



NEWSLETTER

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Wymondham College Association is for all former students and staff of the College. Four of the Trustees - David Spinks, Anne Richardson (nee Warner), Geoffrey Hardaker and Michael Brand have acted as caretakers of the WCA until the present committee was formed.

Letter from the President

Dear Friend,

May I take this opportunity of advising you that the Wymondham College Association (WCA) has a new enthusiastic committee and under the able Chairing of Corrinne Milsom-Mann it has met twice within the past four months - in London in December and at Wymondham in February. This lively group is eager to lay the foundations of an Association which will endure as long as the College exists. Members of the Committee represent past students and staff members from the 1950s to 2002. Their names are:-

President - Jack Smith (51-53)

Chairman for this year, Corrinne Milsom-Mann(82-90),

Vice Chairman - Phil Robinson (66-73)

Treasurer - tba,

Secretary- Carole Arnold

Social Secretary - Julie Harding(71-76)

Communications group - Bill Atkins(58-64) , Tristan Botly(-99), Mike Herring(52-58), Robert Draper(79-85) Committee members - Geoffrey Hardaker(53-61), Michael Brand(ex staff 63-98), Roger Garrard(ex staff 52-89), Anne Richardson (nee Warner 66-73), David Spinks(51-55)

Your Association has recently become a member of the Association of Representatives of Old Pupils Societies (AROPS) and three WCA Committee members hope to attend their annual conference in May.

We are in the process of formulating the Association's Aims and Objectives but essentially we envisage an Association which will be the focal point through which former students and staff members will be able to communicate with one another and maintain friendships. Additionally we will aim to contribute to the prestige of Wymondham College. The Association will make extensive use of the internet and a Communications Working Group has eagerly established a website which you must visit at www.wcrembered.co.uk - you will be truly surprised to see what's there. To date some 4,000 visits have been made to the site. We are especially indebted to Bill Atkins for this development.

You will be fully aware that you have not been pestered (not even asked!) for a subscription to the WCA, however, you will be all too mindful that there's no such thing as a free lunch! Any contribution you can make therefore towards the cost of WCA, however small, is greatly needed and will be much appreciated. We are very grateful to those

of you who have made a donation and these have covered the cost of producing the Newsletter over the past two years.

The next meeting of your Committee is on 25 May, so if you have any suggestions or comments, please pass them to Carole a few days beforehand.

Very best wishes, Yours sincerely, Jack Smith (51-53)

Wymondham College Trust

The Wymondham College Trust exists to receive and dispense funds in accordance with the wishes of benefactors, the needs of the College and all those associated with it. Three former students and one former teacher are among the trustees, and have supported the efforts to establish what is now a massive data base of former students and staff. The Trustees are -

Chairman - David Spinks (51-55), Vice Chairman and Treasurer - Anne Richardson (nee Warner 66-73), Michael Brand (ex staff 63-98) Tom Eaton (ex Chairman of Governors) Michael FitzRoy, Ronnie Hoare, Geoffrey Hardaker (53-61).

Proceeds of the book 'Wymondham College - the first 50 years', written by Roger Garrard and Michael Brand go to the Trust Bursary Fund. Copies are still available - order form enclosed. **Copies will also be on sale at the reunion on 22 June and at the Norfolk Show.** The Trustees are grateful to all of you who added a donation to the Trust when ordering a copy of the 50th Anniversary Book

Notes from the Secretary

Websites

Many of you have found out about the Association through the various websites - the most exciting one developed during this last year is www.wcrembered.co.uk which was set up by **Bill Atkins (57-64)**. The College website of course - www.wymondhamcollege.co.uk and www.friendsreunited.co.uk - most visited by past students of Wymondham College - and **Donelda Bridson (75-79)** has set up a new club on yahoo for ex wym coll people. Get in touch on

<http://clubs.yahoo.com/clubs/exwymondhamcollege>

We will publish the Newsletter on the www.wcrembered.co.uk site. Sending the Newsletter by email will save enormously on the cost of postage. For those of you who are able to receive it this way please let us know if you haven't already done so. **We hope to make this site interactive in the near future, if you do not wish your details included on the site please let us know. This is being done professionally and your details will be secure.** If you do not have Internet access, we will mail it to you by post.

2001 was an extremely busy year and I am very grateful to those of you who helped to ease the burden either by

helping in a practical way, sending photographs, or enthusiastically searching for all your old friends and getting them to the celebrations. Without that effort the whole event would have been a flop. **Philip Wade** made a tremendous effort to trace all his classmates from 60-67 and is still doing so. **Bob Rowell** and **Mike Frohawk** (see 'Golf') **Colin Leaford**, **Roz Knights** and many, many others who networked and joined in the spirit of the occasion to find old friends and get them to the celebrations. I cannot let this opportunity pass without thanking a few people who worked so hard behind the scenes. **Mu Gurbutt** did the flower arrangements for the Dinner and the Ball almost single-handed, **Sarah Lusher** helped enormously by doing the table arrangements for the Ball. Mu is a full time member of the science department and Deputy Head of Fry Hall, so I am especially grateful to her for taking on the task at the end of a busy year. **Bob Bales** and his catering team were superb as always, and the 'table moving' team on 14 July - **Victoria Musgrave**, **Roger Garrard**, **Michael Brand**, **Julie Kheng**, **Trevor Forder**, **Mu** and **Paul Gurbutt**. **Chris Sayer** organised tours of the College and made Kett Hall open house for those in need of changing facilities. The Caretakers are literally a tower of strength on these occasions, they work in the day time and are still there at 3am! **Paul Foster**(71-76) organised the bands for the Ball and has been a tremendous help with the printing of the Newsletter and took away the tedious job of stuffing 4000 envelopes, for which I shall be forever grateful!

2002 Reunion - 80s & 90s

This year's reunion is primarily for the 1980s and 1990s leavers. As always, other generations are welcome to join in but it is in their interest to make sure they gather a crowd of their contemporaries to make up a table or three. Details and booking form enclosed. Briefly, the format will be a buffet supper, cash bar and music by DJ Steve Sorrell (72-77). As the Sports Hall is being used constantly for exams, we shall be using the Refectory, transformed by creative decoration

Reunions

Wymondham College 50th Anniversary Golf Day at Sprowston Manor Hotel and Country Club 13 July 2001

Sixteen golfers and occasional golfers teed off at Sprowston Manor to compete in a Stapleford with the weather somewhat unpredictable. The five hour duration of the round was attributed to much reminiscing and two heavy showers!

Result: Winner: Roger Hubbard

Runner Up & Ladies Prize: Norma Beck

Longest Drive: Aubrey Hammond

Nearest Pin: Tony Moulton

Booby Prize: John Beales

In the evening the golfers were joined by non-golfers to enjoy a meal in the Club House in a wonderfully relaxed atmosphere. There was disbelief that over forty years had passed since many of us had met and the chat and exchanges belied the passing of time.

The occasion was born out of an undertaking made by John Beales and Bob Rowell to contact and assemble as many as possible of the 1957/58 1st XV, together with Mike Rees, their coach, who inspired and motivated a number of reluctant converts to rugby football to a very successful season. Mike and nine of the team were there. Bob Rowell and Mike Frohawk had great fun contacting, and being contacted by, friends from our schooldays, and happily we were able to bring together those that had represented Wymondham College in different sporting pursuits throughout the 1950s and early 1960s, including soccer, cricket, rugby, athletics, hockey, rounders and netball. There were five from early successful soccer teams. Our Wymondham memories would have been incomplete without the presence of the ladies, and the evening was made that much more pleasurable by their company. All in all there was much enthusiasm for arranging a future occasion - any ideas? *Bob Rowell(54-59)Mike Frohawk(54-59)*

Those attending: Barry Adkins, John Beales, Mervyn & Mrs Norma Beck, David Burdett, Roland Clarke, Terry Coppin, David Everett, Mike Frohawk, Aubrey Hammond, Dennis Hanwell, Peter & Mrs Alex Herring, Robin & Mrs Valerie Howes (Preston), Roger Hubbard, Emba Jones, Brian Leverett, Peggy McGowan (Wright), Geoff Morter, Tony Moulton, Terry Nicholls, Peter Read, Mike Rees, Bob Rowell, Adrian & Mrs Liz Smith, David Spinks, Mervyn Taylor, Heather Turner (Reed), Kevin Westnott, Neil Whyte, Bill Wiskin.

Bob Rowell is co-ordinating another Golf match on 21st June. After last year's very enjoyable gathering of about 30 people there are titles to be defended. It is hoped that this will overflow into 22 June and develop into a mini reunion for the 1950s, including spouses. If you are interested telephone **Bob Rowell on 01629 582229 or work/fax 01629 826185 or contact Bill Atkins on www.wremembered.co.uk**

Comments from the 50th Anniversary Dinner held on 14 July 2001

From **Margaret Blanchflower (nee Gardiner 51-)** *What an enjoyable time we had despite the weather. The clock was rewound to 1951, nicknames, pranks and the memories came flooding back. Midnight feasts, the keenness of those studying Agric. Science to muck out the pigs, the wooded area being our sanctuary from the strict discipline and formality of most lessons. The sense of relief when granted an exeat to Wymondham or Attleborough, crafty drinks in Besthorpe George on Sunday afternoons with a guard outside. The vivid memory of weeks of quarantine when Sheila Curson contracted polio and the prospect of our dorm being cooped up with Miss Brunning. After weeks of total isolation with meals and school work sent down to us we emerged with a much higher regard for Miss B., she was a real trouper and allowed us to put on Saturday night variety shows. Eileen Blunden was always the star turn with her good looks and talent for singing and dancing - whatever happened to Eileen? Broadway?*

John Beales (53-) was particularly delighted to see **Miss Dolan** his matron for several years. *It is strange that*

teachers always looked old to us, but of course, many of them in the fifties were young and in their first job, and so grew old with us, like Roger Garrard, who looks just like he did then, and Andy Seeley

John organised the cricket match that never was, as it was washed out early in the day - the best laid plans... However, here is the team that should have been!

Tom Archer, Joe Cannon, Alan Corrigan, Robin Corrigan, Terry Nichols, Michael Currey, Adrian Smith, Dave Bowerin, John Beales, George Ross, Dave Baldry.

Hilary Blythe (nee Dewhirst 57-64) *It was wonderful to see several very dear friends I'd lost touch with in the mid 60s and I'm sure now we will manage to keep in touch. Despite having the handicap of a broken ankle and being on crutches, I am glad I made the effort to attend.*

Mervyn Boast (58-65) *It was a very emotional time and so nice to see so many former pupils and staff. Two staff I would liked to have met but could only be there in spirit was Jack Hawkyard, my housemaster, and R V M, who was so supportive during my time at Wymondham. Three times I was sent to him and should have been caned and three times we talked about sport and he normally ended up wishing me luck with my next sporting competition maybe?! Saturday night dances with records that had to be censored and the pleasure of being allowed 'Moonlight Serenade' by Glen Miller.*

We were fascinated by the video sent by **Pat (nee Neeves) and Tony Carter** showing one of the first ever overseas visits to Partenon in Austria led by Derek Staveley and his wife and accompanied by Patrick Bailey, all also deceased now. It also shows a trip to see the herring fleet at Great Yarmouth. The end of the video shows several members of staff 'Gerry' Powell, John Swift, Andrew Seeley, Jack Hawkyard, Derek Staveley, Patrick Bailey and Dave Freeman.

An excellent **50th Anniversary Service** was held on 23 September 2001. It was led by the Bishop of Norwich Rt Rev G. James and by coincidence he had celebrated his 50th birthday during the preceding week. The choir sang a very moving arrangement of 'Ave Maria' and 'I Believe' which was originally sung by Frankie Laine in the 1950s, unbeknown to Andrew Day, Director of Music - it was before his time! After the service trees were planted outside each of the boarding houses and the Chapel to mark the anniversary.

An Aussi gathering?

I would be happy to co-ordinate a dinner for ex Wymondhamians in Sydney. Anybody interested can contact me: **Robert Colson (54-59)** PO Box 239, Curton ACT 2605, Australia. robertcolson@ozemail.com.au (02) 6282 3334

CHILDREN OF THE 60'S RE-UNITE !!!

For all you "inmates" of the 60's there is an unmissable chance to re-unite with loved (and possibly un-loved ones as well!!) in the sumptuous surroundings of Headlam Hall in Co Durham (<http://www.headlamhall.co.uk/>) over the weekend of 5/6/7/April. General Manager is David Jackson

- ex-Gloucester House 1960 to 1966 - and he has generously offered the following terms:- £25 per person per night in a sharing room for bed and breakfast inc VAT on the understanding that dinner will be taken in the restaurant at £20 per person. Depending where you are, it may seem a long way to travel, but check out the website and see just what luxury is on offer and the saving over normal terms!!!

What better place to re-kindle past passions (!), discuss loves won and lost, (actual or just your "wish-list"!) and satisfy that burning curiosity - "I wonder what happened to him/her and what they look like now ???!!!" Seriously, though, folks, this is a great opportunity to meet up with an excellent bunch of people at a superb hotel serving delicious food and wine at reasonable cost - and above all, have a damn good time !!!! We defy anyone who has attended one of our reunions to say they have not enjoyed themselves from the moment they arrived.

Places will go fast - bookings already include Philip Wade, Graham Smith, Eileen Pearson, Sandra Leeks, Marion Rix, Alan Bridges, Nigel Barnard and there will be several more by the time you get to read this, so don't delay - book today!!!!

If you have not been to one of our "gatherings" and are unsure what to expect or would like any further information then do get in touch. You won't know what you are missing unless you come along!!!

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The gathering of the 60's Bunch at The Kings Arms in Norwich on 16th December 2001 brought 19 past students together, namely Nicola Keatley, John Wake, and his wife Annette (nee Wellan), Mary George, Graham Smith, Eileen Pearson, Steven Human, Robert Grange, John Elflett, Kay George, Alan Dean, Kathryn Eastwood, Mick Hammond, Jennifer West and husband, Heather Starck, me, Enid Watson, Alan Bridges and Marion Rix. By all accounts everyone had a good time. Next year it's the same place, at the same time on 15th December providing Nicola can put up with us again!

Our very own Reverend Richard Hines has kindly invited us to visit Happisburgh Church to climb its tower. Those that survive the climb will be invited to tea and cake at the rectory gardens. Date in summer to be sorted with Richard. The church tower itself is open to the public at certain times, so make a trip anyway. Peter and Diane Legrice live just around the corner and they too would be pleased to meet past friends.

Alan Bridges and I are pretty sure that everybody who has come along so far shares our view that it has been absolutely great to meet up again with fellow "inmates" after so many years! Colleagues, who were not necessarily close friends at Wymondham, have become good friends and old friendships have been renewed. The pleasure and enthusiasm generated whenever we meet is amazing!

We also do fully understand the trepidation which some of you, who have not yet come along, have about meeting after such a long time apart. The gatherings themselves are not so large and we assure you, are not intimidating. If it

helps, our suggestion is to meet a friend or two first, and then come along with those same friends to give each other that moral support. Canes however, must be left at home, although wearing leather gear is allowed, and actually encouraged by some! There is no detention and you may leave whenever you wish. Wearing a smile is however considered compulsory. You can sit, as close as you can get, next to members of the opposite sex! There is plenty of hand-shaking and of course lots of kissing. After 15, no make that 5, seconds you will feel totally at home. As the Australian says "Give it a go mate!" *Philip Wade*

Where are they now?

I have many requests to find people and if I have their address it is simple, if not I wholeheartedly recommend www.wcremembered.co.uk or www.friendsreunited.co.uk Between **Mike Frohawk (54-59)** **Bob Rowell(54-59)** and others we had spent a long time trying to find **Dave Everett (54-58)** when he turned up on my doorstep, so to speak. Glyn Long () who is the Science Technician at the College sees him nearly every week!

Alan Fry (53-57) is trying to trace all those from classes 3 and 3a of the grammar school in 1953. There are 43 members and so far he has these 12 - David Clarke, Sheila Brooks, Jean Southgate, Barbara Wick, Dennis Hanwell, Terry Moulard, Marree Rudrum, Esme McNulty, Robert Rowell, John Read, and Bob Syrett.

Barry Adkins (-59) would be interested to contact those who were in the sixth form with him - Michael Hulme, David Tilson, Diana Gosling, Pat Morris

Steve Farthing (62-70) would be happy to hear from anyone from his generation. His sister Lindsay 71-77 also attended. **Tony Cronin (63-70)** would love to hear from anyone who remembers him, he was in Canterbury.

John Crawford (66-73) would like to renew friendships with Simon Abbott and Pamela Worsley. John is a solicitor in local government.

Moirra Scott (nee Greenlee 66-73) is trying to find the Moore family, Terence Moore who left in 1971, Deborah (68), and Christopher (76)

Janet Guyler (nee Davey 69-76) would like to hear from anyone who remembers her. She now lives in Oregon, USA with her husband, 2 daughters and son. She has worked as a computer software engineer since graduating. jguyler@aol.com

Allan Rutherford (69-76) is keen to find Stephen Wigney, Alan Lund, Many Jacobs, and Julie Scofield allanrutherford@iol.ie

Mark Newman (70-76) is interested in contact with anyone who remembers him, he lives and works in Mexico and the USA

Beth Evans (72-79 known as Susan Evans at College) now married to Patrick Talbot QC and they have 2 young sons. Beth is urgently trying to find Veronica Stapleton.

Annette Furley (73-76) is a Director of a Charity and would be interested in hearing about past pupils from her year/house

Jenny Hartley (nee Perryman 76-79) is looking for Jackie Wren (-77)

Carol Gee (nee Durrant 75-79) joined the Midland bank on leaving the College 20 years ago and is now a Finance

Assistant at Waingel's Copse School in reading - she would like to hear from old friends.

Patrick Knollys (75-80) is trying to find Jackie Peskett who was in Cavell then Peel and left in 1980.

Fiona Scott-Norman (-79) emigrated to Australia in 1980 and would like to renew contact with **Peter Austin**

Simon Howard (85-91) has now settled as a production manager for a food processing company in Lincolnshire after pursuing various careers. He would like to find Steven Terzza, Mark Constable and Rupert Hobson and with other past students from Kett 85-90 sevententhsuk@hotmail.com

Elaine Cramb (84/85 -) is a Financial Manager in Australia and her brothers Curtis (her twin) and Lawson are proprietors of the Swyn-Y-Mor Hotel in Saundersfoot. Elaine would like to find **Erika Bell**

Charlotte Willett (85-92) I would love to hear from anyone who remembers her, especially Stacey Raven, as we've all changed since we left and it would be nice to know how everyone is doing. CharlotteWillett@hotmail.com

Jon Chatten (88-93) is a Market Analyst with Boots in Nottingham and would be particularly interested in contacting Katy Browne, Andrew Thorpe, Jonathan Litson, Gary Lee and Chris Bajak **Andy Thorpe (86-93)** is also looking for Chris Bajak

Karan Taylor (nee Snow 87-91) is looking for Amy Williamson (nee Christian)

Rachel Taylor (90-95) is looking for Emma Mullenger, Tim Unsworth, Charles Reynolds. Kathryn Lang, Joseph Cannon and Rhion Prince. After graduating in American Studies and spending a semester at Northern Arizona she is now an Immigration Officer in Dover.

Lyndon King (76-82 aka Lyndon Kidd at college) *Since leaving Wymondham College, I went to Coventry and received a degree in Computer Science. I then moved to Stockport and lived there for around 9 years working as a Software Engineer. My company had a new opening in the US and I moved to Michigan around 6 years ago. I am still with the same company and now lead my own software development team.*

I have many great memories of that time. I would be interested in trying to locate some of my old college friends.

Some names I can recall are:

James Harrison, Elizabeth Jones

Clive Redding, Mike England

Richard Mawby

Amanda Carey-McDermott (77-84) would like to hear from Lyndon King (Kidd), Chloe Maguire, Ann Christmas and Alison Hill.

Stuart Penny (69-75) would love to hear from any one who remembers him, especially Terry Banfield, Charlie Watts, Steve Absen, Rich Lund, Jeremy Spencer. Gerald Allison, Andy Counsel, Trevor Wadlow, Charles Robbins, Graham Stratfold.

Debbie Read (nee Peterson 80-87) is now a mother of three boys, living in Norwich and with her husband owns a nursery specialising in ornamental grasses and exotic plants. She has many clear memories of college life and is still in touch with lots of ex pupils. She would like to know what happened to Aaron Davies, Simon Goulding, John Walton, Tom Langley, Jane Howe and Nell Davies.

Marion Reed (nee Rix 61-68) *I was delighted to receive the newsletter - there were so many names I remembered, so many people I would love to meet again. I would be particularly pleased to contact Annette Booth (Spear) again, also Nicola Keatley, Kathy Mesut (Eastwood), Chris Hines and anyone else who can remember me. My nickname was 'Rinso' and I think that most people will know me better by that! I have so many wonderful memories of Wymondham in the 60's. It was such a change for me. I had been brought up by my grandmother in the tiny village of Elsing and went to primary school with 29 pupils in total. Wymondham was almost a metropolis! But staff and fellow pupils alike were very kind and, although I was shy (and still remain so to this day), gave me a confidence which actually still enables me to deal with all sorts of people and situations. I am at present the Financial Director of an air conditioning company in Kent and also continue to work as a freelance bookkeeper/administrator specialising in construction industry accounting. I have two teenage sons - one taking a gap year before going to Warwick University and the second currently doing AS/A Levels. My life is exceptionally busy but I still find myself thinking frequently 'I wonder what happened to'. I can't wait to meet some of my peers again.*

11th September

There are several past students living in and around New York. The ripples of this tragedy go on.

Phillip Jones (78-84) was so very nearly on the doomed flight from Boston to LA *If there can be any good coming out of this senseless act it must surely be the strengthened sense of community we are feeling and the renewed respect and love we have for other people. In all of this the virtual community is important too. I have finally made it home to Los Angeles after a week stuck in Philadelphia.*

Granville and Sue Perkin (67-74 69-74) *here in Geneva, Switzerland everyone is numb. Many people here travel back and forwards to NYC. Hundreds of Swiss are also missing. Close friends we have made here went back to Washington to work, at the Pentagon. But safe..... The 3 minutes silence today was so powerfulour eldest daughter was on way back from field trip in south of France and ALL the traffic stopped on the autoroute.*

Surely, this must and will bring most people closer together..

Dan Bookham (84-91) *I live in Bar Harbor, Maine, about 500 miles north of NYC and 800 miles north of D.C. but it appears the tragedy has touched our small community of 4000 in many ways. So far we have lost 2 people confirmed in the World Trade Centre and it seems that some of the terrorists gained access to the US via our ferry link to Canada. We pride ourselves on our friendly welcome we give to all our 4 million annual visitors regardless of national origin, but I can't help but feel some of our innocence has been forever destroyed. Still the whole world*

will draw from this and perhaps become better and stronger.

Brian Raines (51-56) *Although I do not live in the city I did return to "Up State N.Y" last Sunday.*

Yes I am fortunate, but we are reliving the horror of Pan Am

flight 103. on a larger scale. 103 was the loss of a friend's son, this time a number of friends and associates are "missing".I think of the anguish of the Zwynenburg family and friends of the one person, and try and relate it to a much larger number, and have to multiply it by X?.I hope we all find some peace and better understanding.

David Turner (51-58) *we are far from NY but never the less just as close when it comes to sadness over the loss of lives. I have one co worker whose brother walked out of the WT tower just 5 minutes before the first aircraft hit and his daughter works in Manhattan, both are ok. We have plenty of friends and co workers who are stranded in cities in the US and abroad, some driving home from Florida to Seattle. As a worker in the Defense Industry we are on full support for the actions our President may demand. Our American and British flags are flying high on our home flagpole*

Robby Fielding (West 53-57) *We are still numb with the thought of the unspeakable evil that so instantly changed so many lives across the world. We still have close ties to the military community, although we have retired from active duty. We find that we have friends who have friends who are not coming home, ever again. In this small military facility the loss is deep and raw and we dread the impending retaliation that must come.*

Paul Flattery (53-58) *LA was shut down, of course, and we are just finding out the new tighter security measures for travel. I fly a lot and so it will impact, but we know it should be safer. On a personal note, I have had to cancel a network special that was to shoot next week honoring the actor Nicholas Cage -- he felt uncomfortable being honored under such circumstances, especially in the light of some of his more famous roles being ones dealing with acts of extreme violence against the United States. My other big show right now - the rather inconsequential "Miss America" competition is carrying on with a more patriotic twist. Sad days indeed.*

Charlie Wright (91-98) *visited the World Trade Centre on 10th September.*

.....**Floreat Sapientia**

News, gleanings and emails

Jack Smith (51-53) sent this anecdote. David Spinks was trying to get in touch with Andrew Seeley and was advised by Pam (Andrew's wife) that he and Aubrey Hammond were working at the county ground in Bristol, putting up a new scoreboard, On David's suggestion I drove over and found them both. Neither of them recognized me, so I pretended to be a former England cricketer. I could keep it up for only a few seconds before revealing my true identity. We proceeded to have a good chin wag and on the following day Anna came with me and took a photo of the three of us

Hazel Turnbull (nee Leveridge 51-54) first worked for the NEC, Youth Employment Service in Dereham, moved to the Ministry of Defence and from there to the Inland Revenue. She retired last May but was unable to attend the celebrations last Summer though she intends to try to find old friends, contact her on hkturnbull@hotmail.com

Tim Briston (51-58) has asked me to point out two inaccuracies in the the last Newsletter

a. The nickname 'Skylon' was attributed to Brian Wynn not Robert Rowell

b. David Goman and the three wheel Reliant did not seem right. I contacted my brother (53-58) who has spent all his adult life in Detroit and asked his opinion. His reply: Francis Barnett motor cycle 1953-54 approx. Bond car Mk 1 round nose, three wheels, 1954-56 approx. Bond car Mk 2 square nose, red, three wheels 1957-78 approx. No doubt David Goman will remember.

P.S Both of these are right. 'Skylon' was Brian Winn (someone I would like to contact) and Dave Goman's 3-wheeler was a Bond Mini-car - **Roger Garrard**

Sandy Morrison (51-57) is living in West London having worked for Lloyds Bank for 35 years before taking early retirement in 1992. He has many happy memories of all those years ago.

Adrian Mowser (51-57) is a retired electrical engineer now living in Hethersett.

Angela Smith (53-59) has now retired after an interesting and varied career. After graduating from Hull she taught for 3 years and then went into General Nurse training at St Thomas', trained as a midwife, followed by many happy years teaching student nurses and midwives. Quite a success story after failing the 11+ and she doubts if she would have been able to achieve so much without the benefits of being at Wymondham College.

Sheila Abel (nee Brooks 53-58) After receiving a newspaper cutting from the EDP from her brother Ken Sheil emailed from Victoria, Australia. *I was thrilled to hear about the old school after all these years. My best friend was Margaret Livock (nee Blake). I was in nissen hut dormitories 26 to a hut. Miss Wilson was house mistress. I would like to correspond with any of my fellow students. I'm a retired secretary to the Head of School of Business at a Victorian University.*

Janet Heathcote (nee Fincham 53-59) is planning to find old dorm mates when she retires this year, says she never drives through Norfolk without thinking 'Necton - Cora Burton, North Repps - Michael Reynolds, Morston - Anne Rudd, Wymondham - Judy Wright'

Barry Adkins (54-59) sent a brief resume of his life since leaving the College. He retired from ICI Paints where he progressed from Laboratory assistant on joining them in 1959 to Technical Sales Manager industrial sales. he is married with three children, played rugby for Slough 1st XV, Football, Cricket and Hockey for ICI Paints 1st XI. In Athletics he represented Norfolk, Eastern Counties, Southern Counties and England at Triple Jump and other events including Long and High Jump and as a veteran represented GB in European Champs. and since retiring from ICI he continues playing and teaching/coaching table tennis up to town/county level and has been self employed in garden maintenance. He mentions several members of staff who had a very positive influence on his life whilst at College and since. Mr Seeley - cricket/life Mr Hawkyard - cricket/life/values, Mr Rutherford - cricket/life, Mr Norton - sport/athletics/values and Miss Tebbutt - values. And memories of meal times - lighting the fires to keep the Common Room warm Sunday walks/cycle rides, freedom and controlled discipline of the College, Saturday evening films and dances.

Diana Leggett (55-61) has been in touch. *I was a student at Wymondham College from 1955-1961. I went to University and then after marrying and becoming Diana Poole I taught Physics at Wymondham College from 1968 to 1969. I have three children and continue to teach in Mansfield, Nottinghamshire.*

John Chapman (55-58) Sent greetings from New Zealand. He noticed that the boarding fees have gone up a bit when he visited the website! His father had to find 13-6-8 each term!

Brian Farrow (56-63) was contacted out of the blue by his old friend Bill Atkins, whom he had not seen for years, when Bill visited North Norfolk District Council's website. He has now visited 'wcremembered' and was amazed to find that even though he only managed to get into one team photograph it was on the website. He is Coast Protection Engineer for NNDC and Hon Sec of Sheringham Lifeboat Station.

Roger Goodwin (57-64)

Roger lives in Melbourne, Australia with his wife Beverley and two sons. Recently he regained contact with Brian Orford, who lives in Perth, Western Australia. Roger and Brian started quantity surveying together in 1964. Surveying has taken Roger to Oman, Malaysia, Singapore, New Zealand and Australia, he has also managed to play a considerable amount of cricket in those countries. He has lost touch with his cricket and rugby team mates from the '62 - '64 teams, such names as Willy Kiddell, 'Ted' Dexter, Eldy Bobbin, Paul Townsend, Reggie Futter, Walter Syrett, Martin Seaman and coaches Stan Montgomery and Terry Marney.

Other names spring to mind, Dick Sills, Clive Melton, Paul Caxton, Mavis Crawford, Enid Watson and Vivien Leech. Roger looks forward to hearing from any of the '64 crowd on rg@mel.rawlinsons.com.au

Clive Catchpole (57-62) like so many of you found us via the article in the EDP last April. He is now a Biology Professor at London University, He also mentioned L M Gosling who is a Professor at the University of Newcastle, their success, largely due to the inspirational biology, master Mr Terry

Malcolm Read (57-63) After leaving he obtained a teaching certificate and B.Ph from Birmingham University and an M.Ed and Ph.D from the University of Alberta, Canada. He currently lives in Medicine Hat, Alberta and teaches at the local Community College.

John Metcalfe (57-64) is College Librarian at Leeds College of Technology

Trevor Dodd (58-65) looks back on his Wymondham days with gratitude not only for the academic education it gave him but for the independence it taught him which has put him in good stead for the 'outside world and his career in the computer industry living and working in many different countries.

Patrick Noble (58-64) is the European Managing Director of an American software company living in Nottingham. His brother David Noble (63-67) is also currently living in Nottingham

Trudy Stevenson (59-62) condensed 39 years of update into two paragraphs

After a spell in Glasgow and then traipsing around East and Southern Africa for 12 years, I put down my roots in Zimbabwe in 1980, i.e. at independence.

I am now a Zimbabwe citizen and Member of Parliament for Harare North constituency. I am Secretary for Policy and Research in the opposition party Movement for Democratic Change, led by Morgan Tsvangirai - I am sure some of you have heard of us!

I taught all levels and most subjects in various countries, finally concentrating mostly on French at top girls' private school here, Arundel School, for 18 years. I was also translator/ bilingual secretary for the French Embassy and French University Research Centre until my election to Parliament last year.

I have two grown sons, one in London and one in Hobart, Australia, and am remarried to Jim Dickey, but I use my previous married name Stevenson.

I had a fellow student Angela ..., and a Paddy Walsh at least up to O level (the Paddy Walsh in Harare, who is a Catholic nun, denies any connection!)... and other names elude me - except that my boyfriend was Keith Warboys!

John Tibbenham (59-66) is a Chartered Surveyor working in private practice in Chelmsford. He is married with two grown up sons. He and his wife return to Norfolk and regularly sail on the Norfolk Broads. He would be pleased to hear from anyone who remembers him.

June McNeil (nee Hipwell 60-63) is living in Spain and would be interested to catch up with any boarder friends. She is anxious to find a spare copies of College Magazines 60-63.

Roger Postle (60-65) is assistant head teacher at Cliff Park High School, Gorleston.

Richard Grint (60-66) Found us just in time to get to the Ball. He remembers Russell Stone, last seen on Top of the Pops on the 70s, Nigel Knott - spotted on the news for the customs about the Chinese who suffocated in a lorry - Roger Postle and Christopher Leach

Chris Thatcher (60-67) After Queen's College, Oxford Chris went into teaching and taught in Germany, UK, Malaysia, and Austria. He is married with three children and is now a Property Manager in a small company in Bournemouth.

Duncan Jones (60-67) is a TV Cameraman

Clive Lancaster (60-68) *I was a boarder in Gloucester House, Lincoln Hall, with Ken Bowman and then Andrew Seeley as Housemaster. 2nd form 1962, spent in the Nissen huts for a whole year. I remember it was the coldest winter. Icicles were on the inside of the window panes and the school pond froze over. We made ice skates in metalwork, didn't play rugby at all that term and spent most sports days on cross country runs. I was fortunate to have a bed in the corner of the nissen hut where the hot water pipes ran. I used to do the hospital corners each morning, as Matron had taught us, but this time ensuring the hot pipes were tucked firmly into the blankets.*

When I read through the newsletter some of the names came flooding back to me. It is difficult to picture what they may look like now. It is amazing how ex students have populated the four corners of the earth. I see that some of them are near neighbours of mine in Western Australia.

After completing a BSc at Aston in 1972. I moved to the North East with the CEGB (then) on the Hartlepool Power Station construction project as a junior electrical engineer. In 75, after being married 3 weeks, emigrated with my wife to Papua New Guinea where we spent 5 years working on Bougainville Island for the copper company. We then

moved to the Northern Territory of Australia and spent 3 years in East Arnhem land working for Nabalco alumina and bauxite.

Subsequently moved to WA working for the Western Power at one of their major stations in the South West of the State. I am now a Senior Power Engineer in the electrical construction and commissioning industry. Fortunately we are in short supply, and in the very near future I am moving to the USA for an assignment in Kentucky, again with the power industry. I guess I have Eric Dudley (physics) and Noddy Woods (maths) to thank for the tuition given. I'm glad it all sank in!!!

I still keep in touch with some of my former house mates (in mates) Hugh Poths. Don Fulcher, and through them Mike Kirk and John Adams.

Alan Bridges (60-68) is making up for not going to university and enjoying a 'gap' year after taking early retirement after nearly 30 years as a manager with Abbey National.

Hilary Schoop (60-68) sent greeting from sunny Queensland, Australia, where she has been living since 1970. She went over on a two-year assisted passage and liked the place so much she stayed. She would like to hear from old classmates/teachers. (address available from Carole)

Ian and Kay Palmer (nee Farrow) were both at the College in the early to mid sixties. They have been living in the USA for the last 14 years and would be interested to hear from their 'middle aged' fellow students.

Bill Peterkin (61-65) is currently living in Spain and is a managing partner in a real estate company. His sister **Carol Peterkin (60-63)** is living in Philadelphia, USA.

Tim Betts (61-68) works abroad most of the year for Shell in the Dominican Republic but did manage to be home for the Reunion last July.

Eileen Murray (nee Forster 62-67) is a Tax Adviser living in London.

Kenneth Nobbs (63-68) is currently an Engineering Manager with Syngenta AG, has just returned from a posting in China and will shortly be moving to Switzerland.

Paul Coglan (64-71) discovered that one of his colleagues (**Jon Burall**) was also a past pupil when he dropped the College motto 'Floreat Sapientia' into the conversation as the only bit of Latin that he knew!

Claire Marshall (nee Cooke 65-72) is living in Norwich and would be interested to contact old friends

Hazel Rawson (nee Skipper 65-69) remembers enjoying athletics, hockey and tennis. She now lives in Southampton where she combines being a homemaker with the job of Resources Assistant in a local junior school.

Jeremy Linden-Ball (67-72) is now a transport manager of a vehicles delivery company and lives near Norwich.

Pam Medlock (68-72) writes: *When I received the last newsletter there was a write up by a former student waxing about Meet on the Ledge (Fairport Convention) and the Incredible String Band. It made me smile as in August each year I attend the Fairport Convention Festival at Cropredy and guess which band had regrouped and was appearing? Yes, the Incredible String Band! I left Wymondham to join the Lincolnshire Police Force which had been my ambition. Sadly the police force did not live up to my expectations and I now work for the Kent Probation Board as a Community Service Officer having done a variety of jobs here and in*

America. In September of this year I am undertaking a sponsored hike in Peru for Scope, 100kms in 5 days, which is probably going to be easier than obtaining sponsorship! I have many memories of Wymondham, BUT could someone tell me how, at the end of one summer term a mini was placed on top of the covered way?? Some names from my Washington year group, Glenys Owen, Carolyn Greenwood, Susan Speed, Elaine Wardop and the twins Rosemary and Tilly.

Jacky McLaren (nee Green 66-74) went to New Zealand where she became a Horticulture, Science and Biology teacher at a High School in Motueka. She is currently on a one-year's Teacher Fellowship, studying Tissue Culture and Genetic Engineering.

Katrina Savoury (nee Macleod 67-72) owns up to the fact that she was now the most ideal student. Her job might give one a laugh or two, if they remember her, she works for Norfolk LEA, Norfolk Pupil Attendance Service! She would be glad to hear from anyone from her era.

Nick Wright (67-71) studied Electronics and went into engineering and spent 13 years with Philips Electronics and is now Distribution Sales Manager for Astec Europe. He was always involved in sport, and as a result trained as a Sports Therapist and has run his own Sports Injury Clinic for the last 6 years. He is now training to be an Osteopath and the aim is to move to a full time clinic. If anyone wishes to contact him his email address is **Hautoa@aol.com**

Stuart Nairn (68-70) has written in with news that he is now a clergyman in Narborough. His brother Grahame Nairn (68-70) now works for Barclays Bank in Cheshire.

Gary O'Shea (68-74) is now Head of Science at Hong Kong International School in Hong Kong and also sends new of his brothers, **Neil O'Shea (70-74)** now an import/export business owner in Auckland, New Zealand, and **Martin O'Shea (71-74)** who is CEO Hilton Bonds Manufacturing in Wellington, New Zealand.

Susan Calder (nee Wilkie 68-75) is a solicitor (part time) in Scotland and also a farmer's wife and mother of three sons.

With email news bounces around the world

Grant Needham (69-76) is now living in Cheltenham and has been involved with engineering and electronics since leaving.

Kim Grimson (nee Chambers (69-70)) Hello Wymondham College from Beaufort near Ballarat, Victoria, Australia! We have only just connected to the Internet and I was thrilled to find your website, and the link to the history of the school grounds with information about the nissen huts and the military hospital.

I was only at the school for a little over a year, as we moved to Australia in December of 1970, but I have very fond and vivid memories of my time there. I can remember Mr Metcalfe, Mr Harris, Mr Lewis, Miss Bowles and Miss Jackson. I believe there were about 400 students in the County Grammar and the same number in the College (the boarders), and there was always friendly feuding between the two. There were always uniform checks, the girls having to kneel down to make sure our skirts were not too short (and immediately rolling the waistbands over again when the teacher was gone), blazers had to be worn at all times, berets and caps when leaving and arriving, and never ever forget your tie! We had Chapel every morning

and boy was it trouble if you forgot your Hymn book! Memories of walking through other classes in the nissen huts to get to our classroom, and of making slippery slides in the snow in winter between the "new block" down the hill and the old part at the top, then watching the teachers trying to negotiate the path!

There were 3 houses, Bure Wensum and Yare, and 3 classes in each year level as far as I can remember.

School over here was a complete culture shock! Only 6 subjects and you could choose 3 of them! And now, of course, it is different again. My 16 year old son was extremely interested to read about your school and the past history of the site. He is currently in Year 11 at our local Secondary College, and would like to pursue a career in Dentistry, or else become a famous musician, or both!

Thank you for a trip down memory lane

Debbie Graham (nee Pigott 69-72 aka 'fred the bread!') Met Miss Colls on a number of occasions in the foyer of Sheringham Little Theatre and the Art exhibition over the years since she left. She studied ophthalmic optics at City University and 25 years on she is still happily working as an optometrist.

Allan Rutherford (69-76) Having taught in Ipswich where I was director of Sport for 18 years at St. Joseph's College, I spent a year working in the Scottish Highlands at Rannoch School.

I have now left the teaching profession (and never been happier). I am working in the Republic of Ireland (where we have made our family home) in Co. Tipperary at Rockwell College where I am employed as their Rugby Coach. The standard of rugby is very high (5 boys attending the Irish Schools Trials). We won The Munster Schools Cup played at Thomond Park in front of a crowd of over 10,000. This was the first occasion the College had won the cup since 1985. I am also coaching at club level working for a Munster Division 1 side.

I am married to Barbara and have two children, a daughter and son, aged 15 and 14.

Having grown up living at the college with my parents, former staff members Keith and Celia (who are both well), and my younger brothers Peter, Ian and Stephen I have very fond memories and hope to attend one of the forthcoming functions, commitments permitting.

I would love to hear from any of my contemporaries. allanrutherford@iol.ie

Annie Mills (nee Lambert 70-77) is teaching in Sussex
Marion Rost (nee Marsh 70-73) After leaving college Marion studied in Canterbury and in 1977 went to live in Germany, where she is now a teacher at Hamburg International School.

Robert Hopkin (70-78 aka Hopper) went from a Student Engineering Apprenticeship and on to UWIST but spent too much time on Rugby etc and did not complete, but went on to teacher training college where one of his fellow students was Karen Piper. He taught Maths, Computer Studies and games for 5 years at Magdalen College School. Disenchanted with the teaching profession, he joined the RAF and has since met up with Nigel Wainwright and Sean Cunningham. He is now at RAF College Cranwell as Sqn Ldr Training and Development. He still has an interest in motorcycles. His brother, **Andrew (75-79)** works for Shell as Operations Manager on exploratory oil rigs and is stationed in Oman.

Leda Tarabay (nee Killingback-Bowles (71-78)) Many of you may remember that Leda's late husband, Colin Bowles (71-78) died in 1995. Happily Leda has now re-married. After leaving Wymondham we both went to Birmingham University, and married in 1983. Colin worked for Express Lifts for a while, returning to Norfolk to work for Lotus Engineering as an electronics engineer. Those who knew him knew of his love of motorcycles, and he was editor of the Norton Owners Club magazine for many years. It was in a way fitting that he died in a motorcycle accident on the TT course in the Isle of Man in 1995. We have two children Lucinda and Arthur, and I am still in Norfolk working as an Accountant for Norwich City Council.

Martin Walters (73-80) As a former student in the seventies, it's great to see the Internet and e-mail bringing so many past students "out of the woodwork" so to speak, and I read with interest the 2001 Spring Newsletter.

In it I saw not only a number of people I haven't seen or heard of for 20 years but also a number of references to past students who have since ended up in Australia.

I attended Wymondham College firstly in Cavell and then as a guinea pig for the very first sixth form year of the new Peel Hall and Lincoln Hall sixth form experiment (I was in Peel Hall). Like many people, I still recall those last 2 years (all be it with rose tinted spectacles) as 2 of the happiest years of my life.

What's more, years later, not only am I lucky enough to be living in Sydney - arguably the nicest city in the world - but I have 2 of my close friends from Wymondham College with me:

Nick Pond (74-81) Ex Fry Hall then Peel Hall, nick.m.pond@au.anderson.com

and **Sue Crowe (74-81)** Ex Fry Hall then Peel Hall, suec@comcen.com.au

In addition, I think it would be great to hear from any other past students that are now living and working in Sydney - and to that end I am keen to see if I can organise some regular "Down Under Re-union" meetings for those living in Sydney.

I'm sure there must be a few at least - so anyone who attended the college from say 70-95 onwards it could bring to light a whole bunch of "new Australians" as they say!

Meanwhile, for the record, I left Wymondham, went to Kingston Polytechnic and graduated in Business Studies, worked in London Sales Promotion agencies (on and off between travelling the world) for 10 years and then emigrated to Australia in 1990. I now run my own Sales Promotion agency - called Yellow Submarine - in the Sydney suburb of Balmain.

mw@yellowsub.com.au - I would love to hear from anyone that attended Wymondham from 73- 80, especially those in Cavell and those who live in Australia.

Philip Rose (72-77) has been in touch and is now a Health and Safety Advisor working for South Norfolk Council. His wife **Karen (71-76)** is a client manager for CGNU in Norwich.

Susan Wilson (nee Pearson 72-78) is now a primary school teacher working as a special needs assistant.

George Ross (72-79) Remembers his first day - 'the whole school was summoned into the Sports Hall because someone had managed to burn down the cricket pavilion - a great start!' After leaving school he went to Nottingham where he received an Upper Second class with Honours

B.Sc in 1982 and a Doctorate of Philosophy (Ph.D) in Chemistry in 1988. After many years working for Courtaulds he studied for a PGCE at Warwick University and in 1999 started teaching Chemistry and Physics at The Coleshill School. He is married and has two children. He would like to hear from anyone from the 1970's, in particular Guy Griffiths, Mike Stevenson, Edwin Hamilton, James Catchpole, Graham Stone, Andrew Hunt, Richard Simmons, Kevin Sketcher, Deborah de Souza, Bronia King, Rosalind Rudd, and Allyson Hawksford.

Iain 'Sid'Sidey (72-79) I studied Engineering at Heriot Watt , graduating in 1982. After 4 years of working in bookshops (not exactly the natural follow on from engineering) I joined Charles Letts (diaries). On a personal front, I married 5 years ago to Anne who works in TV production and took up scuba diving with a passion 18 months ago. I also pretend to keep a basic level of fitness up, having completed my 5th Glasgow half-marathon earlier this year, and I am tempted by the recent offer to join the local veterans rugby team. It was a great pleasure and surprise to hear from an old friend, Morag Ward (nee Muir) who got in touch recently. If there is anybody else out there who remembers me and wants to get in touch, then please do so - it would be interesting to hear what you have been up to.

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Phillip Bingham (72-79) Previously a journalist, then ran a PR agency and is now taking an 18 month sabbatical in Cyprus to write a novel

Neil McGregor (72-79) is currently based in Bucharest, where he is a resident partner in a City law firm, Sinclair Roche and Temperley.

Kevin Howell (73-80) I started in Kett Hall (Housemaster Mr Robert Norton - so no escape from Saturday games then!) Having achieved my WSET Diploma I am now running a Thresher Wineshop.

Warren Newell (74-79) heard about the celebrations last year from **William Hipkiss** in Australia. Warren is working in the City of London for Rabobank International.

Sean Fielding (74-81) lives in Torquay with his wife, two kids and a beach hut!

Ashley Brooks (74-81) enjoyed every minute of his time as a day pupil at the College. He is now working at Norwich Union as an eCommerce Consultant on the norwichunion.com website.

Terry Stroud (74-81) lives in Colchester and works in London as a Financial Director of a futures options and FX broker

Jerry Hardingham (74-81) is a teacher, Head of Expressive Arts and Theatre Manager at Northampton School for Boys

Ralph Wilson (74-82) After receiving the article from the EDP Ralph sent this news

Courses (at College) 16,26,35,47A,57A for those who remember.

BSc(Hons) (First Class) Aeronautics & Astronautics Southampton University plus Diploma in Engineering.

Joined RAF as Pilot in 1987 serving in Lincolnshire, Anglesey, Devon, Yorkshire, Scotland, and Oxfordshire. After training I became a flying instructor, teaching new entrants how to fly Jet Provost and Tucano aircraft. Awarded a 'Green Endorsement' for a forced landing of a Tucano aircraft after engine failure. Eventually (it's a long

story !) joined 216 Squadron flying Tristar transport/tanker aircraft. Took part in Operation Allied Force over Kosovo. Left RAF 1999 and joined Caledonian Airways as a pilot. Now working for JMC Airlines flying Boeing 757 aircraft as Captain from Glasgow Airport, and living in Ayrshire, Scotland.

I would love to hear from any contemporaries, such as the boarders from my first/second year in Peel, Stuart Britton, Kevin Smith, Andrew Long, Andrew Spall, Wesley Paines etc.

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Tim Pooley (73-80) has very happy memories in cricket, rugby, soccer, growing up and study - probably but not necessarily in that order. He is now a partner in a retail sale and wholesale distribution business - Norwich In Car Entertainment - NICE - *discounts available to ex students!* He is married to Pippa with three children.

Philip Ribbons (74-79) studied at Norwich City College after leaving on a Building OND, then ONC and HNC. He moved to Manchester in 1986 and is married and has two daughters. He is currently a Senior Architectural Technologist. During his time at school he was friends with Toby Lee, Stuart Turner and Nick Bacon and would be grateful of any news of them. He also brings us up to date with his sister **Primrose Winston (nee Bristow 59-66)** who studied at Norwich Art College after leaving and subsequently moved to Manchester where she studied primary school teaching. She married in 1969 and had a son. In 1998 Primrose and her husband 'retired' to Brough, Cumbria which has allowed her more time to take up art again whilst doing some supply teaching. One of Philip's first memories of Wymondham is of Primrose having exchange students from the USA staying with them. Unfortunately, he is told, the return trip was never made because the organiser died in the intervening period. Does anyone else recall this?

David Ogden (74-80) is currently an Infrastructure Design Consultant for Prudential and living in Chieveley, Berkshire.

Bill Hipkiss (75-81) is married with a son aged 18 months and now lives in Sydney, where he has been for the past 5 years. He works as a Senior Consultant for an international software company. His brother John (76-83) is married with 3 sons and lives in Suffolk.

Annette Yoosfinejad (nee Munro 75-81) *I studied Visual Communications at Goldsmiths, focusing on photography, and was a photographer BC - Before Children - but this became too complicated once the kids arrived (2 boys, 10 and 9, and a girl, 6). I am now a jeweller, making jewellery, selling to shops and via the Internet www.yoosefi.com*

I would love to get in touch with Wes Paine, living in Hungary. (Now that we live on the other side of the water, we think nothing of driving for hours to visit other people living on this side of the water, where we wouldn't dream of driving to Scotland from London!)

Susan Russell is now living in Durham and has 3 children. Sarah Page lives near Cambridge, teaches, and has 2 children. Caroline Hunter lives in Dulwich, London, and has just had her second child.

I can't make the reunion this year, maybe next, but I hope it all goes well!

Andy Read (75-82) After his A Levels he went on to a BT sponsorship and Engineering at Cambridge University. He

now works in software systems development, particularly Internet systems, and is living in London.

Nikki Morris (nee Harrison 75-82) is now a specialist nurse living in Wymondham

Caroline Price (nee Hunter 76-82) Since leaving Caroline has graduated with a law degree, qualified as a chartered accountant and is now a Finance Director of a UK public company, TBI plc. She is married with two children and living in London.

Doug Ridley (77-82) is now living in Saltdean and would very much like to get in touch with other ex-students.

Alison O'Hara (nee Drewitt 77-82) is currently working as a Clinical Audit Project Officer in a Primary Care Trust in Lincolnshire. At the time of writing in September Alison had just had her second baby.

Steven Mitchell (76-82) is a Bank Manager for Lloyds TSB in Norwich and is married to **Suzanne (nee Taylor 81-84)** who is teaching at Surlingham Primary School

Shaun Wyles (76-83) couldn't make it to the Ball last year as his wife was due to give birth to their first baby, he hopes to make it to this year's reunion.

Justin Philcox (76-83) has let us know that he is Assistant Head Teacher at Imberhorne School in East Grinstead. He also tells us of David Woods (76-83) who is Head of Sixth Form at Uplands Community College in Wadhurst

Dorinda Palmer (nee Claxton) (77-) is a lung cancer specialist nurse. She recalls: *Mr Brand accompanied us on our educational cruise on the SS Uganda in 1979. The Uganda became a hospital ship in the Falklands war and was then scrapped. When I started my nurse training in 1986 one of my tutors had worked on the Uganda during the Falklands - small world!*

Jane Freebairn (77-81) is a restaurant manager in the West End of London.

Hannah Banstead (nee Capleton 77-82) has been married to Gary for 13 years and they have two children. They have recently moved back to Norfolk and she is a Nursery Nurse at Salhouse Primary School.

Sophie Lee (nee Wilkin 77-84) is living in Quidenham, Norfolk and is a partner in the family business as well as a freelance accountant/secretary.

Amanda-Jane Barnes (nee Manchip 78-85) remembers those seven years with great fondness. She works for the national charity NCH as a project worker in King's Lynn

Vivienne Swift (78-85) is an officer in the RAF and has served as a Fighter Controller in various parts of the country. She is now serving in the Armed Forces Careers office in Leicester.

Katie Hunt (79-86) *After I left in 1986 I went to Newcastle Polytechnic to study Psychology, and from then did research at Newcastle University (collecting an MPhil along the way). I then worked for a short time in head injury research and then trained as a Clinical Psychologist on the Leicester course (collecting yet another degree! but this time it was a doctorate in clinical psychology so it turned out to be worth being an eternal student!). I am now working as a Child Clinical Psychologist in Nottingham and loving every minute of it. I also now have a 2 and a half year old son.*

I managed to lose touch with most people over the years except for Suzanne Battye (79-86) who is now Suzanne Campbell and living in the Wirral. Suzanne has three children (all girls). I am seeing her this weekend so I'll

encourage her to send in her details.

What happened to Mr Thompson (my politics teacher, and the best teacher I ever had!). It's nice to read that Mr Brand is still there or thereabouts - some things never change!! Say hello to Rev. Hare.

I've also got some news of my sister **Lesley Reid (76-83 I think)** she's just had her third child this week (36.3.01).

Wilhelm de Neve (80-87) is married with three young sons and is a primary school teacher.

Annalisa Johnson (80-85) The Newsletter made me feel sad remembering being that young and the fact that I too have a daughter who is now ready for secondary school. If we do move back to Norfolk in the near future I would love her to go to the same school as me! I now live in London and have my own knitwear business and sell to designer shops in London, it's taken along time what with having a baby, doing A levels, degree but finally I'm here! I have also kept my love of being a show off and last year sang with the spice girls as a backing singer at the Brit. awards which was one of my dreams come true (to sing).

I am still in touch with many of my friends from school, Matthew Chedgy, Morgy, Emma Stevenson, Francis Kearney, Kate Evans to name but a few and it was great to hear that Liz Betts is a police officer. I would also like to find others that were in my year surprisingly an awful lot of them seem to be spotted around London from time to time! If anyone wants to contact me my email is AnnalisaJohnson@hotmail.com

Mary Fothergill (81-87) sent news of herself and her brother, Jonathan. My brother is working for AON in London, in I.T, and I am a Nursing Sister at the U.E.A, having spent seven years in the Royal Navy as a nurse. No doubt Mr Sayer and any other members off staff who my remember me, will be surprised that I coped with the discipline!! I sympathise with each and every one of my past teachers, adolescents can be awful creatures, as I have found to my cost, looking after my darling delinquents at U.E.A.

I look back on my years with you with mixed emotions, but mainly with fondness. I am in contact with several other alumni, including Jennifer Tatler, Sarah green, Claire and Jo Swindells and Alison Powell. Also, one of my colleagues has two of her children at the college, I believe in New House, and she updates me on the changes, and I managed to enlighten her to the origins of the Mair Cup. She tells me that Kett is on a bit of losing streak in the Mair Cup, so come on - pull your finger out Kett Hall!!

Kerry Whittaker (nee Wynne 81-87) is just returning to work part time as a cashier with the Halifax after having 2 daughters. She would love to renew contact with her old school chums. Her sister **Kirsty (85-90)** also has two children and works in an old peoples home.

Steve Jermy (81-88) is serving with 102 Log Bde in Germany as a Captain and was in Oman last July. I have many happy memories of the College in Fry and Peel and am currently trying, with varying success, to get in touch with some past friends. I joined the Army in 1994 and have served in Bosnia, Kosovo and have spent most of my career in Germany. I have successfully got back in touch with Hattie Taylor, Ian Threadgould, Mark Coventry, Paul Newis, Paul Rivett-Carnac and Francis Brackley whom I bumped into at the Army v Navy at the weekend. I would like to try and

get in touch with anyone from that period, my e-mail address is jermysteve@hotmail.com. Best wishes to Mr Entwhistle I would like him to know that those years of putting me back on the straight and narrow were not wasted.

Michelle Johnson (nee Revell 81-88) While at Wymondham College my father was in the Army so I was constantly on the move and I have really only now just settled down in the one place. Between leaving Wymondham in 1988 I spent a little time in Germany & Melton Mowbray, until moving to Hong Kong in September 1989. While living there I took on my first 'proper' job working in a Travel Agency, met my husband to be and got engaged - he was in the army. I moved back to the UK in 1990 and worked as an Administrative Officer for the Employment Service in Exeter, Devon and having got married there in 1992 moved to Catterick Garrison, and worked in the Richmond Job Centre. In 1995 I was very lucky to have the opportunity of moving to Cyprus for 2 years and I worked as a PA for a Grade 7 MOD Civil Servant. We were then posted to Colchester and have been here since. I have worked as an Office Manager for Serco Defence/Aerospace since living in Colchester My husband left the army last autumn and we have bought a house here in Colchester. I would love to hear from anyone that remembers me, but still have really good memories of the following and would love to hear from: Stephanie Bowles, Charlotte Page, Clare Swindells, Mary Fothergill, Jane Deek, Jo Fullegar, Jo Leech, Melissa Grout, Jill Tyler, Jonathan Brown, Anthony Bond, Marvin George & Luke Brennan.

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Colin Morgan (82-83) is living in the Netherlands and is employed as the Director of Business Data Architecture for a global cosmetics and fragrances manufacturer

Ken Copland (82-89) After reading Engineering at Edinburgh he joined the Army and after Sandhurst spent the next 7 years serving with the Royal Anglian Regiment in Germany, Bosnia, Canada UK and Cyprus. He left in 2000 in the rank of Captain and is now working for Michael Page as a Financial Services recruitment consultant in the City.

Rebecca Fenn (nee Wootton 83-90) Has been married for 5 years and has two daughters. Her brother Paul and sister Emma also attended the College. I look back on her years at school with great affection, had a fantastic laugh and surprisingly learnt quite a lot too!

Jo Proud (nee Bagley 84-86) is now an Admin/Facilities Manager at Peterborough City Council.

Dhvanit Patel (84-86) is now living and working in Tampa, Florida.

Hoi-Shan Lee (84-89) is working for IBM in Canada and sends news of her brothers: **Kwun Lee (82-87)** happily married and working at Cadence in Japan; **Koun Kit Lee (85-90)** currently working for an IT firm in London; and **Ken Lee (91-97)** studying for a PhD in Physics at Cambridge. All would be keen to hear from old friends.

News has reached us of **Lorna Stewart (84-89)** who is now volunteering with Medicins Sans Frontieres and is at present working as the financial advisor for The Congo and living in Brazzaville

Rebecca Knight (nee Silburn 84-90) *Since leaving Wymondham, I have joined the travel industry, and after having worked as a holiday rep in Greece for a year as an introduction, I have worked my way into a senior position for a specialist travel company, Bridge The World, based in London. I married in July 2000, a teacher!!!! - my husband is the Assistant Head of Mathematics at Gordon's School in West End, Surrey - a state run co-educational boarding school - very much like Wymondham - one of our friends and his colleagues, is a recent ex-Wymondham member of staff, Richard Staton. I had a fantastic time at Wymondham, and would love the opportunity to meet up with some ex-pupils who were around at the same time as myself - as I moved away from Norfolk fairly quickly after leaving Wymondham, I have lost touch with all my old school friends! - I thought of my old school friends at lot with the Millennium Eve approaching - we had all planned a reunion on 31 December 1999 at the Market Place in Norwich - that was back in 1990 before we all left Wymondham - I hope no-one was waiting round in the cold!*

Nicola Hanson (85-87) *I started in the first year at Wymondham in 1985? I left in 1897 because my family decided to move to Spain. I was in Cavell. I would like to thank all the staff at the school for the time and energy they put into the job. They influenced my life more than you can imagine.*

I am now extremely content, have two children and a wonderful partner. I work for Stan James Bookmakers off-shore in Gibraltar.

I would love to get in touch with some of girls that were with me in my dorm, Toni, Victoria, Angela, Nadine.

Dominic Varle (85-88) is Vice Consul, British Consulate General in New York

Christine Kerrigan (85-91) wrote with news of herself and her sisters. Carolyn is a Pharmacist in Nottingham, Caren is in Agricultural research in Lincolnshire and Christine is a Flight Attendant and trainer with United Airlines based in America

Karen Sunter (nee Mussell 85-90) is married with two children and she also works for W H Smith as a Supervisor in their Bracknell store. She would love to get back in touch with some of her old school friends.

Grant Richardson (85-92) is now a member of a semi-professional band 'Instinct' based in the Oxford area and they played at the Ball in September.

Richard Yardy (85-90) is Assistant Manager at Iceland Frozen Foods in King's Lynn He is separated and has a daughter aged two.

Angie Bolton (85-92) is an archaeologist working as a Finds Liaison Officer with the government pilot scheme 'Portable Antiquities Recording Scheme'

Marcell Pfrang (86-90) is working in the field of architecture and lives in Sheffield.

Sarah Jobling (86-91) After graduating in English Literature from London University, Sarah is now working in film and TV production.

Vicky Jones (86-91) sent news of herself and her sisters. Penny Jones (81-88 - ish) and Tara Jones (83-89 -ish). Penny is a Barrister, living and working in Salisbury. She is newly married and very happy. Tara is a Solicitor and lives near Bedford. She is married and has a beautiful daughter. I am a social worker, and hoping to do my MA in the near future. I live with Toby Hooker (87-99). I am still

in touch with many old pupils, some of whom are still among my best friends.

Mike Berry (87-89) married **Heidi Bulcock (90-92)** in 1998 at Wymondham Abbey. His best man was **Nic Sharp (86-88)**. Mike works for a major UK bank in London and Heidi is a Solicitor. He meets up with Steve Brown, James Richard and Johnny Howlett for lunchtime drinks as they all work in the City. And Christmas Eve or New Years Eve see many other past pupils who still play rugby at Wymondham meet for drinks.

We have had news of **Jacqueline Ashworth (87-91)**. She graduated last year and is currently Teacher Training. Jacqueline is also a black belt in Tae Kwon Do along with her friend **Emma Poole** and both are off to Poland to compete in the World Cup. *'That would be a surprise for anyone who knew Emma (never very good at sport).'*

Paul Coates (87-93) Joined the Army (Royal Signals) after leaving the College and is now working for Vodafone

Richard O'Sullivan (87-92) is now a Police Officer with the Northumbria Police and living near Sunderland.

Jennifer O'Sullivan (88-93) is a Marketing Executive for Sir John Fitzgerald Limited based in Newcastle upon Tyne and would be extremely interested in getting back in touch with students from her year.

Charles Gibson (-92) *Hello all at Wymondham College, I remember fondly my time as a boarder in Kett and then Lincoln under the watchful gazes of Mr Sayer and Miss Ferguson.*

I joined the Royal Navy in 1992 and am a senior aircraft engineer. I am currently serving at Yeovilton in Somerset on the Lynx Helicopter. I married my wife Julie in 1998. Whenever I talk about life at Wymondham she tells the tale of when she played net ball at Wymondham and thinking it extremely posh to stop for tea during the game!!

Of the others who were around in my time at the college I know very little. Christopher Watson (86 - 91) now lives in London with his girlfriend. I met Andrew Turley (85-90) a few years ago when we were both waiting for a train in London. He was returning to his base with the Army Medical Corps in Wiltshire and I was returning to mine in Hampshire.

Is Mr Garton still there? What a great asset to the college he was!! He was my house tutor twice in Kett and I remember him as a man who was very fair and always willing to join in a game of table tennis or snooker, but his first love was always the Orienteering Club.

Do you know anything of Jemma Vawser (84-89), Paul Bailey (84-91) and Matthew Dillon (84-89) Elliot Sherman (84-91) and Scott Robinson (86-90)?

Amanda Maddison (nee Clegg 89-94) has let us know that she is living in Carterton, Oxfordshire, and is a full time mother/mother to be!

Scott Barnard (90-95) wrote from New Zealand, having worked his way up from an NVQ in Warehousing, Wholesaling and Stores, then working in transport to Transport Operation Manager for a large shipping company based in Rotorua. Any other WyCol past students in NZ or elsewhere are welcome to contact him sbarnard@ihug.co.nz

Congratulations to **Norman Lamb (-76)** who was elected LibDem MP for North Norfolk

Georgina Self (90-92) surfaced after the last Newsletter. She is working as an administrator for Greene King.

Emma Skoyles (90-97) is up in Glasgow working as a Revenue Officer but is also studying IT (web design) at College. She would love to make contact with all her old friends, especially **Jodie Copsey (90-96)**

Matthew Tullett (92-94) graduated from Aberdeen in Environmental Geography then worked for the Royal Mail, and last Autumn began an MSc in Geographical Information Systems at Leeds. He is also engaged to former member of staff **Miss Juliet Bartlett (95)**

Sam Seager (93-95) after graduating with a 2:1 from Brighton is teaching at Shoreham College.

Jeremy Shaw married **Chrissy** on 23 March 2001, and he is now working in Heidelberg, Germany

Tom Thornton (92-98) Moved to Philadelphia, US after completing his diploma at Norwich City College and he spent some time with Camp America

Kelly Unsworth (94-97) spent a gap year in Canada working at a school in Victoria, British Columbia. She has recently finished a BSc in Sport & Exercise Science at Sheffield Hallam University and is now doing a PGCE in secondary PE at Reading and loving it. She has been surprised how many people she has bumped into over the years who have attended Wymondham College.

Hazel Monger (97-99) is in her first year of studying Illustration and Graphic Communication at University of Wolverhampton and is engaged to James Chapman

Charlie Wright (-99) during her gap year Charlie qualified as a ski instructor, and also learnt to fly. She is now into her second year at Birmingham studying Sports Science, where she is also secretary of the Ski club

As we move into the next fifty years a small group of Governors, Trustees and members of Wymondham College Association are working together to form an Appeals Committee. Our big push now is for a Creative and Performing Arts Centre for the College. For the last fifty years we have lacked a venue for key dramatic, musical and artistic events and also we simply do not have a traditional School Hall, a place to hold assemblies and presentation evenings, and even dances. Yes, we have the Sports Hall but each time we use this as a venue, even for examinations, the students at the College have their sporting opportunities reduced. It is my dearest wish, during my period of tenure, to work with former and current students, parents, governors, trustees and friends of Wymondham College to ensure that we have a first class Creative and Performing Arts Centre. This is likely to cost somewhere in the region of 2M - no mean feat to raise that sum of money. Any fund-raising ideas from former students would be gratefully received. We have already had an offer from **Mark Brenner (83-85)**, who is a professional musician, to hold a gig on Friday 14 June in the Sports Hall - all proceeds to the Appeal. Tickets will be available from Carole Arnold, priced £10.00 for adults and £5.00 for children. PLEASE SUPPORT THIS EVENT. Any former students wishing to visit the College have only to ring my PA and we will organise a tour for you. You are most welcome. On a lighter note, I keep meeting people who think I am the granddaughter of Muz Metcalfe - no relation I am afraid. *Victoria Musgrave* Summer Fayre is on the 29th June.

College News

From the Principal

Our fiftieth anniversary year was an exciting one with visitors from all over the world coming to the College to recapture moments, both good and bad, from their youth. The anniversary dinner in July was an enormous success despite the inclement weather during the day. More than 400 visitors enjoyed a superb meal in a marquee behind Kett Hall and were entertained by principals old and new and former students of the College. Our thanks must go to Carole Arnold for all the work she put in to making this event such a success and to Michael Brand for acting as Master of Ceremonies. I remarked in a slightly 'tongue in cheek' manner that the old boys and girls were not nearly as well behaved as the current students.

Grant Richardson (85-92) was a star performer with the band 'Instinct' at the Ball in the Autumn Term which was even more fun with superb food, music and company. On this occasion I heard about the excellent Wymondham College web site which Bill Atkins and friends have put together. You must visit www.wcremembered.co.uk - you will be amazed at some of the stories! Many thanks to all those staff who worked so hard to make the evening a success. Special thanks must go to Bob Bales and his first class catering team, and to Mu Gurbutt for arranging all the flowers. They did us proud.

Staff news

Keith Anderson (72-76) taught Science and attracted some notoriety for his nest-boxes and all night moth catching, not to mention the sailing exploits on Filby Broad and a 'plodding' role in 'Pirates of Penzance'. On leaving Wymondham he moved to Carisbrooke HS on the Isle of Wight and then to Ringwood and in 1985 transferred to educational admin in Matlock and now Devon. In the early years he worked with Brian Slater, who is now Director of Education for Norfolk. His two children are approaching GCSEs and A levels and he cannot understand why they have more interest in History than Science. He would be delighted to hear from any staff still at the College or those who have moved on.

Dave Goman sent best wishes to everyone attending the 50th Anniversary Dinner. So many people say they wouldn't be where they are now without his guidance. He would be very pleased to hear from past students but cannot guarantee a reply. Address available from Carole Arnold.

Roz Knights (nee Whiting 72-79) is now a member of the Modern Languages department.

Mr Paul Spencer-Ellis has now been appointed as Head Master of Royal Albert and Alexandra School in Reigate. His wife **Jan Spencer-Ellis** has now left the French Department to join him in Surrey. After over eight years at the College, first as deputy in New Hall and then as Head of Peel Hall, **Heather Jeffrey** left at the end of the Autumn term, to become Head of year in a large day school in

Lincolnshire. Others leavers from the staff are **Madame Martrou, Richard Briley, Shona Robertson and Claire Truelove.**

Music and Drama

The Band will be playing at the Royal Norfolk Show on 26 and 27 July. You are most welcome to any future performances, keep an eye on the website to find out when they are. New Hall won the Mair Cup - again!

Careers

Valerie Woodrow would be delighted to hear from any of you who would be prepared to take part in a year 9/year 10 careers day. Telephone Valerie Woodrow on 01953 609025.

Obituaries

Mr Frank Laughton (1912-2001)

It was with great sadness that former colleagues and students learned of the death of Mr Frank Laughton in April 2001. Mr Laughton was a member of the Maths Department throughout the 1960s and early 1970s but it will perhaps be by those first members of the then new Norwich House in Peel Hall that he will best be remembered.

In 1961 Mr Laughton became the first Housemaster of the newly created Norwich House which was brought together by transferring some pupils from the old East and West houses. Frank Laughton and his wife, Cynthia, quickly established a happy and supportive atmosphere through a combination of consideration, kindness and commitment to. He was no easy touch and you knew if you had incurred his displeasure, but there was still a strong sense that 'it hurt him more than us' when that displeasure had to be demonstrated in a tangible way, which was very rare. I recall his determination to (unsuccessfully) instil good behaviour in his dog - the House (probably the whole College) regularly being woken by cries of 'Nikki come here! Come here I say, will you come here.....'(she didn't). His forays onto the Anglia Television screen to read the weather report were also slightly disconcerting - there was always a sense that it wasn't you watching him, but the other way round.

A very happy occasion was the marriage in 1966 of Mr and Mrs Laughton's daughter, Sally, to Keith Davitte, a popular history and economics teacher and inspirational rugby coach. The day of the wedding was quite coincidentally preceded by a House party, which was attended by Mr and Mrs Laughton, Sally and Keith which reflected the spirit he had created in Norwich House and the mutual affection in which the House and Housemaster held each other.

After his retirement he continued to live with Cynthia in Wymondham. He enjoyed his garden and one could always be assured of a warm welcome if one popped in to see him, and he took a continuing interest in the lives of the former

members of his House. Of course his main joy was his extended family and he took great pride in his children, grandchildren and great grandchildren to whom we send our sympathy and thanks for what he did for those first members of Norwich House.

Richard Conder (60-67)

Jeremy Betts (70-73)

It is with great sadness that we record the untimely death of Jeremy Betts on 16 January 2001. He went on to City College and from there into Insurance. Then as a mature student he gained a BA in Theology, finally working as a teacher of Religious Studies at Burlington Danes School in Hammersmith. Here he felt he had found his true vocation, he loved his work there with children from various ethnic backgrounds and religious beliefs. He was always known in Norwich for his love of music and people. He was part of the choir and played the organ at his local church. His long term interest in music had been a great help to him in his teaching career, enabling him to communicate more fully with his pupils. Jeremy died of complications following a compound fracture of the leg, sustained in an accident.

From Robert Colson

Peter Sadler (1941-2001) - The Facts

Peter attended Wymondham College and migrated to Australia, with his family, in 1959. He left Wymondham after the Lower Sixth and went to Australia with his parents. He regretted not having completed his "A" levels. Years later he continued his education at university level. He was the first ex-Wymondham College Student to join the Australian Army

Initially Peter was a Topographical Surveyor; he served on mapping operations in Cape York and Papua New Guinea. He graduated from Officer Cadet School in December 1964. and was second in his class and awarded the Staff Prize. (Peter was the second ex-W.C. Student to receive a Commission in the Australian Army; I had been commissioned some six months earlier.)

Peter commanded an Artillery Survey Section in Vietnam and had numerous postings whilst in the Army. Resigning from the Army in 1983, he continued to instruct in the Army Reserves for another five years.

Peter attended the Australian National University from 1987 to 1992 and graduated with an Honours Degree in Modern History. Coincidentally both of his children attended the ANU at the same time as he did.

He wrote poetry, short stories, articles and letters - many were published. His book on the biography of Major-General Gellibrand was published in April 2000, a copy of which is in the College Library.

Peter died on 9 October 2001. He is survived by his wife, Annette, and two children, Christopher and Nicole, and three grandchildren.

My Thoughts

I first remember Peter Scott Sadler "Scotty" at

Wymondham College in the mid 1950s. He was a lanky fellow and in my mind's eye I can see him running on to the rugby field with water, towels and, no doubt, Dencor Rub, to give succour to some injured player.

Peter was different. He had been to the live theatre in London; he didn't have a broad Norfolk accent, which meant he could be understood outside the County! He also liked and I believe actually listened to classical music; remember that this was pre Rock and Roll days.

Peter once asked me how I thought he would be remembered. A tough question when you are looking into the eyes of a man dying of cancer. How do I remember him? I remember a man just returned from Vietnam sitting in the corner of my lounge in physical pain, in mental anguish. He was never to recover from the physical problems he developed as a result of Vietnam service. As for the emotional trauma that's the subject of many a Ph.D. Fortunately it can be shared with "Old Soldiers". I remember a friend dying of cancer who was in extreme pain and handled that pain with courage way beyond what most men would suffer. I remember a mate who enjoyed fine food and good wine, did not suffer fools lightly, enjoyed a good debate, had a good knowledge of English which he could (and sometimes did) use to devastating effect.

Peter and I often discussed Wymondham College. It was where he developed his solid Christian beliefs; he appreciated the influence and devotion of the teachers. He was grateful for the foresight of various people and he never lost sight of the privilege it had been to be selected and attend Wymondham.

I remember Peter as a schoolboy, an officer, a husband, a father and a myriad of other things. Above all I remember him as a friend and a mate and I miss him.

Lest we Forget.

I remember him as Lysander in 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' December 1957- he is prominent in the photo in the 'First Fifty Years' book - Roger Garrard

Jack Hawkyard (54-64) will be remembered with gratitude by all those privileged to be in his A level Maths and Further Maths sets in the 50s and 60s. A dynamic, inspiring teacher, he had the whole department organised with legendary precision, and his lessons, as might be expected, were structured with infinite care, leaving nothing to chance. He was housemaster of North House, in the nissen hut days, and moved with two-thirds of them into Lincoln Hall, to be the first housemaster of York House. There too everything ran with dedicated efficiency. Woe to the boy who slacked, or preferred to spend his leisure time in idle pursuits!

There was another side to him too, of course. I came to know him well in the comradely days of the huts. He had an engaging sense of humour and a love of music, particularly Gilbert and Sullivan. While his love of sport, especially cricket, was manifested in an infectious northern enthusiasm; the keen but friendly rivalry of the houses in those early days was reflected in his turning out, on even the coldest and wettest Sunday mornings, to support his house in training sessions.

It was at the College in the fifties that he met his wife, whom many will remember as Hilary Lloyd, girls' PE teacher, and his children were born here. His sister Hilda came to teach here too, and one can say that all-in-all the Hawkyards made a tremendous contribution to the early development of the College. We extend our sympathies to Hilary, who bravely attended the reunion last July shortly after Jack's death, and to all his family. *Roger Garrard*

John Paxton (62-98)

John Paxton was appointed in the early 1960s to teach Latin in the County Grammar School, which was then the second language in their curriculum. As with many others on their staff, he was also resident, and from the outset entered wholeheartedly into the boarding spirit of the College. When the CGS ceased to be a separate entity in the 1970s, and Latin disappeared from the time-table for all but the sixth form, John found a new role with Classical Studies, as part of junior forms' English, and with A level Classical Civilisation.

If it difficult to think of Wymondham College without John Paxton, it is almost as difficult to think of John Paxton without Wymondham College. For John's life, work, career, energies and affections seemed totally dedicated to the College at so many levels and in so many ways, that his sad and untimely passing has left it without one of its loyal friends.

But John's influence reached far beyond the classroom. His pastoral concern for all students under his care was meticulous. he loved the company and conversation of young people, whether in the House, the immensely popular Board Games Club or during his long walks around the Park on 'Park and Site' duty, and the students loved him in return. I shall never forget the outpouring of affection at John's final appearance at Chapel Assembly as the young people of Peel Hall made their emotional farewells.

And of course John was a kind and sympathetic colleague who always had time to talk. Truth to tell, there were times when one did not always have time to talk as long as John would have liked! but when a calm, civilised conversation on things that really matter was called for, John could provide it, and one immediately felt better for it.

John walked at about the same speed as he cycled - very slowly! One wondered how he consistently seemed to avoid the rush and panic of life which can often overtake one during the working day in a large boarding school. But he managed it, and is much missed on this account too.

Our kindest thoughts go to Joanna, John's daughter, whom he adored, and who was surely his closest friend. Those of us who remember him and worked with him record our gratitude for the kind of friendship he allowed us to share.

Revd David Hare

Every time I think of John I smile as I remember chats over break time coffee, conversations that lifted me out of the humdrum of the day.

Carole Arnold