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NEWSLETTER

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Don't miss out!

Class of 1966, 1976, 1986, 1996, 2006 and 2016 Reunions and the annual OW Summer Lunch

June 20th 2026



We invite Wellingburians from the Classes of 1966, 1976, 1986, 1996, 2006 and 2016 to join us from 10.30am–12.30pm on Saturday 20th June for their decade reunions. The morning will begin with relaxed catch-ups over light refreshments, followed by a tour of the School concluding with a specially curated OW service in the Chapel.
We then welcome OWs of all ages to join us for the Chapel service from midday, before the annual OW Summer Lunch begins at 12.30pm. The OW Summer Lunch opens with drinks on the Headmaster's Lawn, followed by a two-course meal inside. We look forward to seeing many of you there!

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Editor's Welcome

OW Liaison, Katie Powell

Welcome to the latest edition of the Old Wellingburian Newsletter. It has, as always, been a pleasure to bring this issue together. Recent months have delivered an extraordinary array of updates from across our community, with particularly impressive achievements in the world of sport. For so many Old Wellingburians, memories of the sports fields remain among the most cherished, and it is wonderful to see that passion carried far beyond the school gates.

One of the joys of compiling each newsletter is witnessing how the stories shift from edition to edition—a reminder of the remarkable breadth of fields our alumni represent. This issue once again highlights the inspiring fundraising efforts undertaken by OWs, as well as a vibrant season of events. Spring was especially lively, with the annual London Dinner proving a true highlight.

We are also delighted to confirm the date and location for this year's London Drinks. Last year's attendance exceeded all expectations, and we look forward to another bustling gathering. Before then, we still have three summer events ahead—Summer Sports, Decade Reunions, and the Summer Lunch—so I hope there is something for everyone.

A small plea: our OW women's hockey team is still in need of players. If you are free from 5.30pm on Friday 19 June, we would be thrilled to hear from you.



A personal highlight this term was welcoming back former staff member David Humphreys for a tour and lunch. Hearing his memories of teaching at the School—and seeing the outpouring of kind messages from former students—was a joy. We are always delighted to welcome back OWs and former staff, so please do get in touch if you would like to visit. You will also find, on the final page of this newsletter, a wonderful opportunity to support current students at our upcoming Careers Convention.

So, make yourself a cup of tea and enjoy this edition of the Old Wellingburian Newsletter.

Share your news with us.
Get in contact with your news and achievements at kpo@wellingboroughschool.org

A message from John Cowell (54-58, Pl)

Being housebound (and 84), I am unable to come to any gatherings.
However, if any of my fellow OWs are still alive & reading this, may I say greetings to all members of Platts, who were under Murray Witham from 1954-58. Or others who may remember me who were in Garnes, Weymouth etc. Anyone still alive and kicking!?
Proud of my old school and hoping someone remembers me?

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Upcoming OW Events

OW Summer Sports

Friday 19th June, 2026

The annual Summer Sports OW versus the School in Hockey and Cricket. Join us as a player or a spectator, matches start from 5pm. Refreshments will be provided. If you would like to play for either team please contact cal@wellingboroughschool.org

OW London Drinks

Thursday 15th October, 2026

Pop in and see us at the annual OW London Drinks being held at the Slug and Lettuce, Oxford Street. Between 6pm and 8pm we will be hosting upstairs in the venue. Bookings will be opened later in the summer.

Decade Reunions

Saturday 20th June, 2026

On the morning of Saturday 20th June the School will open its doors for the leavers of 1966, 1976, 1986, 1996, 2006 and 2016. Reunite with your peers over refreshments before embarking on a tour of the School and a service in the chapel. We then invite you to stay for the afternoon's OW Summer Lunch.

OW Autumn Lunch & AGM

Saturday 7th November, 2026

The annual OW Autumn Lunch returns following a 'sold-out' event last year. Join us for drinks and a two-course meal at the School. Arrive early to be involved in the O.W.Club AGM. Bookings for this event will open in September.

OW Summer Lunch

Saturday 20th June, 2026

Join us at the School for the afternoon on the 20th June for the annual OW Summer Lunch. Enjoy drinks on the Headmaster's Lawn, followed by a 2-course meal provided by the School's fantastic catering team. Tickets are priced at £25pp.

Remembrance Service

Sunday 8th November, 2026

The School's Chaplain would like to invite OWs to the School's annual Remembrance Service. The service will commence at 10.15am in the School's Chapel, with refreshments provided afterwards in the dining hall.

5 Year Reunion - Class of 2021

Saturday 12th September, 2026

The Class of 2021 are invited back to the School for their reunion.
We will also be joined by current and former staff who will be excited to catch up with you.
Drinks will be served on the Headmaster's Lawn, followed by a BBQ.
This event is open to those who left Year 13 in 2021 and also those who were part of this year group but left the School earlier.

Nine Lessons and Carols

Sunday 6th December, 2026

The School's Chaplain would like to invite OWs to the School's annual Carol Service. The 9 Lessons & Carols will commence at 4pm in the School's Chapel, with refreshments provided afterwards in the dining hall.

Further details and bookings can be found at www.oldwellingburianclub.org

Past Events

OW London Dinner - March 20th 2026



This year's London Dinner was a joyous occasion, hosted by OW Club President Charles Keily (66–70, P) at The View, Royal College of Surgeons.

Nearly 60 guests attended, ranging from our youngest Old Wellingburians aged just 18 to our oldest guest at 97. We were also delighted to welcome Headmaster Simon Hawkes, along with the current Heads of School, Monpriya and Finley.

Guests gathered in the Lumley Library for champagne on arrival and the chance to reconnect before moving into the Wilson Room for speeches and a three-course meal.

Charles, as President, conducted the toasts and reflected on his own memories of School life. Grace was read by Charlotte Lambert (18–25, M). Monpriya (18–26, M) and Finley (22–26, PS) shared their reflections as they approach the end of their final year, followed by Bryan Norman (42–47, W), whose recollections of School during the Second World War offered a striking contrast.

The speeches concluded with new Headmaster Simon Hawkes, attending his first OW London Dinner.

Planning is already underway for the 2027 event, with further details to follow soon.









Past Events

OW London Dinner - March 20th 2026





Extracts from Bryan Norman's speech

"So what was my impression of The School when I arrived at Weymouth House in September 1942? I was already somewhat adjusted to wartime as the Battle of Britain had been fought in the sky above my small prep school in Hazlemere. The change of scenery from pinewoods, azaleas and rhododendrons of Surrey to the much larger and extensive brick buildings of the school with the then smelly Corby Steelworks nearby was quite an adjustment. As were some of the, to me, archaic customs for new boys.

The main issue, as winter took hold, was the problem of how to keep warm, since there was a minimum of central heating due to coal rationing. This was particularly true in the winter of 1943 when the gravel pits and the River Nene froze, so we could skate on them. We often had a break during lectures to run round the building to warm up. I also remember being in such a hurry to get under my blankets at night that I forgot to empty my wash basin, which became solid ice by morning. No point in complaining, we just had to get on with it as best we could.

The effects of rationing meant shortages of everything except bread and potatoes, particularly butter, sugar and meat. Spam was a treat! Today, my 2oz weekly wartime ration of butter is gone on the first piece of toast on Monday morning. At the end of each month Matron had to pester the Ministry for emergency help. Looking back, the catering staff did an amazing job feeding us all male hungry mob. It often surprised me how much was left in a marmite jar — when it was empty.

In the summer / autumn we were loaded into army trucks and taken to local farms to collect the potato etc harvest. A welcome day off studies.

An ever-present reminder of the war was the large American bomb dump under the trees beside the road to Irthlingborough adjacent to our playing field waiting to be delivered to Germany.

Peace with Germany finally arrived, announced during prep by our head boy, Edmund White (41-46, F). It all broke up with much cheering; we streamed out across the square with no idea what to do. But somehow the whole school ended up in the Chapel where our ex-naval, retired Chaplain was already present. All he could do was, speechlessly and with tears pouring down his face, put his hands on heads. He subsequently told me that this experience had proved the value of his ministry.

There followed the Peace parade through the town, led by the school band. I was drum major, so had, what I now realise was the privilege of leading the procession. It was, by trying to locate a picture, for my children via Katie, that I happened to be here tonight.

Thank you Wellingborough for giving me an excellent and rounded education, enabling me to pass my degree and subsequently run my own consultancy."

Past Events

OW Winter Sports - March 21st 2026

In March the OWs took on the School's first teams in Netball and Football. A fantastic performance from the OW Netball team saw them take the win, defeating the School 33–25. Thank you to current students and staff who stepped in to support the team. The School claimed victory in the Football this year with a strong 3–1 result against the OWs.

A huge thank you to all OWs who joined us, as well as our pupils, staff, supporters, and of course our brilliant catering and grounds teams who help make these events possible.

Our next OW v The School fixtures will take place on Friday 19th June, when OWs will once again take on current students in Hockey and Cricket. If you're interested in taking part, please contact cal@wellingboroughschool.org.









Northampton Saints - April 25th 2026



Members of the OW community and School staff enjoyed a fantastic afternoon at Franklin's Gardens on Saturday 25 April, watching Northampton Saints take on Bath Rugby.

John A (48–58, G), Stuart C (75–81, C), Nick E (76–02, Former Staff), Iain E (50–55, Pl) and Peter H (61–70, Pl) joined Headmaster Simon Hawkes, Lester Williams (Master in Charge of Rugby and HM of Garne's), and Jo Ferguson (Teacher of Science) for the match.

After a meal together in the Club's Heroes Restaurant, they watched league-leaders Saints secure a thrilling 41–38 victory over title rivals Bath.

Past Events

Business Networking

June 4th, 2026

In June the Foundation Office held its next regular Business Networking Breakfast - an opportunity for Old Wellingburians, parents, staff and the wider school community to come together and network.
OW Phillipa Jeyes (84-89, M) and Anna Jeyes (JS) kindly hosted the event at their well-known family business - Jeyes of Earls Barton.
Guests networked amongst themselves, sampled the excellent food and drinks offered at Jeyes of Earls Barton, and listened to an excellent speech by Phillipa and Anna about the history of their family business.









Spring Music Concert

We also had Old Wellingburians present at many School events last term where they were able to celebrate in the successes of current students.
Both Martin Palmer (74-82, P) and Emily-May Palmer (13-22, N) attended the Spring Music Concert and the Sixth Form play in March. They both thoroughly enjoyed attending and Martin had this to say of the Spring Concert, 'I'm not usually one for 'Whooping' from the audience in a theatre..... However, the Best Part of the Spring Concert was the sheer joy and exuberance of the younger members of the School watching from the back of the Balcony. They celebrated the excellence on stage of the Year 13 soloists and the performances of the groups, bands and orchestras who presented the results of their thousands of hours of work and practice on stage at the Castle Theatre.
We were entertained by representatives of almost every age group in the school, with dance, drama, musicianship and singing across many genres and languages.
Excellence - which doesn't necessarily mean perfection - was presented and received with delight.
Performers are always at jeopardy of the unexpected - performing teaches Teamwork, Character, Courage and Resilience - and Performers take to the stage to risk it anyway for themselves and the audience.
Older pupils of several ages gave leadership and showcased the excellence to which the younger members of the school can aspire.
Every performer gave of their best on stage and the support from the members of staff was clear to see.
A big 'Thank You' to all involved.
This is the stuff of which Wellingborough School is made and should be rightly proud - I'm looking forward to the next time.'

Future event details and bookings can be found at www.oldwellingburianclub.org

The Old Wellingburian Golfing Society

Spring Meeting

Report by Tim Poole (77-85, P)



We had an excellent turnout of 23 playing for the Gillitt Vase at Wellingborough Golf Club on Friday 22nd March. There were golfers of all standards and it was most pleasing that each of the 6 groups included a current Halford Hewitt team member to show us the way! The course was in excellent condition making for incredible value at £55 per head, including golf and food for non-members. We welcomed Darren Hitchcock (83-86, S) for his first event as well as many others who have caught the OW Golf bug and started returning more regularly.

The scoring was very competitive with Philip Saxby (78-82, JS) coming out as the 2026 winner with 38 points. The joy of winning this prestigious cup is clear to see in the handover by our President John Panter (57-60, Pl)... (pity no one cleaned it!). The longest drive was taken by Harry Gromme (98-07, G) and nearest the pin by Richard Jackson (70-81, S). As always scores in this competition will count towards the Wright Cup for the aggregate number of points in both the Spring and Autumn meetings.

Thank you to all who took part, making this such an enjoyable occasion.

Halford Hewitt

Report by Chris Billson (71-81, C)



The elite golfers of the OW Golf Society made their annual pilgrimage to Kent in early April - albeit missing one or two of our better players, having been re-deployed abroad. Luckily, the week's weather was very kind - for once. It made a nice change. We welcomed two new players to our 10-man team, those being Levi Draper (20-15, Pl) and Ed Tate (94-03, Pl). The new boys fitted in very well and we hope they've got the bug enough to come back again in the future. As they made their debut, veteran Martyn Allen (63-70, C) was in his 5th decade of playing in this competition - a true testament to the longevity of our wonderful sport. Martyn will be 72 years old by the time next year's Hewitt comes around and with his current 3.9 handicap index holding up well he is already lobbying hard to make sure that he is picked to play - only 50 years after his debut in 1977!

Coming back to this year's competition, we had been drawn against Westminster in the first round, and a really good team effort saw us win comfortably 3.5-1.5. Westminster were good company and took their defeat well. Whilst that result was very welcome, the reality was that the next round would see us drawn against the top-ranked team of the last 10 years - Loretto. The Scottish team had got far too much firepower for the OWs and we lost 4-1.

Thanks go to everyone that played. Overall, it was a really enjoyable few days and we look forward to 2027 when we hope to have some of our expats back in the UK to bolster the squad.

OW News

Two Old Wellingburians honoured at the SJA British Sports Journalism Awards

Not one, but two Old Wellingburians were recognised at this year's SJA British Sports Journalism Awards, held in partnership with Canon. The awards celebrate excellence across sports writing, photography, broadcasting and digital content creation.

Dan Roan (90–95, G) was named Broadcast Journalist of the Year, with judges praising the calibre of the major interviews he secured throughout the year. This is his second win in the category, and he has reached the podium every year for the past five years — an exceptional run of consistency at the top of his field.

Alison Mitchell (91–98, W) received the Sport for Change Journalism award for her powerful coverage of the Afghan women's cricket team who fled the Taliban. She was also shortlisted for Broadcast Commentator of the Year, adding to an already distinguished career that includes being named Sports Broadcaster of the Year in 2014.

Congratulations to both Dan and Alison on their outstanding achievements and continued contributions to sports journalism.



Photo by Tom Dulat



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OW News

Old Wellingburians celebrated for DoE Gold success at Buckingham Palace

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award (DofE) hosted a Gold Award celebration event at Buckingham Palace Garden on May 20th and 22nd May 2026. This year's celebration was a significant milestone for the DofE charity, marking the 70th anniversary of the Gold Award presentations.
Six Old Wellingburians were present at the celebrations – a worthy event representative of the time, dedication, resilience and hard work they all put in to achieving their Gold Awards.
Among the Old Wellingburians was Phillip Howell (10-20, G),
Phillip said of the occasion, "I had completed the sections of my Duke of Edinburgh whilst still at Wellingborough School. But had not yet signed off everything. Through the support of Ms Pattison, I finally completed the award. It was a pleasure to attend the celebration with my Mum surrounded by a group of people who had achieved something special. "



Report by Scott Benest - Deputy Head (Co-Curricular)





On 20th May five Old Wellingburians; Ben Howard (20-25, C), Ishika Shah (19-25, W), Lily Frost (15-25, M), Tessa Jones (20-25, N) and Zara Reeves (15-25, W), attended a memorable celebration at Buckingham Palace to mark the achievement of their Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Award. They were accompanied by Mr Benest for what proved to be a truly special day of recognition and reflection.
Set against the stunning backdrop of the Palace gardens, the event brought together Gold Award holders from across the country, highlighting the dedication, resilience and commitment required to complete the Award's demanding programme. A particular highlight for attendees was the opportunity to meet His Royal Highness The Duke of Edinburgh, who spent time speaking with participants and congratulating them on their achievements.
The celebration also marked a significant milestone: 70 years of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award. The programme has transformed countless young lives over the decades, and the event featured a range of inspiring speakers who reflected on its impact and enduring legacy. Their stories reinforced the importance of challenge, service and personal development — values embodied by all Gold Award recipients.
For our OWs, the day was both a celebration of past efforts and a reminder of future possibilities. Completing the Gold DofE Award is a remarkable accomplishment, and we are immensely proud of Ben, Ishika, Lily, Tessa and Zara for representing the school so brilliantly on such a prestigious occasion.

OW News

Old Wellingburian is called up to play for the England Lions

Congratulations to James Sales (06-21, G) who has just finished in his debut for England Lions.
James, who plays for Northamptonshire Cricket Club, was part of the 15-man Lions squad to take on South Africa A in two four-day matches in late May.
Prior to the international matches, James had already scored 393 runs in red ball cricket this summer at an average of 78.60, and had already notched two centuries with a top score of 164.



Old Wellingburian receives the Freedom of the City of London



Following on from her success at the SJA Sports Journalist Awards, Alison Mitchell (91-98, W), widely regarded as a female trailblazer in the field of sports commentary, received the Freedom of the City of London at Guildhall on the 26th May.
An award-winning journalist and broadcaster, Alison became the first British woman to commentate on the BBC's Test Match Special in 2007, building a listener relationship that now spans nearly 20 years.
Alison expanded into top-level tennis and golf, and was BBC Radio 5 Live's artistic gymnastics commentator across three Olympic Games, including London 2012. In 2014, she became the first woman to deliver ball-by-ball cricket commentary for Australia's ABC and three years later, the first woman to commentate a televised men's Ashes series for BT Sport.

Alison now works regularly with Channel Seven in Australia; covers men's and women's ICC World Cups and tennis Grand Slams; presents the BBC's Stumped podcast; and remains a key voice on Test Match Special. She also lends her voice to Channel 4's Crufts coverage.
Alison is a former Trustee of The Johnners Trust and a Patron of the MCC Foundation, and currently serves as an independent non-executive director at Sport Resolutions in the City of London.
Alison said, ""I moved to London for broadcasting purposes in my 20s when there were no women doing lead commentary on mainstream sport that I was aware of.
"This great city has been my home ever since, with many happy hours spent in commentary boxes at Lord's and the Oval, as well as Wimbledon. Of course, the city was at its absolute finest during London 2012, which remains a career highlight for me.
"The Freedom of the City of London is something that I never ever expected to be given. It is truly humbling to be recognised in this way."

OW News

Two OWs grace the stage of Northampton in opera production

Harriet Timms (81-86, N) and Sarah McAllister (83-84, M) graced the stage in a sold-out concert production of Madama Butterfly at the end of May.
The OWs were part of Northampton Opera Group's full concert performance of Puccini's lyric masterpiece held at the Royal, Northampton.
The local singers were part of the NOG Chorus, who were joined by international soloists for the lead roles.
The unique performance was sung in the original Italian with English surtitles.



Wedding - Chloe McKee née Marshall (03-08, M)





"After six brilliant years together, I married my fiancé Sam McKee here in Bristol, where we've lived since 2023. We had a church service in St Mary Redcliffe (where I sing in the choir), followed by a reception aboard the SS Great Britain.
OWs among the guests were my sister Alys Marshall (04-09, M); Ellie Webster (04-11, M); Sarah Beharry-Shaw (97-07, N), their husband Mike and son Ferdie, now age 2; James Partridge (00-07, Pl), his wife Katy and daughters Emily and Chloe, now 6 and 4.
Alys was (as ever) my best woman, and Sarah and James were in my bridal party. Over the last few years I have been made godmother to both James' daughters and Sarah's son (what an honour!). I was delighted to have them walk the aisle as flower-kids with their parents, along with another dear friend and my other two godchildren.
Finally, fans of hymn practice in the 90s, 00s and 10s will be delighted to hear that Dad (Peter Marshall, Director of Music 1997-2015) got the congregation into fine voice before we arrived at church, despite having a pretty rotten cold himself!
Highlights included a few ho-ho ha-ha hallelujah warm-ups, and a run-through of Guide Me O Thou Great Redeemer ("ee-veer-moooooooooore"). Our guests absolutely loved it."

OW Fundraisers

London Marathon 2026

Well done to all Old Wellingburians and the wider school community who took part in the TCS London Marathon in April.





Felix Allen (15–19, C) ran the London Marathon in support of Marie Curie, in memory of his dad, Richard. He completed the marathon in just 3:29:19. This year marks five years since his dad passed away. Felix is grateful for the care Marie Curie provided to his dad and the support they offered the family, and he is proud to be able to give back to the charity. To date, Felix has raised £2,297 for the charity.
https://2026tcslondonmarathon.enthuse.com/pf/felix-allen

Maisie Robinson (16–21, M) ran to raise funds for Diabetes UK — a charity close to her heart. She took part in memory of a close friend, as well as others she knows who live with the condition. To date, Maisie has raised £3,120.
https://www.justgiving.com/page/maisie-robinson-1?msockid=01c27f985d9662e7377469765cd063a9

The Rust Bucket Rally





Harriet McCulley (11-16, W) and her dad, Mac, are taking on the Rust Bucket Rally this September to raise funds for Prostate Cancer UK. Mac's diagnosis came as a shock after a routine, free check-up at a local rugby club, but he underwent a full operation to remove his prostate and has made a full recovery. Now, he encourages all men to get checked regularly, it could save your life, as it did his.

The Rust Bucket Rally is a thrilling charity challenge, now in its twelfth year. Drivers take on approximately 2,500 miles across Europe over five days in cars worth around £1,000, affectionately known as "Rust Buckets." This year, Harriet and Mac's route takes them from Northamptonshire to Lake Como and back, with stops in Pfullendorf and Stuttgart along the way. It's an adventurous and demanding journey, full of challenges, fun, and camaraderie. The rally will take place this September 2026. Each mile Harriet and Mac cover helps raise vital funds for prostate cancer research and patient support, making their adventure both daring and deeply meaningful.

You can follow their progress and contribute to their fundraising for Prostate Cancer UK at:
https://www.justgiving.com/page/harriet-and-mac-rust-bucket-rally-for-prostate-cancer?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL

Stories from the OW community

Ian Ross (52-57, F)



Ian would love to reconnect with his contemporaries
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I became a first-generation farmer by choice and after attending agricultural college and gaining three years of hands-on experience, my brother Murray Ross (Fryers 50/55) and I took the leap into farm ownership. Together, we purchased 120 acres in Edingley, near Newark in Nottinghamshire, and began the slow, determined work of building a future from the soil up.

What started as a modest venture gradually grew into a thriving Jersey herd. By the late 1970s, I had become the largest producer of Jersey milk in Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire. A highlight of this period was receiving a Nuffield Scholarship in 1971, awarded in recognition of my early adoption of new technologies—intensification, high stocking rates, nitrogen fertilisers, and paddock irrigation. Those innovations shaped not only my farm, but my understanding of what agriculture could become.

In 1978, seeking a new challenge, I sold the dairy enterprise and moved to Devon. There, on another 120 acres near Newton Abbot and Torquay, I built a vibrant fruit farm complete with a farm shop, restaurant, pick-your-own operation, and garden centre. After selling the business in 1986, to the world's largest public company (at the time) Consolidated Gold Fields PLC, I retained 20 acres and transformed it into a 100-pitch touring caravan park with landscaped gardens and an à la carte restaurant seating 100 guests. In 1993, the park was awarded Calor Gas Caravan Park of the Year – Best Park in England, a proud moment before I eventually sold the business to a London bond dealer and stepped into retirement.

Retirement, however, has never meant slowing down. In 2022, my wife and I settled in Hermanus, South Africa, where we have embraced the extraordinary natural beauty of the region—the flora, fauna, birdlife, wildlife, and Mediterranean-style climate. For the past 24 years, I have been an active member of Hermanus Golf Club, serving on all three of its committees—main club, greens, and wetlands—and still play four days a week. Maintaining a handicap of 15 at the age of 87 is something I take quiet satisfaction in.

South African winters—if one can call them winters—are our time for exploration. We drive through neighbouring countries such as Zambia, Namibia, and Botswana, immersing ourselves in the wildlife and landscapes, cameras always at the ready. Photography has become one of the great joys of my later years. This August, we will embark on a 4,000-mile journey through Namibia to Etosha, across the Kalahari, and back to Hermanus via the world-famous wildflower route.

If I have a motto, it is this: "Use it or lose it." Keep moving, keep thinking, keep doing—mentally and physically—for as long as life allows.







From the archives

Don't forget you can view our digital archives at www.oldwellingburianclub.org/archives. We are always looking to add more to the site and so if you have any photographs from your time at the School which we can share with the community, please do send them to kpo@wellingboroughschool.org

Thank you to those who have been in touch to share your photographs with our digital archives. We have received some excellent photos - from the Marsh House extension in the 1990s, CCF photos from the OOs and many more. Here are just a few photos we have been sent - with more available to view online.



The opening of Marsh House by Dame Jill Knight - 1988



Tennis Team - 1955/56



Marsh House Play - 1990



Upper Sixth - 1995

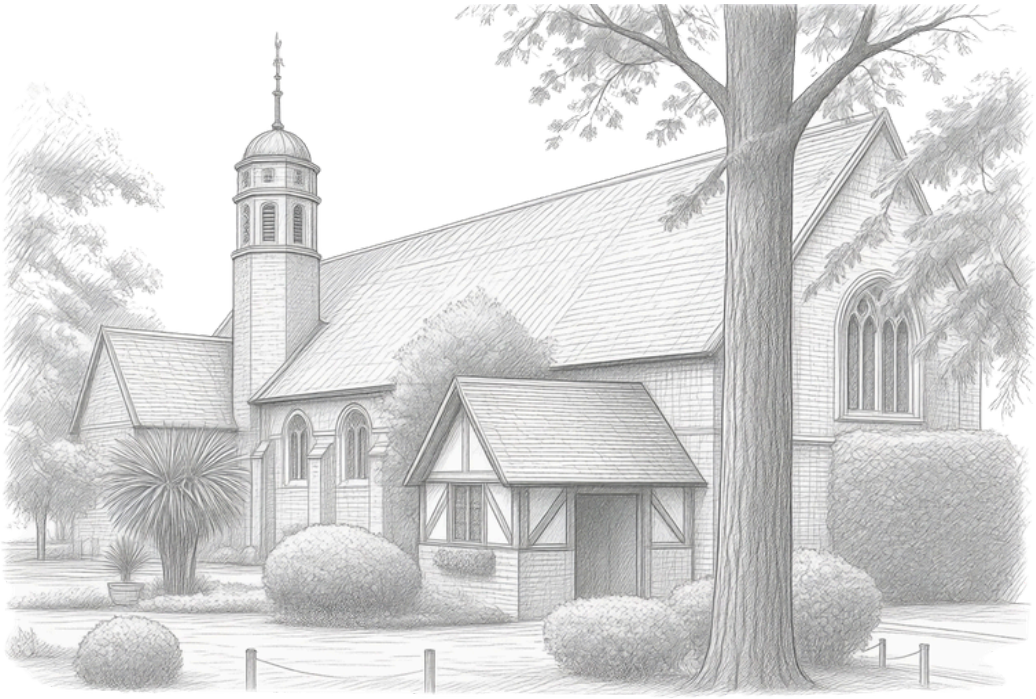


Royal Air Force Section - 2010



Shooting Team - 2008

OW News - Obituaries



David Wilkins (68-73, Pl)

Died 31st May, 2025



An active sportsman and musician remembered for bringing the first rock concert to the School, with the band Tir Na Nog. Continued to gig with his fellow school band members, Kamiar Ahari, Matt James and Mark Firmin. His love of music was with him till the end, playing with local bands in Buckinghamshire. He was a dedicated follower of the Kinks!
He studied law at university and was a conveyancing solicitor. He is survived by his wife, son and daughter.

John Crowsley (47-57, Pa)

Died March 2026

The family of John Crowsley would like to notify the community that John passed away in the spring of 2026. The school remained an important connection for him over the years, and he always valued the memories and friendships that began there. His family are very grateful for the role the school played in his life and lifelong friendships created.

Martin Arenson (57-62, G)

Died 12th February 2026

We are saddened to announce the passing of Martin in February. He will be remembered by all who knew him.

Frank Berry (48-54, P)

Died April 2026

We are saddened to announce the passing of Frank in April. He will be remembered by all who knew him.

School News - House Update

Nevill by Housemistress Carlie Woodward

It has been a vibrant and eventful year for Nevill House. From the memorable echoes of House Singing to the warm atmosphere of the Macmillan Breakfast and the House Afternoon Tea, there have been many opportunities to come together. Nevill girls have continued to excel, most notably with outstanding success in the House Hockey competitions, securing victories across the Senior, Inter and Junior categories and demonstrating impressive teamwork and determination throughout. We have also seen Year 12 students step confidently into leadership roles, with several awarded School Prefect positions, alongside Nevill appointing a new Head of House and House Prefects, reflecting the maturity and commitment of this cohort. In addition, our Year 12 Peer Mentors have shown great enthusiasm for supporting younger pupils, further strengthening our House community. Nevill girls continue to embody energy, kindness and dedication, and they look forward to welcoming Mrs Curley as their Housemistress in September for another year filled with further achievement and celebration.





Cripps by Housemaster Jonathan Dean

A massive congratulations to the Cripps' boys who took part in the Overnight Row on Friday 24th and Saturday 25th April. Fuelled by masses of pizza, the boys rowed continuously from 6.30pm on Friday until 6.30am on Saturday morning. In total they rowed over 225km, which is the equivalent of rowing from Wellingborough to Minehead in Somerset. An incredible achievement. I couldn't have been prouder of the 40+ pupils involved. This is the major fundraising event for House, raising funds for local charity 'Animals in Need'. Thus far we have received donations just under £2,000 - many thanks to those that have been so generous. If anybody is able to donate to this most deserving of charities, please follow the link here.





Marsh by Housemistress Millie Patyn

School is so fast-paced that it is at times great to sit back and reflect on the achievements of my girls in Marsh. Sporting wise, Marsh girls have stepped into leadership roles - Monpriya and Gabriella captaining the first team Netball and Annabelle the first team Hockey this year. In Year 9, Hattie leading a Netball coaching session during the Easter Holidays was a show of impressive confidence and leadership, as well as raising money for charity. Lily absolutely shone in the Sixth Form Play, a huge challenge to coordinate and one she thrived in. I still reflect back on our earlier Bake Off competition and Siyona's impressive ratatouille cake. The girls always embrace every opportunity and I'm excited to see what they get up to next.





Platts by Housemistress Sue Curley



It's been a busy term for Platt's so far, with our Juniors winning House Football and the House as a whole winning House Maths. Overall this year we have raised £700 for our House Charity, ANDYSMANCLUB, through events such as our annual 5-a-side and BBQ, Christmas movie night, and a very successful House Dinner. We are currently preparing for our biggest fundraising event of the year, the Platt's 12 hour run, which this year is taking place on Saturday 20th June from 8am-8pm. Our fundraising link is https://www.justgiving.com/page/platts-house-26 and all support, either via a donation or in person on the day, is hugely appreciated.

Garnes by Housemaster Lester Williams

The year really began with the House Singing competition and although we failed to medal this year, all the boys had a great time rehearsing and performing.
We have had many achievements and much personal development this year, with various successes in the house competitions. Wins in junior rugby, senior football, junior cross-country, the house pancake race and the inter house debate challenge, along with many other 2nd place finishes shows how much the boys love working together for the house, and I thank each and every one of them for all their efforts and determination. This academic year we have again supported the Cransley Hospice. This charity holds a place deep in the hearts of the Garne's boys, as Mr Ramsden senior (tutor for over 25 years) was cared for so lovingly during such a difficult time for him and his family.







School News - House Update

Parker Steynes by Housemaster George Houghton

It has been another busy couple of terms in Parker Steyne's across all year groups. Back in September we welcomed year 8 into House for the first time ever and they have settled in fantastically, aided by daily table tennis bouts against the year 13s with whom they share a room! We had great success in House Music with a second place finish - our highest placing in over a decade! In other House competitions there were notable successes in Cross Country where we won both the Inters (years 9-10) and Seniors (years 11-13) with individual victories in both the Junior and Inters races, whilst the Inters were also victorious in House Football! Once again, the highlight of the year has to be our annual House Sleepout, raising just shy of £4000, which will be split two ways between our House (and School) charity 'Action for Pulmonary Fibrosis' and 'The Daylight Centre, Wellingborough'. House is very quiet at the moment with years 11 & 13 on study leave for their public exams and we wish all of them the very best of luck as they prepare for the next stages of their academic journeys.





Weymouth by Housemistress Joanne James

As always, it's been a terrific year in Weymouth. It was lovely having Year 8 join the House this year; a bond between the younger girls and the Sixth Form has really developed and this can only strengthen the House, build lifelong friendships and create memories. One of our biggest highlights was bringing the Music Shield back to Weymouth. The Year 12 girls worked tirelessly to put a fantastic choir together and the individual music performances were brilliant. Year 13 led the way with several fundraising events for our House charity Epilepsy Society; this included bauble making, tutor group Christmas hampers, advent calendar donations to the foodbank, a movie night and most recently, a cake sale organised by Year 12. Year 13 also continued the Weymouth Nativity tradition and with a brilliantly written script and convincing performances, it certainly made us laugh. Cross country has definitely been one of our strongest sports this year and we had three Year 12 girls (Martha, Eve and Lauren) qualifying to run to Regional Finals. Participation in House Cross Country was impressive this year with Freya A, Martha D and Lauren taking the top 3 spots in the Senior competition.







School Careers Service



Invitation to Support Our Careers Convention – 13 October 2026

Wellingborough School are delighted to be hosting the biennual Careers Convention on **Tuesday 13th October 2026 (6–8pm)** and are now inviting organisations to get involved.

This event will bring together students in Years 9–13 and their parents, both from Wellingborough and other local schools, creating a vibrant and well-attended audience of young people exploring future pathways.

We are looking for employers and organisations to join us with an information stand. This is a fantastic opportunity to:
✅ Raise awareness of your organisation and sector
✅ Inspire and engage future talent
✅ Support your early talent and outreach strategies
✅ Build meaningful connections within the local community

If you would be interested in attending, please complete our RSVP form by Friday 4th September:

https://lnkd.in/ejEGP9Sa

We hope you can join us for what promises to be an impactful and rewarding event for students and employers alike.

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