawn Brownhill (Jessop 73-76)** reckons she was the worst behaved student of her years! She is now married with three daughters, living in Melbourne. She is interested in contacting **Cheryl Few, Gwen Hurley** et al

**Mel Steward (-93)** is looking for **Amy Scott (-94)**

## **College News**

The Principal, Mrs Musgrave, reports that the College is growing and it is heavily oversubscribed for boarding places. The College achieved the status of being the 'high performing school in the Thetford Excellence Cluster' this brings additional income of £280,000 over next two and half years

Leaving staff 2002

**Mr I Trench** - Business Studies, Sixth Form

**Miss N. Williamson** - English, CCF  
Leaving staff 2003:

**Mr J Atkin** - 2nd in Maths - going to be Head of Maths at Thorpe St Andrew School

**Dr C Cushing** - English Teacher - moving to Norwich School

**Mr F Lawlor** - Science - moving to Attleborough High School. Frank is also a talented musician and he played the piano for us at the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner

**Mr P Elgie** - Music, DH of Peel - is joining Southgate School after eight years at the College, as a resident tutor in New Hall and Deputy Head of Peel. His commitment to the musical life of the College, in the department and in the Chapel will be greatly missed.

We wish them all well.

### **The Summer Fayre is on 28 June 2003**

**New Hall** won the Mair Cup - again!

**Damien Reilly** has been selected for the England 'A' team for games on 15 and 25 April

**Stop press! Drama dept.** is planning to hold a film festival at Cinema City in Norwich in July. 6th form Theatre Studies films. Invited audience contact **Arnie McConnell** if you wish to attend

## **Staff News**

In recognition of 40 years in State Boarding **Michael Brand** was

presented with silver cufflinks at the last STABIS meeting held at Gordon's School in Surrey. He has spent 31 years in boarding houses and 9 years in a staff house on campus.

We send congratulations to **Fred Bushell** who was the college plumber for 30 years has just celebrated his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. Diane and Glyn Long attended his party and met several old friends and colleagues of Fred who had many a tale to tell about life at the College.

**Nancy Hetherington (nee High)** was a House Matron in the 1970s. We heard from her neice recently that Nancy had suffered a stroke and now lives in a Nursing home in Sheringham - *She retired at 60 and went to live in Holt, subsequently she moved to Woodbridge in Suffolk where she married Desmond Hetherington, whom she had known when they were both young. Sadly in 1999 she had a stroke. Nancy now lives at Suncourt Nursing Home, 1 Morris St, Sheringham, Norfolk. She is happy there, sadly the stroke also caused some damage to her memory and she is sometimes muddled. Nancy has some wonderful friends amongst the ex matrons of Wymondham and she has letters and visits from them. If anyone else who knew here and lives in/near Sheringham and would like to pop in, please do. You would need to explain to Nancy who you are and how you knew her but she does enjoy talking about old times. With best wishes to all students and staff who knew Nancy.*

Staffing Update

## **Gleanings**

**Michael Stacey (51-54)** 'Original member of the Technical School from April 1951. Quite insignificant and quiet person.' This has not changed. Certainly overawed at the outset. The old Nissen huts stood me in good stead for a later life in the RAF.

**Hazel Turnbull (Leveridge 51-54)** worked for the Norfolk Education Committee until getting married. Travelled the world with her husband who was in the RAF, and has three sons.

**Jackie Hearle (Savage 51-54)** was a keen sports player whilst at College and continues her love of sport. She hit newspaper headlines when she reached 5 finals, winning 4 of them. She was National Bowls Champion in 1985, 1990 and 2001 in the Triples at Skegness (the All England Championships). She still keeps in touch with Cynthia Harris

(Robinson), Jenny Talton (Sayer), Joyce Pycroft (Daniels) and Joy Emmerson. The latter 3 have met each year for the last 3 years.

**Keith Adkins (51-56)** I spent 18 Years in the Merchant Navy and another 18 years working on North Sea gas platforms, retired in 1993 after being offered a golden handshake and pension. Married for 34 years with 4 children, 2 of each.

**June Payne (King 52-56)** After working in administrative accounting for 30 years in Orlando, now retired and living close to Tallahassee. Has a son, two daughters and 10 grandchildren, one of whom is in the USAF and stationed at Lakenheath.

**Iris June Hobart (Broughton 52-57)** worked in Barclays Bank on leaving school. Lived in Holt prior to emigrating to Australia in 1966. Now living in Adelaide. Divorced with 4 sons and 6 grandchildren.

**Rosemary Poulin (Wright 53-54)** I attended St Mary's Catholic School in King's Lynn prior to attending Wymondham College. I unfortunately chose to leave school at 15 to obtain work. Being one of 10 children I felt very self conscious at being a 'poor kid' with second hand uniforms and no 'tuck box'. Loved college, bad choice to leave. Now have 3 grown sons and 4 grandchildren. My brother Paul attended WC from 53-58 and landed a great position with British Customs.

**Angela Smith (53-59)** graduated from Hull with a science degree and then taught at Wisbech HS before training as a nurse and midwife. Since then has worked in London, King's Lynn and Hertfordshire as a midwife teacher. Now enjoying retirement but active in voluntary work and church activities.

**Elizabeth Stewart (Seaman 53-60)** ran a guesthouse and cafe in Spalding and moved to Sudbury 16 years ago to run a post office and general store with her husband.

**Robert Blasby (54-57)** joined the Technical school from Norwich School in 1954. Active in Athletics, Chess and learned to dance on Saturday nights in Butler Hall. Went to Trinity College Dublin, returned to Norwich in 1960 with Norwich Union Estates Dept. Emigrated to Toronto 1966 and on to Vancouver 1968. Now semi-retired on Vancouver Island, still working in the real estate industry. Married twice, twins 1970.

**Hugh Currell (54-57)** At this stage of my life I look back at Wymondham fondly though at the time it is doubtful

*whether that would have been so! Recently retired after a working life of draughting civil/structural engineering in Canada, UK and mainly Australia having arrived here in 1966.*

*One thing that has surprised me is that none of the guys of my vintage have mentioned the 'card table "football"' that always seemed to be being played in the common room behind the woodwork and metalwork shops. All the card tables in the common room had a couple of notches in each end, (spaced about 75mm (3") apart) which served as markers for where the goal posts were. The 'ball' was a sixpence and the 'players' (1, 2 or 3 each side) were pennies which were moved (more, hit) using the teeth of a comb in order to hit the 'ball' and score goals between the goal marks. Both coins being round it became rather similar to billiards and snooker, in that the angle to which the ball was required to be hit to try to score had to be dealt with as in billiards. I seem to remember there being a league and a knock-out competition going at some time.*

*My old photo album has several photos of people mentioned and not mentioned in the 'site' (including Jackie Williams, Valerie Preston, Esme McNulty, Judy Wright, Rodney Cook, Colin Self, Ron Wilson, Dave Everrett, Stella Carman and Ann Drinkwater and a group photo of those who went to N. Wales at Easter 1956 - oh, the hair styles!).*

**David Allison (54-61)** was the first pupil of Wymondham College to get to Veterinary College, Edinburgh. Returned to Norfolk in 1972, General Practice in Sheringham, due to retire early 2003. Married with 2 daughters. He would be interested to contact others in A level Biology group 58-61.

**Alan Sidell (54-61)** worked in Local Government at King's Lynn BC then Cambridge CC as a Municipal Engineer. Final post was Head of Transport Services Took early retirement in 2002. Married with 2 sons.

**(Richard) John Chapman (55-58)** joined CEGB as a student apprentice and worked on power stations. Emigrated to New Zealand in 1975 with wife and two children to work on yet another power station. Took early retirement when almost 50. Now works for Riding for the Disabled.

**Neil Whyte (55-58)** went to Bristol University to read Physics. Now 18 months from retiring as a university lecturer in Business.

**Clive Beckett (55-60)** spent nine years in the RAF then worked with various Ad. Agencies. Owned ad agency for 8 years prior to moving to USA in 1992. Currently US permanent resident living in Clearwater, Florida, doing marketing and graphics. Married to Lynne. Two children by first marriage.

**Dave Burden (55-62)** worked in drug research in the pharmaceutical industry, made redundant in 2001 and since retired. Married with 2 children and 3 grandchildren. Hobbies include long distance running and live music (rock/blues/folk) would like to hear from anyone who remembers me.

**Gerald Gunton (55-62)** Front row in most school rugby teams. Kept wicket for most school cricket teams. Suffered (?) the 4 year fast track to 'O' level then into year 6. Salisbury House Captain 61/62.

*Member of the Sunday afternoon cycle touring club? Married that girl from Wells House!*

**Keith Beardsley (56-61)** I survived Wymondham and have since managed to travel all over the world (57 countries at the last count). Married and divorced. Have now settled in New Zealand - God's own country, and taken out citizenship.

**Joan Thomson (Woodbridge 56-57)** I was only at Wymondham for four terms. I was a 13+ student therefore entered in third year. I couldn't stand all the sport and lack of privacy, so left. Spoiled brat that I was!! I was in Hut 19. My home was then at Gooderstone, now residing in Brisbane, Australia, and would love to hear from anyone who remembers me, or even those who don't, especially Elizabeth Bowers and Rosemary Daisley.

**Robert Cooke (56-63)** took early retirement after 32 years with the Mars Group based in King's Lynn. Now heavily involved in School Governance and relaxation! Married no children

**Trevor Chapman (56-64)** is now living in Walmer, Deal and married with two children and one granddaughter. Worked for Pfizer for 37 years and now contemplating early retirement.

**Les (Ezzy) Abbatt (57-61)** is managing an architectural practice in King's Lynn. Divorced with two daughters 27 and 30. Living in March, Cambs. 'Attended my first reunion this year, why did I wait so long, it was great to see people again, and after all this time I still have my old school tie'.

**John Styles (57-62)** married with 2 children. Worked for 30 years as an

Electrical Engineer and now a part-time School Laboratory Technician. His main hobby is researching his family history.

**Colin Harvey (57-62)** *I am now a dentist practising in Ipswich, Suffolk. I live on the Norfolk, Suffolk border in a timber frame house. Two grown up children.*

**Keith Neale (57-63)** attended Norwich Art School followed by three years at the London College of Printing. Now a self employed photographer, married with twins both of whom attend Wymondham College in the 4<sup>th</sup> year.

**Barrie Corless (57-64)** *Played rugby and cricket throughout my time at Wymondham. Started in the Nissen huts in South, Miss Easter was matron. Moved to Gloucester with Andy Seeley as housemaster. Played Rugby for England in 76, 77 and 78 winning 10 caps in total, also represented the Barbarians on three occasions.*

**Enid Stanbrook-Evans (Watson 57-64)** went to teacher training college and studied food and nutrition. Now coming to the end of a long teaching career in Food Technology, she is Head of Lower school pupils at Neatherd High School in Dereham. Happily married for 26 years, with a son and daughter.

**Richard Vincent (57-64)** read Engineering at Jesus College, Cambridge then spent entire career working for Philips Research. Retired in 2001. Married with 2 children. His main hobby is flying and he owns an ancient Cessna 172.

**Howard Bambridge (58-59)** Teacher with Behavioural Support Service in Derbyshire. Living in Peak District with Fen, one son and one daughter. DIY mad, red wine mad, often relives former life as beer swilling rugby player and ocean sailor. Still thinks he is good looking despite broken nose, cauliflower ears and thinning hair, no beer gut though!

**John Boughton (58-63)** worked in the automotive industry after leaving and worked all around the globe, now settled in the USA. Married with three grown up children. Fascinated to look up old friends, particularly in the USA.

**John Hambleton (58-64)** *Still living in Norfolk within sight and sound of the college. Married Judy Alpe (Peel), still together after 33 years with 4 children. Run our own small business after retiring from the computer race in 1990. Keep meaning to get in touch with people but always seem too busy with paperwork.*

**Colin Grant (59-66)** Married, one son, living in Wiltshire. Rowed a bit after College in Scotland but now sails rather than pulling an oar.

**Allen Green (58-64)** *Small. Scruffy and spotty at school, mediocre at rugby and cricket, fair at athletics, brilliant swimmer. Married in 1970 with one son and moved to South Africa in 1984, live about 100km north of Durban. I am self employed working mainly as a piping designer in the oil and gas industry.*

**Susan Moore (Harper 59-65)** has three grown up children and got a BA 1<sup>st</sup> class in History/English in 2001. Now training to teach adults at West Suffolk College. Has a brother, Chris, who was also at WyColl at about the same time.

**Tony Seymour (60-64)** *went to King's College London, Insurance industry 67-2000. Married Elaine in 1971, 3 children, widowed in 97. Now self-employed as a Risk Management Consultant, working part-time*

**Graham Haw (60-65)** studied electronic engineering at Rugby before working as a computer programmer. Eventually started his own company in 1982 and been self employed since. Published a book in November 2001 on local parishes. Now semi-retired and very interested in local and family history.

**Peter Melvin (59-66)** *Living in Lancashire, married 31 years. 3 children and four grandchildren. Now working for HM Fire Service Inspectorate in London, Stag place next to Victoria Station if anyone else is in London. Job is great but the commuting is terrible. Possible retirement December 2003. Really, really happy with life!*

**Patrick Turner (60-66)** is now retired and living in London but for many years worked as a General Manager for British Transport Hotels Ltd, the hotel and catering arm of the old British Railways. Was Captain of Swimming in his last year at College.

**Julian Charles Smith (60-66)** worked for Proctor & Gamble for 6 years and Inland Revenue for 26 years. Took early retirement and now works part time and drives voluntarily for Red Cross. Living in Chelmsford with second wife – 3 children altogether.

**Sue Gray (Bartrop 60-66)** is married with 3 children, living in Norwich

**Christine Harrison (60-66)** Was one of the smallest girls in the school and hopeless at sport until the swimming pool was built. Remembers a number

of people but kept in touch with very few. Now retired after lecturing in social work and now has time to enjoy being a keen walker.

**Victor Laird (60-67)** has worked in export since leaving college. Started our own (wife Joy and myself) Export Sales Agency business in 1993 specialising in the Middle East and Eastern Europe. Hobbies are walking and antiques. Although living in Kent, still have family in Norfolk and visit regularly, particularly the north of the county.

**Alistair Taylor (60-67)** served articles with a firm of Chartered Surveyors in Peterborough, then ran an estate agency in Wisbech for 13 years. Worked for a building society briefly and now a director of its subsidiary valuation company. Married 30 years with 2 daughters.

**Annette Booth (Spear 60-67)** remembers that she was part of the Wells house gang which included **Kathy Eastwood, Eileen Forster, Liz Rath, Penny Buck, Jenny West**, etc.

**Christopher Thatcher (60-67)** *'After WyColl, to Oxford, then into teaching until 1998 with posts in Germany, Malaysia, UK and Austria. Married with three children. Came to Bournemouth to manage property and build up a small business; that's finished, and now I work independently – most enjoyable!*

**Elizabeth Whitlam (Welton 61-65)** is married with 3 children and in business with her husband in North Norfolk.

**Ruth Hunt (Moss 61-68)** *I was in Winchester House and Brenda Garrard -formerly Miss Pye- was my first Housemistress. I live in Peterborough - someone has to!- and work as a primary school teacher. I still do quite a lot of singing and acting in my spare time.*

*About the only thing I was really interested in during my years at Wymondham. I think Roger Garrard and possibly Michael Brand would remember me - thanks for the mention in the 50 years magazine, Roger! Maybe one day I'll pluck up the courage to come to a reunion; perhaps I could sing for my supper -as long as it's not G and S! Married, two children - 28 and 26.. I remember Alison Catley, Polly Craske, Maggie Barclay, Barbara Littler from house and many others. Love to hear news of anyone who remembers me.*

**Peter Lynn (61-68)** from Reading and Imperial College, had jobs at UEA, Institute of Hydrology and Anglian Water for 18 years and is now growing apples & making cider at Wells-next-

the-Sea with Jim (partner for last 26) years.

**Ian Watling (61-68)** *Didn't do well academically at Wycol, but played every sport I could get into - rugby, cricket, athletics, swimming, squash etc. Went on to Tech in King's Lynn, college in London, and moved to Trinidad in 1976, building roads and bridges. Emigrated again in 1988 to Perth, Western Australia where I am currently operating as a building consultant.*

**Steve Human (61-68)** *I enjoyed my time at WC and was quite a swot. After the age of 18, however, the learning bug left me and I drifted sideways. I am a postman in Norwich and enjoy a complete lack of responsibility! I have a wife and daughter who are the focus of my life. I am grateful to WC for the good times and the happy memories.*

**Michael Connor (62-65)** *Had to leave at end of third year due to problems at home. Have a lot of good memories but far more bad ones. Remember some good friends (D GREEN A CORRIGAN JACKLIN) to name a few. Best times spent during second year in the nissen huts. Never fitted in due to coming from a very poor family, still remember being subjected to several beatings due to ill fitting uniforms. Glad to say the good outweigh the bad.*

**Helen Wheeler (Clack 62-65)** *I moved from Aylsham Secondary to Wymondham College in 1962 starting in the 3rd year. After leaving in 1965 I studied hotel reception and bookkeeping at Portsmouth Poly. spent a few years in various hotels. Had a year as an au pair in Zurich, married, had 2 children, various part-time jobs, now divorced and working as a payroll administrator.*

**Janet Adams (63-68 staff 88-94)** is living and teaching in the Highlands.

**Alan Corrigan (62-69)** *Left Wymondham in 1969. Went to Aston University and North London University to study architecture. Married late, wife's name Helen and have two boys aged 10 & 12. Currently I am living in Pinner NW Middlesex and work in London as a project architect and manager for an Italian Company. Still enjoy playing cricket! My nephew, Joshua Ludkin (son of Joanna Ludkin (Corrigan 65-70), has won a sports scholarship and joining the College in September 2002. This means that the Corrigan/ Ludkin family will have had 7 attendees at the school. Are there any larger family groups? (Is this a record?.....)*

**Clive Lancaster (62-68)** gained a BSc Electrical from Aston University.

Emigrated to Papua New Guinea working on Bougainville Island for the copper company for 5 years. Moved to Australia in 1983 working in power generation.

**Chris Garner (63-70)** *served in the RAF as aircrew flying Nimrods for 14 years then left to join Lincolnshire Police. Married for 30 years with two children.*

**Julia Nicholls (63-70)** qualified as a vet from Glasgow. Spent a year in the US then settled in Australia. Married to an academic and living in Adelaide which has a better climate than Norfolk.

**Martha Griffiths (Hamilton 64-69)** is happily living in Australia with three sons and works as an IT storage manager for EDS. Enjoys Bridge and gardening.

**David Mason (64-71)** *I am a vet living in Kent - I married Olive, the girl I met before lower sixth year and we have a daughter. I would love to hear from any old wycol contemporaries.*

**John Churchward (65-72)** *Have been spreading the English way since working in US from 1985, however they still cannot say Jaguar. Now living in Arizona, big change in the weather from home.*

**Philip Nash (64-72)** Married with two 13 year old boys. Living in Milton Keynes for 14 years. Working in the IT industry since shortly after leaving school.

**Douglas Postle (65-72)** Has been teaching for 29 years and is a technology teacher at Blyth Jex School, Norwich. Divorced and happily living in Aylsham. He has 2 grown up daughters

**Ian Smith (65-72)** *'When I left WC I went to sunny Doncaster to train as a teacher. This is where I met Janet my wife. We have been married for over 25 years and both now teach in the same school. We have two children who both work harder than I ever did at their ages! It would be great to hear from anyone who remembers me.*

**Steve Chapman (65-73)** took a degree in Chemistry at UMIST in Manchester. Now works in Birmingham for Screen West Midlands managing their lottery funding systems. Would be happy to get in touch with people of his era, especially from Canterbury/Kett.

**Shirley Barber (Rogotzki 66-72)** has been married since 1974 and has two sons and two grandchildren. Has been employed in the NHS all her working life and is currently Restaurants Manager which she enjoys very much.

**Stephen Roy (66-72)** *Left Wymondham in lower sixth to join Metropolitan Police cadets. At present am trainer with Diplomatic Protection Group and due to retire in 2003. Married with two children and living near St Albans doing lots of youth work in church and around the city. Very fond memories of Wycol (well mostly!). Love riding bikes - first set of wheels (a Lambretta) bought from a guy who lived behind Salisbury for £25.*

**Dawn Jones (Burlingham 67-72)** *Divorced. Son age 24, daughter 21. I work in the waiting list office of local hospital. I live in Suffolk with new partner of 2 years. Am still in touch with a few people from wycoll.*

**Graham Lach (67-72)** is working for a property company. Lives on the south coast and has 2 children. Would be pleased to hear from anyone who was as inspired as I was by 'ole Wycoll'.

**Paul Wilson (67-72)** *After leaving Wymondham at the end of the fifth form, entered the RAF and spent 12 years trying not to go anywhere dangerous. After the RAF I spent a couple of years contracting in the aviation industry before settling in Germany to work for Airbus in Hamburg. 2 years ago I was sent by Airbus to be the engineering liaison in southern California with responsibility for in-flight entertainment (seat back video etc). I have been married for nearly 23 years and have a 17 year old son who will graduate High School this year. Hobbies all revolve around sport and I play golf racquetball and attend a gym on a regular basis. Claim to fame is still playing for the 'Black Shirt' 1<sup>st</sup> XV during 71/72 season.*

**Christine Jacques (Denyer 67-71)** gained a 1<sup>st</sup> Class degree in Mathematics for Business followed by MSc in Numerical Analysis at Imperial College. Now travels within Europe with her job as a Technical IT Manager at Alcatel in Greenwich. Lives in Petts Wood with her husband and two daughters.

**Geoff Brown (67-72)** went to Southampton University for a BSc in Electronic Engineering. Spent 3 years with Marconi and then the rest of the time with ITT (which then became STC and then Nortel Networks). Currently trying for voluntary redundancy so he can go back to studying, possibly astrophysics. Also spent many years with the Cambridge Gliding Club.

**Kevin Emmerson (68-73)** *Joined the Army via Sandhurst after leaving school. Left the Army in 1999 having*

been a Helicopter Instructor. Now in the RAF.

**Steve Read (68-73)** Left Wycoll with 2 (poor grade) A Levels. Gave employment a bash and generally enjoyed life due to having money to spend. Qualified as a Management Accountant in 1985. Married 1986. Two children (both currently at Wycoll!) Recently 'persuaded' to become treasurer of WCA.

**Gill Thompson (Norman 68-73)** I'm married with two children (boy, aged 12 and girl, aged 10) and working as an Urban Designer in Brighton and Hove. After Wymondham I went to Sheffield University to study Architecture. I also studied at South Bank Poly and more recently did an MA in Urban Design at Westminster University. I'd love to hear from old friends.

**Sue White (68-73)** After a variety of jobs, local journalist, computer programmer and FE lecturer now works at Southampton University as the Learning and Teaching Co-ordinator for the Faculty of Engineering and Applied Science.

**Ian Almond (69-73)** Whilst at school: height five feet nine, short black hair, average build. Interests keen football fan and Tamla Motown. Family lived in Kings Lynn. Now - same height considerably less short hair, considerable weight gain. Since leaving school studied at Goldsmiths School of Art London but chose not to follow an artistic career. I have worked with mentally handicapped adults for approx 18 years. I am employed as a social worker. I have a ten year old daughter.

**Diana Smith (Ebbs 69-73)** Went to King's Lynn to do A levels, started Teacher training but did not like it. Moved to civil service and now in their management in Norfolk. Married 25 years with one daughter. Still in touch with Caroline Quinton, Teresa Robinon, Janet Cummings.

**Julie Livingstone (Webster 66-73)** has lived in Australia for the last 15 years, single, with two teenage daughters. 'School seems (and is) a very remote memory, both in time and distance, but I have enjoyed browsing the alumni website - some things I had not thought about for years!'

**Georgina Wisniewska (Norman 68-73)** I left Norfolk when I left school but keep in touch with lots of friends from school - so I enjoy visiting the area to catch up with friends, shop in Norwich, sail on the Broads and paddle in Cromer. Now live in Shakespeare Country so have become very

cultured!!!!

**Paul Sewter (68-73)** Consistent under-achiever who considered popularity a far more accessible goal than academic prowess. The only school record I made was to be the first ever first year pupil to be caned by Muzz (although I doubt I was the last).

**Duncan Ferguson (68-73)** is still living in Norfolk at North Elmham running his own car sales business. Married twice with 3 children and enjoying life to the full.

**Chris Fuller (68-73)** spent 7 years in the Merchant Navy and has been self employed since 1985 with an outside catering business in North Norfolk. Married for 20 years, one son. Still plays football and table tennis in local leagues.

**Neil Charrington (70-73)** I am a business software developer. Married Barbara - my girlfriend while I was at WC although she was not at WC herself. Two kids, one girl (now married with two boys of her own), one boy. Both went to WyColl, both in Fry, both with Mr Brand. (It was weird going back as a parent!) Both are working with me in the 'family' computer business. [neil@casoftware.co.uk](mailto:neil@casoftware.co.uk)

**Paul Waymark (67-74)** My brother-in-law is Roger Morgan, PE master at the college. I have lived in Hull for nearly 23 years and have three daughters aged 15, 13 and 10. I am an operations manager for the largest supplier of horticultural products to the major DIY retailers in UK. Still have fond memories of the college and old friends and would welcome more contact with them.

**Glenys Currie (Owen 67-74)** moved to Canada in 1987 now a Social Worker working to prevent homelessness. Mother of a 13 year old daughter. 'I was not a standout at school, not good at sports. Somehow I did manage to end up as House Captain of Peel! My parents still live in Norfolk and I return home at least once a year but I have never been back to visit Wymondham. Maybe I will try to make the 2003 reunion.'

**Colin Farrington (67-74)** Mis-spent most of my time at WyColl with the cadet force or playing around with electronics, which included the school projectors, dance equipment and cricket scoreboard. I had 20+ years with the Fire Service and I am now self employed dabbling in many things, still using a lot of the skills that I first learnt at the college.

**Gerald Allison (69-74)** took various jobs before settling in West Norfolk as General Manager of an Internal Drainage Board. Married for 21 years.

**Michael Joy (68-75)** Living just north of Norwich and work in city centre (NOT Norwich Union!) - married with 2 children (girl 13 boy 10). Happy to hear from anyone who remembers me.

**Trevor Wadlow (69-75)** has been a teacher, management trainer, HR specialist and currently an inspector - looking at the quality of council services. Also been a chair of trustees of a children's hospice. Married for 15 years with two boys mad keen on sports.

**David Baxter (69-76)** is a Chartered Accountant working as a consultant to oil industry construction company. Married to Tracy and living near Dereham. Treasurer of Norfolk Ski Club and owner of Triumph TR5 for sunny days.

**Graham Wilson (69-76)** After his BSc in Maths at Kings College Graham joined ICL as a programmer. He is now living and working in Dubai with his wife and two children.

**Christina Jenkins (Mallett 69-76)** I lived in Wymondham at the time and came in on the 'number 12 bus'. Firstly to CGS, then from 1971 onwards to Wymondham College (though I took a long time to replace my CGS tie and badge with the WC lion). Now married with 4 children, living in Essex and working as an accountant in the automotive industry.'

**Dean Bostock (69-76)** I am still living in America. I am an attorney in a Boston law firm. Check out our website at [www.mintz.com](http://www.mintz.com). I try to come home a couple of times a year and visit. Usually I bump into Mike Sadd and John Weston in Norwich. Boston is a great place to visit (except in the winter). Look me up if you are in town.

**Gillian Charlton (Spencer 69-76)** Forced to tolerate her son and husband playing the drums, she is looking for some distraction and would be interested in contacting any of her old classmates. Living in Australia with her GP husband and 2 children. With a Geography degree and diplomas in Nursing and Teaching she is now running asthma clinics in her husband's surgery.

**Jane Greenwood (Keeble 70-75)** is living in Wymondham with Andy and two children, Mathew and Sarah both at WyColl. Working at Norfolk County Council Education Department and also

teaching swimming at Wymondham Leisure Centre.

**Barry Hipwell (70-75)** *Having graced WC with my full-on teenage angst (subsequently taken out on the army, equally to no avail!), eventually got my act together and got myself an honours degree in Civil Engineering. Am now a chartered structural engineer and a director of a local consultancy firm (discounts available to those who claim to have known me at WC!)*

**Martin Thrower (70-75)** has worked in local government in Norfolk and Kent and has maintained contact with a number of school friends. An avid fan of ITFC and enjoys golf and racket sports. *'I attended the school reunion about 4 years ago and was pleased to meet so many former school friends for a most enjoyable evening of reminiscing (especially the evening journey around the school grounds!).'*

**Kevin Sanders (70-77)** is working as a Computer Programmer. Married with two children and living in rural Staffordshire.

**Alice Catt (Buchan 71-75)** Separated with two school age children. Not working but taking a computer course. Done several jobs since leaving from office work to running a newsagents

**Matthew Paines (71-76)** thought the following would be of interest to 70s alumni. He was recently on a flight from Helsinki to London. *'I was sitting behind a bunch of middle aged loudmouthed longhaired brummies, Yes it was Slade. They'd been doing a 70s weekend with Sweet and Smokie. A still-befringed Dave Lea told me that Noddy hadn't been gigging with them these past ten years. Rather than the Grecian2000 and wrinkles, however, the most damning indictment was they were all in Economy class. Hardly rock'n roll now is it?'*

**Margot Morton (Stone 72-76)** *I was one of four sisters (Lesley, Zoe and Anita) who all attended Wymondham. I had a brief career in Scientific Instrumentation before becoming a Mum and have now returned to work as a database controller, living in Basingstoke with my two sons.*

**Ken Seaman (70-77)** Went to City University (London) and studied Ophthalmic Optics. Returned to Norfolk to do my Pre-Registration year (following the death of my father during my second year). Eventually had my own practice in Aylsham but now working as the resident Optometrist in the Castle Mall Norwich.

**MaryAnn Richardson (71-77)** Is an

archer living in Wales, would love to get in contact with any old friends.

**Lesley Cross (Sutherland 72-75)** *After leaving school I went to work at Nat West Bank then 18 months later had a change of heart and decided to become a nurse. Got married after finishing my training and moved to Middlesbrough where I have been ever since. I currently work in intensive care in the local hospital which is about to become the biggest single site hospital in Europe. I have two children, one of each, and have recently become a grandma. My favourite hobby is the computer and digital photography.*

**Dawn Brownhill (Jessop 73-76)** joined Wymondham as a new third and left after doing O'levels. Was in courses 46 and 56. Following this she took A Levels at Norwich City College and then an SRN in the QARANC. Now married and living in Australia with three teenage daughters.

**Marie-Clare Isaaman (72-77)** is an Artist, filmmaker and lecturer doing PhD.

**Peter Drake (72-77)** After leaving school I blundered into marine engineering and became a ship's engineering officer for 4 years. Took over my dad's pub while he was off sick and then somehow made it into Nuclear Power Production business in South Africa. Now working in Nuclear Power Regulation (poacher turned gamekeeper!) Looking forward to a career someday!

**Gavin Kedar (71-78)** emigrated to Australia and is married with 4 children. Now farming at Scottville, Queensland. Was involved with the WC Young Farmers Club run by Mr Berry.

**Louise Martin (72-78)** *Currently Software Coordinator for NHS Logistics in Alfreton, Derbyshire, but moving back to Suffolk in 2003, hopefully to Bury St Edmunds. Divorced, no kids but happy. Interests are still choral singing, reading, theatre, opera, making contact with old friends, so, if there are any out there who remember me please get in touch.*

**Lyn Dobson (72-79)** *I currently live in Luton with my partner Michael and my Golden Retriever (no kids). I qualified as a Beauty Therapist 20 years ago and have been running a successful business for the past 12 years. I recently qualified as an adult education teacher but at the moment I am too busy with my salon to teach as well. Met Vinnie Collins from Wy.Col on holiday in Portugal this year.*

**Simon Newington (72-79)** *Found the*

*website after bumping into Mark Smith in a chinese take away in Costessey. For those who are interested 'no I did not join the Army, ever!'*

**Tina Richardson (72-79)** *Have just moved back to Norfolk after being in London since 1987. I work as an IT consultant.*

**Iain Sidey (72-79)** *Been working in the printing trade for 18 years now, married to Anne about 6 years ago and living near Glasgow with an old fat black cat. Go scuba diving whenever possible.*

**Karl Eagle (73-78)** Possibly remembered by some as keen on sport and girls. Known to eat my packed lunch during morning classes so that I could get to the sports hall for a work out in the gym during lunchtime.

**Elizabeth Elfick-Wood (73-78)** Married, one cat, no children. Part time garden designer and gardener. Likes to travel at any opportunity.

**Paul Cant (73-79)** *Went to Norwich Union following A Levels. Four years later I joined the Police in Norfolk and have been an Officer for the past 18 years. Domestically not quite so settled; two divorces and living with number 3!!*

*There are several ex pupils in Norfolk Constabulary whom I frequently see.*

**Chris Boreham (73-79)** *After leaving school went to marine college for 4 years and then spent 15 years as an engineer officer in the Merchant Navy. Left in 1997 and now work as an engineer surveyor involved in the construction of new ships. Married Jane 10 years ago and have two kids aged 9 and 7*

**.Sean Cunningham (72-80)** is married with two sons. *'Earn a crust as a consultant Project Manager and Trainer. (Previously an engineering officer in the RAF). Still have some of my own hair, less every year, watch more sport than I play, and play less golf than I could. Teaching elder boy to drive (hence less hair) and enjoying life in a small village. (Well it does have a pub).'*

**Richard Chalk (74-79)** *After leaving school, I studied law at Cambridge and qualified as a solicitor at Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer, an international law firm. I became a partner in 1994 specialising in large scale litigation. Although now based in London, I have previously worked in Paris, Singapore, Hong Kong and Brunei. I married Kathy (nee Jones) also ex Wycol and we have five children.*

**Morag Ward (Muir 74-79)** *Started*

Wycoll as a mid term joiner in the 2nd form, left after A levels. I worked for Barclays Bank for about 20 years until I was made redundant in 2000. I now work for the TUC. I have a son who is 5 and who spends half his time with me and half with his Dad.

**Andy Chapman (73-80)** studied geology at City of London Poly, then spent 10 years working for Geoservices in the oil industry. Spend time in Africa and Middle East, mainly Yemen. Moved back to London and works in IT consultancy. Married. Spends spare time rock climbing.

**Roger Seargeant (73-80)** has rather mixed memories, says he was not a model pupil, in trouble usually for silly things and very lazy. Married with 2 children living and working in Netherlands.

**Michael Wood (73-80)** is currently living near San Francisco with his wife and daughter and is a Director for Product Development for a medical diagnostics company.

**Ciaran McCloskey (74-80)** Very happily married to Sarah, living in Lincolnshire. I am a partner/director in a company owning Mappin & Webb and Watches of Switzerland. I get back to Norfolk 5/6 times a year. I am still in close contact with Daren Cooke (New Hall).

**Jerry Tonge (76-80)** Came to Wymondham as a Lincoln boarder at the end of 3<sup>rd</sup> year and had four very happy years at WyCol. Made some great friends, fell in love with a few girls, made the most of the fantastic sports environment. Went to Uni in Kent, then trained and worked in London for a few years. Now married with two girls and living in Bedfordshire.

**Benedict Carter (74-81)** played for both 1<sup>st</sup> XV (Captain 1981) and the 1<sup>st</sup> cricket XI. Studied history at Queens College then joined the Royal Navy. Married in 1988 with one daughter. Now divorced. Survived cancer in 1988 and has lived in the ex USSR for 6 years, currently resident in Moscow. Owns his own offshore finance company with staff in Moscow, Kazakhstan, Bulgaria.

**Michael Chatters (74-81)** Went to Southampton to do an Economics degree. Worked for Guinness, Coca Cola and now Colgate Palmolive. Living in London for the last 15 years but still gets to Norwich for the football occasionally.

**Paul Smith (74-81)** Working in a Steiner School - very different ethos to

Wy Col. Have son Henry, 6 (2003) Living in Nottinghamshire.

**Chris Gay (74-81)** Having found Bill Hipkiss after the last Newsletter it would be great to hear from some of the other reprobates with whom I attended Concerts at the UEA Lower Common Room and West Runton Pavilion, walked round thinking Adam and the Ants were the best thing since sliced bread. Spent break times climbing through the windows of the old empty library for a cigarette (There's an admission) and spending the summer term going home covered in dust having been thrown down the side of the 'bomb pit' near the science block by the sixth formers again!! Oh and we also did the odd bit of learning. It would be interesting to hear from **Dominic POTTER, David 'DAN' NORMAN, Nigel STARLING and Adrian HOOK** amongst others. As for myself, I spent the first half a dozen years after leaving school in a variety of jobs including Civil Servant, Disc Jockey and bus driver (An interesting combination). I have now been a Police Officer 16 years and on the Fraud Squad for a couple of years. Whether the fact that I have not knowingly arrested an ex-Wymondham College pupil in the last 16 years is a tribute to the school, or is because they just don't get caught, is a matter of opinion. Anybody who remembers me and wants to make contact is more than welcome to contact me on this email address [gaycd@norfolk.police.uk](mailto:gaycd@norfolk.police.uk)

**Alison Murrell (Edwards 75-79)** Hi everyone. I am married to Paul and have three children, James 13, Dale 12 and Stacey 10 and the boys go to the college which hasn't changed much in the last 20 years. We have great fun going to watch them in all the sports events and Drama productions. I work in an infant school as a Learning Support Assistant so I must have learnt something at school!

**Steve Reader (75-80)** After leaving Wymondham College in 1980 I did a telecomms apprenticeship with GEC, with whom I worked for 18 years. I am now working for NTL as a telecomms transmission engineer. I am involved with installation and maintenance of SDH & DWDM optical transmission systems in East Anglia and London. Married to Kim, have a daughter, Holly, and we live in Wymondham. Feel free to get in touch.

**Donna Ward (75-80)** is now a senior nurse manager at a large London

hospital. Lives with her partner and two children in Tooting, London.

**Tracey Jenkins (Waterfield 75-80)** was a Cavell day pupil now working as teaching assistant at local infant school.

**Jenny Hartley (Perryman 76-79)** Married, no kids or pets. Not worked for a few years, am a housewife who dislikes housework, so now looking for an interesting career change. Not changed much from when I was at school apart from the odd grey hairs and few stone in weight! Still keep in touch with a few people.

**Karen Prudden (Hammill 76-81)** has achieved her dream of living in the Yorkshire Dales, having recently moved to a 400 year old Dales stone cottage with a garden that runs down to the River Bain.

**Kevin Rochfort (76-81)** joined British Aerospace who sponsored him through the Royal Military College of Science. He is still with BAe and has just returned after 5 years secondment to BAe in Paris where he did learnt to speak his most hated subject! He is now working in engineering management, responsible for the migration of the Storm Shadow missile from design stage to full scale production.

**Howard Wing (74-81)** is living just outside Norwich with his wife and two children, and working as Sales Director for a local company. He would love to hear from anyone who remembers him.

**Mike Lynn (74-81)** is currently living in India managing De Beers diamond exploration programme. Married with two children.

**Julie Daines (Ridgers 75-82)** is married with two sons and currently working as Site Accountant for an AgroChemical manufacturer in Cheshire. 'Recently taken up rowing for Northwich Rowing Club. Never really lost the bug for rowing since rowing with Mr Varnon and crew at weekends at Whitlingham.'

**Keith Dolby (75-82)** moved to London after leaving and worked in IT as a programmer. Married in 87, divorced in 99, has two boys. Currently Managing Director of Britannia Software plc.

**Denise McGee (Williams 76-83)** Went to Nene College to do B.Ed. Got married and taught in Norfolk before taking a break to have my children, Annie and Nicholas. Now amicably separated. Part-time Teacher in a small primary school.

**Graham Cook (77-82)** A day pupil arriving on the 816 bus from Cringleford each day. Went to Sheffield and got 2:1 in Geography

(thanks to Miss Hannington). Worked in the cement industry since, currently in Dunbar. Married with an 18 month old daughter and a mad springer spaniel.

**Martin Vozza (78-82)** Happily married living in the Midlands with 3 kids. Would love to hear from anyone who remembers me.

**Kay Osborne (Atkin 77-83)** spent 6 months in Canada as a Nanny after leaving Wym College. Worked for various companies; Royal Insurance, British Telecom, Royal Bank of Scotland, Eastern Electricity. Now Living in Essex. Married to Robin for 14 years. 2 children, Jacob 10, Emily 9. Working part-time as Teaching Assistant with children with Special Needs.

**Andy Hancock (77-83)** *No qualifications on leaving so went to France with Alistair Watson to gain some in life. Interspersing rugby and working with Norwich Union, I left Norfolk in 1989 for Sheffield. Currently living happily with Steph and son Sam in a barn in Penistone and Head of Sales Support for Norwich Union Healthcare.*

**Duncan Partridge (77-83)** Wife, two kids, bald. Taught in UK for a number of years. Set up a kids theatre group touring schools and then went into international education. Lived in Lesotho and Peru, and now Head of an international primary school in Buenos Aires.

**Kerensa Wright (Hack 76-83)** became a Registered General Nurse after leaving and has travelled extensively in the UK and Germany. Married with two boys and now settled back in Norfolk.

**Alan Stuart-Tilley (77-82)** emigrated to USA in 1988 with his wife and son. Working with biochemical research in Boston, Mass. Halfway through studying for M.Div at Andover Newton Theological School.

**Kay Osborne (Atkin 77-83)** spent 6 months in Canada as a Nanny after leaving WyColl. Now living in Essex and married with two children. Working part time as a teaching assistant with children with special needs.

**Pamela Brooks (Sewell 77-84)** went to University of Leicester to read English. Worked for 9 months as an accountant (*hated it*) then 10 years in marketing communications for Norwich Union before switching to freelance journalism and having two children. Also writes

for Mills & Boon – see website at [www.katehardy.com](http://www.katehardy.com).

**Rachel Bruce (Dorling 77-84)** now living in New Zealand. Was a Finance Manager for a Government agency until leaving full time work to raise three children. Has a part time financial consulting business from home and is still studying.

**Mark Playford (78-83)** studied at Norwich City College and then joined Norwich Union. He is now based in Dublin with the NU International Company.

**Simon Hardcastle (79-83)** is married with 2 sons and currently an oil tanker broker in London

**Michelle Mackenzie (80-84)** is now a police officer with the Metropolitan police after taking a diploma in sports at NORCAT in King's Lynn

**Alison Carter (77-84)** *Left school and went to Manchester University. Met Phil there and married him in 1990. Now living in Solihull, and spend my time looking after our three children - Sophie (7), Ben (5) and Tom (3). I work as a teacher of the deaf in a Birmingham special school. I'd love to hear from anyone who remembers me!*

**Derek Williams (81-85)** was the school Library/Media Technician. *'I worked in the small upstairs room in the library. Most kids knew me because I worked the photocopier for them. I also encouraged the school rock bands – esp Council of Ancients, Block 14 and Idle Jack. I didn't like wearing a tie either.*

**Alice Walsh (79-87)** *Working in an office in London but wishing I was surrounded by Norfolk fields instead of traffic and rude tourists.*

**Katrina Meredith (Macdermid 78-85)** is a District Nurse, married and living in Ramsgate.

**Martin Giles (78-85)** On leaving joined Midland Bank International and then went on to Oxford University. Joined the Economist as a reporter then became foreign correspondent and finance editor. Am currently a director of the Economist Group with responsibility for business operations.

**Jenefer Lamson (78-86)** is hoping to send her son to the College in 2004. She would love to hear from anyone who remembers her.

**Louise Walker (84-86)** is working as a Legal Executive with solicitors in Norwich.

**Tracey Salellaris (Harding 81-88)** is living and working in Greece, married with 2 children.

**Becky Cramp (83-88)** studied A Levels and a Diploma in PE at City

College then trained to be a nurse. At present working at Plumstead Hospital Norfolk.

**Richard Goodchild (84-89)** Worked at Lincolnshire Police HQ for two years as a fingerprints/photography assistant before join RAF

**Matthew Gosden (85-90)** *is head of IT for Postcomm, a government regulator. Considering my relationships with teachers and figures of authority, it might make Chris Sayer chuckle to hear that I'm now in management in the Civil Service, and am living with a teacher...! I still enjoy climbing, though....*

**Charles Gibson (84-91)** has travelled the world with the Royal Navy as an aircraft engineer, now based in Somerset.

**Triston Russell (86-91)** *After an affair with the radio industry - decided a normal job would be nice - so am now an IT Consultant.*

**Allan Richardson (85-92)** is a civil servant working in the public sector IT procurement. He is founder member and drummer in The Mandaloes

**John Norton (87-93)** studied Industrial Design at Loughborough University, then had a year travelling around Australia. Now teaching in Kimbolton, Cambs.

**Dominic Weatherill (88-93)** is currently working as an aquatic biologist for the State of Georgia. Happily married and enjoying the sunshine. Would really like to get in touch with ANYONE from school.

**Christopher Haverson (90-95)** went to Bristol University, now working for environment agency living in Bristol. Would like to make contact with people in his year at school.

**Emma Skoyles (90-97)** *'I'm a Civil Servant living near to the beautiful city of Glasgow. I began Wymondham as a tall first year and lasted the test of time and finished my sixth form education there! I was in New Hall and I miss the old place so much and would love to come back and re-visit and see how it's changed.'*

**Beatriz Gonzalez Maestro (93-94)** Was a Spanish student in the 5th year in Cavell and made good friends but has lost all contact with them. She would love to hear from any of them, email on the website.

**Claire Dempster (Charrington 91-95)** now living in Redditch and is office manageress. [claire@caoftware.co.uk](mailto:claire@caoftware.co.uk)

**Glynn Goodall (88-95)** *After playing Ralph Nickleby in 'The Adventures of Nicolas Nickleby' and getting so drunk that I was suspended from school, I*

went to St John's College Oxford. By the skin of my teeth I managed to get a degree in English then tried various job before I went back to Oxford to do my PGCE. I have been teaching in London and Oxford for the past two years. I am currently emigrating to Toronto, Canada

**Clare Webster (93-95)** I was a boarder for 2 years before returning to America. I have no photos to remember the beautiful friends that I love dearly, due to a very quick exit. Any members of Wyomondham College that may have some time to help would be appreciated. Year book photos would be great or formal or even a list of students and teachers who I was fortunate to meet! Missing Wyomondham.

**Matthew Charrington (91-96)** now living in Solihull and is following the family tradition as a software designer. [mattc@casoftware.co.uk](mailto:mattc@casoftware.co.uk)

**Tim Shrimpton (91-96)** is a science and geography teacher now teaching in Balgladesh at the International School of Dhaka. Married with four children.

**Sian Aggett (90-97)** is employed by the science museum in London as an explainer which entails doing public science shows and speaking to the public about the exhibits on the interactive galleries. She is on a 4 month secondment to a government funded organisation who promote science education and careers by a variety of projects and its website ([www.planet-science.com](http://www.planet-science.com)) They are launching a big nationwide crime mystery in April

**Victoria Reeve (90-97)** decided not to go to uni. Had various jobs including breakdown/recovery driver, now settled looking after the Med region for an international ship supplied company. Lives with her other half Fred and 3 dogs and a haulage business.

**Jo Rose (90-97)** is Director of Music at Royal Albert and Alexander School, Reigate and also sings with an opera company at the Mynack Theatre in Cornwall

**Hannah Giles (91-98)** is now living in Auckland, New Zealand and in her second year at Medical School.

**Luke Bell (93-98)** 'I was the one who always hung around with Chris Sams, Alex Halls & Paul (Billy) Middlege I'm about to start the third year of Business Studies at Hull University and everything is going well. Been going out with Vicki for over a year and a half now and much happier than I have ever been. Sorry to anyone I was ever nasty to at school – I didn't mean to be!'

**Rachel Butterworth (96-98)** Finished her A levels after working for 2 years as a clerk at an Insurance Brokers. She and her sister Sarah were working at rival taxi offices in Blackpool. She is now working as a Personal Support Assistant for people with learning disabilities. Was a member of The Guardian Concert Band and Air Training Corps. Got to the rank of Flight Sergeant with ATC. Rachel would love to hear from anyone she knew at school, especially Jessica Bodgenor and Zoe Ramsden

**Adam Martin (91-98)** is living and studying design in Nantes, France. His brother **Sebastian** is working with people with mental disorders.

**Kelly Kershaw (95-99)** 'My mum (Kate) was the school nurse and my family lived on school campus. I have a sister, Holly, who also went to WC and we were both in Fry. I played hockey and painted loads. Am now at Norwich Art school doing a foundation year and will then move to London to do the big degree!'

**Jacqui Skoyles (92-99)** married last August and was due to start a new job with the RAF in December.

**Jay Thomas (-99)** appeared in 'Hollyoaks' on Burns Night 25/1/03. He was playing a gay chap called Nathan who arrives on screen wearing a kilt.

**Krista Stevenson (94-01)** I have just finished my first year of a Sociology Degree course at Bristol University and although I found it difficult at the beginning I now really enjoy it. I miss the college but I keep in touch with many of the pupils in my year

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## Obituaries

**Doreen Sharman (Mason 51-)**

Doreen died on the 9 September 2001

It is very sad to report that **Nicholas Tonkin (00-01)** was tragically killed in a motorcycle accident in September 2002. Nicholas was the younger brother of Oliver Tonkin (94-01). Our thoughts are with his family.

**Melita Robinson (Sewell early 70s)**

*No one I love has died before so I guess I've missed something pretty essential to human experience. The closest I ever got was John Lennon back in 1980. That's how naive I am about love and death. Until today I was also naive enough to believe that funerals are for the dead person. Today I caught on. They're not. They're for the living. I thought I would just go and be sad about finally losing her and for the way she died. But no. Her family (as families do) have their agenda, as others do too. I believe I was her best friend, close in our way for more than 30 years. What's my agenda? I don't know. Anyway, she's gone. Stopped breathing. All to do with liver problems and toxins in the respiratory centre.*

*She had charisma, Melita did. She was very accepting of the darker side of people. Welcomed all to her home. She was beautiful (aesthetically), pretty (little and blonde and fantastic figure), and attractive (cared about others). She wasn't conventional, kept to her own path. And she wasn't scared of death. Knew that her drinking was slowly killing her and made an informed choice, as they say.*

*I'll share a confidence. She told me once why she loved nursing.*

*It was because she loves touching people. Jo*

(from Jo Voelker (Bassingthwaighte))

**Ron Wilson (54-58)**, a 13+ Grammar School entrant, was one of the unsung heroes of the nissen hut days. Unable to do games or P.E., he gave unstintingly of his time helping to run the Library, and was also one of a gang of stage-hands in the old West House, including among others Tony Pyle and Harry Saunderson, who spent many hours at week-ends making stage scenery for Tomlinson Hall. He set a wonderful example of service to the community, and his rather shy sense of humour helped make him very popular with his fellows.

In 1960 he entered teaching training, later securing teaching posts in Cambridgeshire and Northamptonshire, from where he blossomed into an author, having over sixty books published, mostly on wildlife, biology and science teaching, though later he diversified into other subjects such as the churches in the area near Daventry where he lived for many years. His *Back Garden Wildlife Sanctuary Book* became a best seller and a book club choice, and he was for some years a contributor to *Radio Northampton* on countryside and local church topics. Among the highlights of his career he counts the evenings spent with a group of 30 children watching badgers appear from their setts.

All this, as he said, after leaving Wymondham "having completed only one year in the sixth form and with only seven 'O' levels". He added, in a letter to Carole in April 2000, that "my love of books undoubtedly came from my many hours spent on library duties."

It was very sad to hear of Ron's untimely death on 29 October 2001. He clearly lived life to the full, and made the most of his wide range of talents, which were unsuspected even by those who knew him well in his Wymondham days! Our belated sympathies to his wife and two daughters.

Roger Garrard

#### **Mike Frohawk (54-59)**

Mick Frohawk died in the Spring of 2001 after a six month illness.

He was a natural and good sportsman. He played in goal for the school junior soccer team in his first year at the College and after switching to rugby became first choice prop in the excellent College 1st team of the late 50s. He had a good eye for a cricket ball and was opening batsman for the 1st cricket team during the same period. His love of sport stayed with him throughout his life and even during his final illness he managed to get to Twickenham to meet up with three or four of his old school friends and on that last occasion Mike Rees, the rugby master from the 50s, was also present.

After completing his A Levels he took an apprenticeship with a Leicester company and played rugby for one of the Leicester teams. In the latter days he was a partner in a business supplying artificial surfaces for sports venues.

His funeral was in Boston on 9th May 2002. Four of his College contemporaries attended and Terry

Nicholls gave a moving talk about his early days at the College. (see below) He leaves a wife Doreen and son Gary. His enthusiasm and energy will be missed by all of his many friends and not least by those from his school days. It is a credit to him that he was so instrumental in bringing so many of his contemporaries from the 50s together in the past few years.

Bob Rowell, Mike Herring, John Beales

About 18 months ago I received a phone call from some fellow, speaking in what I recognised as an educated Norfolk accent told me that we hadn't spoken for over 40 years. Did I remember Mike Frohawk? How could you ever forget someone who, had played school rugby and cricket with such distinction, reshaped your nose and then saved your bacon because of an outlandish rumour that he had shinned up a drainpipe to the first floor of the girls' boarding house? You don't forget people like that!

We chatted for a while and he told me about plans that he and Bob and Belsie were working on to hold a reunion of that team to coincide with the school's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. He used incredible energy to find and contact people who had dispersed to all parts of the globe and we had a fantastic weekend of golf and reminiscences of Wymondham College.

We met at Wymondham College 50 years ago. Sport was a massive part of school life, especially for Mike who would go on to excel at it. He was a good athlete, a fine cricketer who shone as an all-rounder, but it was at rugby that he was to find his sporting joy and satisfaction. Not at first though!

In an overnight decision, soccer was to be replaced by rugby. Several of us good soccer players abstained from rugby in the first year. These people, including Mike and myself, were in the bottom group with those who thought all sport was barbaric and not worthy of their efforts. Even so, as a result of an accidental collision Mike managed to rearrange my nose.

After a while Andy Seeley spoke to Mike and me and told us in no uncertain terms that the head was getting very angry about it and that our places in the cricket team were in jeopardy. We got through the rest of the year and then Mike Rees arrived on the scene and the rest is history. Mike was one of the inspirational leaders of the team, which went on to create a record of only one

defeat, which is still intact.

Our friends were scattered around the county and after leaving they were scattered around the country. So it was that 43 years passed. During that time, Mike played rugby at the heart of the community – with great commitment and distinction as he usually finished up as Club Captain. His passion for rugby remained undimmed during what must have been an horrific time for him. I shall always remember him for the sheer joy and excitement he showed when we watched England play the finest rugby ever seen, against the Irish at Twickenham. Doreen told me that he had very mixed emotions when watching the game between Leicester and Llanelli on TV, but leapt up in joy when the winning kick went over the bar.

This is a very personal view of Mike. When we met again as a group after 43 years, it was as though we had been drinking mates at the same pub each week. We decided that it was about good friendships at school and shared interest, but I think it had as much to do with the fact that Mike was a good, caring man. I am just very sorry that so soon after meeting up again we had so little time to reminisce. - Terry Nicholls (52-58)



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