



# WCA Newsletter

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## REUNIONS 2004

The WCA Reunion was held on June 19th 2004, in a marquee at the College. The event was attended by more than 140 members and their guests who were at the college during the 1950s and 1960s. This was one of the most successful dinners the WCA have held, both in terms of money raised and enjoyment of the participants, who braved a rainy evening to sit in a marquee, eat a college barbecue, and reminisce. Among those attending, members of the association will remember fondly Joan Sperring, who as Miss Tebbutt was Headmistress of the Grammar School. They were the ones who had white badges. The rest of us had to make do with yellow blazer badges. Joan received a eulogy and presentation from Jack Smith, the first head boy of the college. Other members of the teaching staff in the fifties and sixties to attend the dinner were, Bob Norton, and his wife Margaret, Andy Seeley, and his wife Pam, Keith Rutherford, and his wife Celia. The WCA President Roger Garrard, also on the staff during the early years of the College, gave a very amusing address. Roger looks no older than he did when he was teaching.

The College Principal, Victoria Musgrave, attended with some guests, and gave a short address, wishing the WCA every success. Other guests came from the four corners of the globe, including Joan Thomson (Woodbridge) from Brisbane, Roger Goodwin, from Melbourne on a cricket tour, Robert Colson, from Canberra, Bob Blasby, from Canada, Caroline Harman Smith, from Cyprus, and Jacky McClaren (Green), from New Zealand. Jacky received the prize for the longest distance travelled to the reunion presented by Carole, our Alumni Secretary. Our President in 2005 is Bob Rowell,

who is also president of Leicester Tigers rugby football club. At least he now knows what it is like to win at rugby. At school, his house West always used to lose to East house !

*John Beales (52 -59)*

## 1950s Golf Day and Reunion at Sprowston 18 June 2004

We held the golf day again at the recently developed Championship course at Sprowston Manor on the outskirts of Norwich. Twenty golfers took part in the competition on a pleasant afternoon whilst some of us, either incapacitated or non-golfers, just sat and chatted until the first group completed their round.

The men's winner was Tony Moulton who also had the longest drive and nearest the hole, much to the chagrin of the other golfers.

Vera Spinks was the winner of the ladies' prize.

Others joined the party in the evening for a meal in the Suffolk Room in the hotel which was another enjoyable get together and with us were - Joan Thompson (Woodbridge) and Robert Colson from Australia, and Bob Blasby from Canada. Many of us met again the following evening at the Reunion at the College.

This year we are planning another Golf Day and Dinner on Friday 1st July, before the Summer Fayre and Reunion at the College the following day. Look forward to seeing you on that Friday. *Best wishes, Bob Rowell*  
Attendees were: Barry Adkins, Geoff Morter, Carole Arnold, Tony Moulton, John Beales, Terry Nicholls, Beverley Nicholls, Mervyn Beck, Norma Beck, Mike Rees, Peter Reed, Bob Blasby, Bob Rowell, Roland Clarke, David Spinks, Vera Spinks, Robert Colson, Terry Coppin, Mervyn Taylor, Barry Croxford, Joan Thompson (Woodbridge), David Everett, Heather Turner (Reed), Aubrey Hammond, Bill Wiskin, Huby Harboard, Esme Wyatt (McNulty), Mike Herring, Tony Wyatt, Robin Howes, Valerie Howes (Preston), Roger Hubbard, Tony Lake

## Philip Wade – Chairman 2005

A welcome to all.

Unfortunately I was unable to physically accept the chairman's chain of office at the AGM - well if you get a flight to Cologne for £0.01 plus taxes (Courtesy of Germanwings out of Stansted) to visit the Xmas markets you cannot turn it down! (Excellent opportunity to try out the German if you had that at WyCol plus there's gluewein, bratwurst, apfelstrudel etc!)

The Xmas drinks reunion in Norwich on 12<sup>th</sup> December 2004 was well attended as usual. The Kings Arms, Hall Road is however no longer in the hands of Nicola Keatley. Nicola now sits our side of the bar although will collect the glasses every now and again which confirms "old habits die hard!" The intended venue for this year's Xmas drinks will remain at the Kings Arms.

## 60s Bunch 'Weekend Away'

### Reunion 8/9/10 April 2005

The Manor Hotel, Blakeney is prepared to look after us for the Grand National weekend 8/9/10 April. DB&B between £56 and £59 per person per night. Take a look at their website, food looks a bit better than bean cobbler followed by prunes and custard!! When booking please mention Graham Smith and WyCol. Hopefully see you there for 2 nights, 1 night or even a drink and meal.

## 2005 Royal Norfolk Show

The College has a stand at the show at which the WCA is represented. Carole is there supported by committee members on both days. If you are going to the show on either day, do call in for a chat and sign the visitor's book. Always a chair available for weary legs, and a drink to reach and refresh those other weary parts! Hopefully, will see you on the Reunion day – see below

*Kind regards,  
Philip Wade*

## Reunion 2005 Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> July

We are trying something a bit different this year. In the past we have held the reunion either at the start of the summer holidays or during an exeat weekend. The College has been deserted, and many people have expressed a wish to have the gathering whilst the College is in session, to see it buzzing with life and activity. So to meet the demand we are holding a whole day event. Hope it meets all needs and pockets. It will include **tours of the College** led by 6<sup>th</sup> formers during the morning when lessons are in progress. In the afternoon you are invited to join the **PSA Summer Fayre** and if any of you would like to help with this your assistance would be most welcome. There will also be a **Cricket match and possibly a Rounders match v the College**. The fare will be simpler - **Hog Roast** in the Refectory in the evening with guitar and bass duo, **The Rocking Johnnies (John Langham Gloucester 65-69 and John Dunn York 61-68)**. You will be able to purchase food during the day from the Barbecue at the Summer Fayre and Teas from the Rec. Room, or bring a picnic. The day need not cost you anything, apart from a small parking charge to PSA funds, but it is hoped that you would support the Summer Fayre. You will find details in the centre pages.

If you are interested in being involved in the Cricket contact Alan Corrigan [adcarrigan@aol.com](mailto:adcarrigan@aol.com) 0208 429 1464 or Rounders (Captain needed, College are keen to play) – contact Carole.

### WCA 100 club report – 2005

It is pleasing to report that the 100 Club been running since October 2003 and has now attracted just under 60 members (plenty of room for more, though!). This enterprise has generated £1,500 to the WCA coffers in the last financial year to the end of September 2004. So a big ‘thank you’ to all those who have supported us in giving the WCA a more stable financial footing.

For those of you who may wish to join, the monthly payment is £5.00 (by Standing Order) but we are happy to accept yearly payments of £60.00

from anyone who would prefer to subscribe in that way. Of the monies raised, 40% is redistributed in prize monies with 60% being retained by the WCA. The draws are normally carried out in various hostelrys in mid Norfolk each month by myself and Steve Read (the WCA Treasurer). Anyone is welcome to attend (those on e-mail will be advised of when & where). We have had fun choosing suitable pubs, and this year we have been joined by numerous ex-pupils to exchange experiences and to discover other things that we have in common, aside from Wyclif!

This year’s winners have been: -

**January 2004** – Bill Atkins ; David Burdett.

**February 2004** - Melvyn Sims; David Spinks

**March 2004** - David Spinks; Lynnette Cannell (nee Connor)

**April 2004** – John Beales; Barry Croxford

**May 2004** – John Beales; Jack Smith

**June 2004** – Bill Atkins; Alan Bridges

**July 2004** – Bob Colson; William Hammond

**August 2004** – Louise Martin; Carole Arnold

**September 2004** – Barry Croxford; Geoffrey Hardaker

**October 2004** – Melvyn Sims; Terry (Dan) Hegarty

**November 2004** – Maureen Powles (nee Mason); Roger Lincoln

**December 2004** – Melvyn Sims; Sue Baxter (nee Muir)

**January 2005** – Dorothy Pymer (nee Mann); Juliette Wilcox (nee Hannah)

**February 2005** - Alan Bridges; Jack Smith

I’d also like to thank Bill Atkins, Alan Bridges, June Spear (nee King), Colin Leaford & Bob Colson for their kind donations towards the cost of replacing the PA system, which was stolen after the June reunion. Also, Melvyn Sims donated the Christmas Star Prize of £300 to the Asian Tsunami Appeal.

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

A copy of the relevant Bank Mandate is attached to the newsletter.

### WCA Treasurer’s Report

- ? The accounts for the year to 30 September 2004 showed a healthy increase in net funds to £2800 (2003 - £170) reversing a downward trend for the previous two years.
- ? The reunion was a financial success this year, primarily due to the excellent attendance but also because of the successful raffle on the night which raised an additional £517. Thanks to the efforts of Philip Wade, Alan Bridges, Susanne Milligan and Eileen Pearson.
- ? Unfortunately the theft of the College PA system slightly marred the morning following the reunion, but members of the WCA rallied to the cause with donations that more than covered the contribution to the College towards the cost of replacement.
- ? The cost of production of this newsletter remains (apart from the official reunion event) the single highest item of expenditure, the cost of which continues to exceed donations received towards it.
- ? The accounts this year showed the first full year of running the 100 Club and showed a net contribution of £1535 towards the Associations funds. Many thanks to Phil for all his efforts!
- ? Also a big thank-you to Wymondham College itself for their contribution towards the successful running of the WCA through the continued funding of the Alumni Secretary and office services.

Finally, my appreciation to all members who give their valuable time freely to ensure the continued success of the WCA

### Letter from Wymondham College Trust Chairman

It’s been a really good year and it seems the Association is now on a firm footing for the future. Our thanks are due to the College for their continued support and the fabulous bunch of stalwarts who have networked furiously organising and setting up web-sites, 100 Clubs and re-

unions etc. We now have a worthy organisation, a group of people representing the College, and its past students and staff, fully aware of the privilege of doing so. Many of you will remember **Dave Goman**, pioneer teacher 1951 to eighties. Dave is now 85 and still living in Norwich. His wife has been confined to bed for some two years now and, sadly, Dave has been diagnosed with cancer of the lung. He is, however, in good heart, assures me he is being well attended by friends and nurses, and sends you all his best wishes. As a former pupil of Dave's I have networked a few contemporaries who have responded very positively in support of a prize in his name. I have put it to him and he is delighted and honoured. Dave specified Technology and Engineering as the domain in which he would like the Trust to manage the prize. Those of you who remember Dave and would like to contribute, please send your cheque, payable to 'Wymondham College Trust', to Carole Arnold, Wymondham College, Wymondham, Norfolk NR18 9SZ. If you wish to use Gift Aid you can download the form from [www.wymondhamcollegetrust.co.uk](http://www.wymondhamcollegetrust.co.uk) on 'The Trust' page.

On your behalf, I thank Carole for her hard work and enthusiasm for the association. Carole is so enthusiastic she did not realise she had passed retirement age. Watch this space. If anyone is interested contact Carole for a chat.

*Yours sincerely, David Spinks (51 -55)*  
Sadly Dave Goman died as we were going to print, 24<sup>th</sup> March

### **WCA Committee**

**President – Bob Rowell (52-59)**

former England Rugby international,  
President of Leicester RFC)

**Chairman – Philip Wade (60-67)**

**Vice Chairman – Michael Brand (62-98 ex staff)**

**Treasurer – Steve Read (68-73)**

**Secretary – Carole Arnold**

**Committee members –**

**Bill Atkins (58-64 WCR website)**

**John Beales (52-59)**

**Dominic Findlay (75-82 Staff Rep)**

**Roger Garrard (52-88 ex staff)**

**Julie Harding (Ebbens 71-76)**

**Mike Herring (52-58)**

**Colin Leaford (70-77)**

**Phil Robinson (100 Club 66-73)**

**Jack Smith (51-53)**

**David Spinks (51-55 WCT)**

**NB** We need two more younger committee members from the 80s/90s/00s – any volunteers? Please contact Carole

**News of 1950s.....**

**Jasper Grasper**

**Patrick Lawty (54-60)** went on to teacher training at Loughborough and was a full time teacher until retirement in 1988. I am now a collector and restorer of all things slightly older and much older having a very large collection at home on Anglesey. Anyone in the area is welcome to 'look see' no charge just a charity box.

He sent in some interesting collectors' items - old photos which will appear eventually on WCRemembered.co.uk, a signed copy of 'Jasper Grasper', and a 1956 College Magazine. One photograph shows a group waiting with Dave Goman to board the Bedford bus (model OB) taken in 1959. *To join this trip I cycled from my home in Retford to Norwich in one day, meeting up with others in King's Lynn. We stayed overnight with another pupil before cycling to the College the following day. I really cannot remember whom we stayed with, so if anyone recognises this story please let me know*

**Mike Stacey (51-54)** has gone to a lot of trouble to try to locate all the original students who entered the College in April 1951, by writing to all the Parishes in Norfolk and asking them to include an article in their parish magazines.

As a result of this **Maurice Jackson (52-59)** sent us pages of recollections of the early days. He also sent not only copies of the 1952 and 1954 Technical School photos but he named almost everyone in his year on them. Here are some extracts –

*In the very strict regime of the early 50s boys and girls were segregated in ways that are hard to imagine in this day and age. On Saturday afternoons we were allowed out to Wymondham or Attleborough, boys to one town and girls to another. Sunday afternoon walks were designated in the same fashion, boys as far as Morley St Peter, girls to Morley St Botolph. No doubt there are tales to be told of ways round these rules.*

*I remember sharing one of the side rooms in hut 29 with **Robert Collier (53-56)**, whose father was station ed in*

*Ceylon (Sri Lanka), who regaled me with stories of encounters with tigers. The gym teachers we had were very, very strict (Mr Littlechild and Mr Norton) The changing rooms' showers were set apart from the gym, and mid-winter or mid-summer we had to pass from one to the other dressed in only shorts and plimsoles. I remember many a disagreeable afternoon on the playing fields, shivering in what must have been sub-zero temperatures, wishing I could go to the Library to keep warm. I doubt if 'hypothermia' had been coined back in 1952! Then, horror of horrors Mr Metcalf introduced rugby. For me that meant learning to be as inconspicuous as possible as I loathed rugby even more than football. It was so cold that one particular winter's night I slept with my raincoat on beneath the bedcovers, plus the bedside mat lying on top – this might have been the night of the great storm of 1953.*

*I once remember Mr Goman mentioning a timepiece called a chronometer, which might only gain a second in a year. Who would have imagined that almost everyone in the 21<sup>st</sup> century would be wearing a wristwatch that could easily beat the chronometer for accuracy using a quartz crystal movement?*

**Wymondham College Ghost**

*One night in the end room of dormitory 29, being 'South House', a day just before the Christmas holidays, we all had everything packed beside our beds. I had some Wellington boots, that I couldn't find any room for in my suitcase, tied together and placed on top of my locker next to my bed. In the middle of the night, being in a jokey kind of mood, I decided to play a trick with these boots by continually pushing them off my locker onto the floor and sitting up in bed in surprise at the event, as did the entire room upon hearing the noise. After a few times of doing this, everyone was in a right state. I just claimed that they jumped off the locker by themselves. Successive resulting shouts of bewilderment/fright by everyone eventually aroused the attention of our housemaster, Mr Wrench, a music teacher who happened to have an interest in ghostly phenomena and suchlike. By this time the whole end room was in uproar, and of course I played along with it all.*

*After settling us down eventually, Mr Wrench said he would look into the matter in due course, subsequently tapping various noises from time to time after the holidays were over, and he declared that dormitory 29 was haunted. Word soon spread, of course, and the legend of the College ghost was born, with other huts also reporting ghostly phenomena, like footsteps sounding in the dormitory walkways with no one there. I do subsequently remember an occasion when I had left some school books inside the Tech. Drawing classroom and that, when I went to retrieve them, before I could open the door I heard footsteps in side that stopped as I entered. Needless to say I didn't hang around once I had collected my books! It is also worth remembering that this particular building once served as the main Path.Lab/Morgue\* in the days when it was the USAAF Hospital. Even the sinks with the long elbow -activated tap levers were still in place when it was used as the Tech. Drawing classroom.*

\*This was demolished in 2000 and a memorial garden was created in its place by students staff and visiting Ugandan students.

**David Batterbee (51-56)** I was in the original group of pupils when WC started, when Dr Mosby and Mr Sanderson were in charge, also there when Mr Metcalfe arrived. Lived and was taught in Nissen huts for the duration. Went to St Andrews (not the golf course), 3 years in RAF, worked for English Electric in Chelmsford, Norwich Union in Norwich, Great Yarmouth, London West End and then emigrated to NZ

**Anne Snushall (Drinkwater 51 -56)** After Wyndmonham, Eastbourne Training College. Started my teaching career in Norwich. Married twice, two step children. Retired officially from teaching last year but continue to do some supply teaching. I have kept in touch with Stella Deacon (Carmen). I still live in Lincolnshire but visit Norfolk regularly. I loved my time at Wymondham and remember with fondness all the friends I made there.

**Sidney Banyard (51-57)** spent 5 yrs RAF (Aden, Kenya): 4 yrs BSc Bangor: (MSc Holland, PhD Bangor): 3 yrs Zambia, forestry: 21 yrs lecturer in NL: annual field studies in Surinam, Indonesia, Thailand: Wife is Dutch: 5

yrs lecturer/consultant University Colombo Sri Lanka: now renovating/maintaining old farm in France since 1997: hobbies include travel, bee - keeping, bonsai, gardening.

**Terry Riches (51-58)** I am married to Elizabeth. We have 2 children and presently 4 grandchildren. I began a teaching career on Tyneside in 1963, moved to Norwich (when it was a separate authority) in 1966, then on to work within the Norfolk LEA in 1967. I completed my career at Long Stratton High School where I was Deputy Head for 22 years.

**Robert Mapes (52-59)** Designed and carved Hethersett Village sign 1973, Honorary Secretary of Bawburgh Golf Club 1980-1993

**Robert Colson (54-59)** migrated to Australia 1962. Now live in Canberra. Happily divorced. Three daughters, two grand children. Always happy to see any ex Wymondham people. Usually a bed available. Always Aus wine available. Beware of killer dog (Maltese). Has never lost his teeth - no I meant sense of humour! On phone, looks like cross between Rock Hudson and Tom Cruise, BUT realistically refer to Danny DeVito!!! (*are we still talking about the dog? - Ed.*)

**Adrian Smith (54-61)** married with 3 children and 4 grand children. Finished career as Head of Business, Leisure and Tourism at Colchester Institute. Obtained voluntary redundancy 8 months before planned retirement - wonderful! Thoroughly enjoying retirement

**Dennis Hanwell (54-59)** on moving to Jamaica, survived 'Charlie' and 'Ivan' with minimal damage to roof. Lost a few shingles from roof but no leaks. Rain from Charlie washed out the roads and we were cut off for 2 days. Luckily not much rain from Ivan but very strong winds tore down trees and power lines. Water was off for a week but our reserve tank held out. Main problem being no power for a month, had to drink warm beer, (Red Stripe) to save on water, which was also warm. Still many people were in a worse position with homes destroyed or roofs lost, some still do not have any power and some phones are still out. All the best to everyone

**Muriel Davie (55-61)** after leaving Wymondham College I went to Underwood Secretarial College. I then worked at the Halifax plc for 38 years until I took early retirement in

July 2000. I now work part time on the checkouts at Tesco's in Sprowston Norwich and I am enjoying every minute of it. I have kept in touch with several old W.C. pupils.

**Carole Wood (Wyer 55-61)** At school I was keen on sport especially athletics and won the 100yards sprint. After school I took a degree in zoology at Sir John Cass College London and taught at a couple of schools in Essex for 5 years.

**Les Abbatt (57-61)** Managing an Architectural Practice in King's Lynn for a well known Norfolk Construction Co. Divorced, but have two daughters, 27 and 30. Living in March Cambs. Former Member of Round Table now 41 Club. Attended my first reunion this year. Why did I wait so long? It was great to see people again, and after all this time I still have my old 'School Tie'

**Keith Swetman (55-62)** I was a member of the junior and senior choirs and in the casts of "Jas per Grasper", "Trial by Jury" and "Patience". I was the last pupil to leave the school, in 1962, having never lived in one of the new Halls of Residence.

**Maurice Jolly (56-60)** still living in South Norfolk and married for over 35 years. 2 Children and 4 grand children

**David Fox (56-65)** now a System Analyst working for own company. Less hair on head - now on the chin!

**Barrie Corless (57-64)** Began life in the Nissen huts (South House), moved to Gloucester with Andy Seeley housemaster. Played in all sports teams at school. Went to St Peter's College, Saltley B'ham 1964-67 trained as a teacher. Played Rugby for Moseley & Coventry - 10 England caps 1976,77,78. Married to Dianne with 2 daughters.

**Wendy Lucey (Baker 58-61)** ex-model, ex-publican, now fund-raiser for Macmillan Cancer Relief. Married to Mick for 38 years, have son Dan. Still not very serious, just living life to the full! My dark hair now blonde, I'm happily approaching retirement with complete irreverence. Have great memories of my time at Wymondham am College, often think of my old friends!

**Anne Fairey (Stollery 56-62)** married to Jack, we have 2 sons, a daughter, a son-in-law and 3 half-German grandchildren! I'm now retired from local government and have worked variously along the way in Paris, in catering, had a corner shop and a few

other bits and bobs! We're now living in West Sussex and I would love to meet up with anyone who remembers me from the "best days of my life"!!

**Rosemary Bentley (Smith ? -62)** I trained as a nurse at Addenbrookes, after leaving Wymondham in 1962. Married 1969, stayed in Cambridge. Two sons and two grandsons. Still nursing in Cambridge

**Evelyn Walker (Hutchcraft 58 -63)** After WC I worked in secretarial and office management roles, and still do. I am a widow with 3 children and 4 grandchildren, who all live near me in Oxfordshire. I am a volunteer leader with Girl Guiding and when work, family and Guiding give me any free time, I love adventurous travel, and watching rugby (WC 1st team left an impression!)

**Christopher Hatton (58-65)** Degree in Biochemistry from Liverpool University 1969, but no future (and little interest) in science so qualified as a Chartered Accountant with Touche Ross in 1972. Between 64 & 73 travelled extensively in over 30 countries, hitch-hiking over 100,000 miles. Worked mainly in companies in the food industry and for the last 15 years have been Company Secretary of Major UK fruit growers Co-operative based in Canterbury. Married Jean, 1975, 2 sons. Living in Ashford, Kent.

**Congrats to Bill & co at**

**WCRemembered.** Great website-brings back all the memories - mainly good!

**James Robb (58-65)** worked in the footwear industry since leaving WC. Married with 3 sons. Lived in Asia since 1991. The last 6 years living in Suzhou near Shanghai, China

**Lorna Newby (Green 59-62)** when I was at Wymondham I was very friendly with Brenda Clifford and June Armiger. I completed nurse training in 1968 and have worked at various hospitals since, the latest being the NNUH in medical opd. I have three children and four grandchildren.

**Glynis Dixon (59-63)** since leaving college I worked in London for a short period. I then came home to Norfolk, where I have lived quite happily since. I lost contact with school friends when I moved away from Norfolk

**Malcolm Freeman (59-64)** One of the first intake for the CGS. Left in 1964, attended pre-sea school in London, served as Apprentice/3rd Mate with

Shaw Savill, 3rd/2nd Mate with Ocean Fleets/2nd Mate Sealink & Townsend Thoreson. 1983 joined MOD as Master/Captain until 2001. 2001 Rector St James Ludgershall Wiltshire. Married 4 children, 3 grandchildren. Would like reunion with Fringe Grammar beginners

**Richard Jarvis (59-64)** A long story for those with the time. Left WC for 17 years in Johannesburg, SA. Came to USA in 1983, Work for IBM (20 years now). Married (third time is the charm), 2 kids - Son Raymond 20 in college, Daughter Jesse 17 senior in High school. Live in the prettiest town in the world close to Cape Cod. Have lost touch with most everyone from the class of '64 and sadly forgotten all those names and faces.

**Frank Schofield (59-64)** 'Late developer' joined in 13+ intake. One of Dave Goman's boys, was accepted for apprenticeship by Rolls Royce, but I turned them down -- too much like Wymondham College. Went to Art College instead.

**Robin Jarvis (59-66)** Went through the 4x railroad only to find MUZ wouldn't sign my uni application because I was just 17, despite being a County Scholar. So left for South Africa 6 weeks after end of A-levels. Been here, making a difference ever since. In IT, had 17 years at IBM, started [www.tlc.org.za](http://www.tlc.org.za) with my wife. Now doing own IT startup at [www.cyfastream.com](http://www.cyfastream.com) - giving speed to Internet, if I don't starve first!

**John Tibbenham (59-66)** Chartered Quantity Surveyor working for a large building contractor in Norwich. (Was working for Network Rail but was one of 600 managers made redundant in 2003) Recently moved back to Norfolk. Married with 2 grown up sons, one living and working in Siberia and the other in Madrid.

**News from 1960s.....**

**Barbara Clutterham (Roberts 60-65)** I have been married for 36 years and have two children and two grandchildren. I work at our local primary school as a librarian and teaching assistant and also do some administration work. My hobbies are gardening, reading and sewing. I would love to contact some of my old school friends.

**Paul Flattery (61-65)** I went to the University of Wales, Bangor. Graduated with an U2 in Philosophy. Edited the student newspaper that won

a national award. Joined Granada TV as producer/ director trainee. Moved to the BBC, LWT, Thames and also worked as a journalist for Sunday Times, Rolling Stone et al. In the mid 70s, got involved in Music Videos which brought me to the States and I now produce and write TV Specials.  
**Stephen Fraser (61-68)** I worked for various computer firms after university but have now semi-retired. I currently provide a Canadian company with part-time consultancy on fast searching of biographical and biometric data.

**David Johnson (61-69)** Have been living in Costessey for just over 10 years. Still single. After 1 year at Leeds University trying to read Maths, I joined Norwich Union as an investment analyst. I transferred to the IT area in 1975 and am currently working as a systems analyst/designer. After hating it at school, I played rugby for Norwich Union for 20+ years and still playing cricket for them. Interests - reading, photography wine, theatre and foreign travel.

**Caroline Bradley (Stubbings 63 -65)** Went to university to do Maths and then had a career in finance in London, New York, Abu Dhabi and Cyprus but now back in the East of England.

**Susan Meredith (63-68)** Trained at the Royal Masonic Hospital and qualified as a nurse in 1973. Began working in Sterile Services in '75 and have spent most of my working life in that field and am now Director of Education for our professional body, the Institute of Sterile Services Management. My brothers were in Norwich House and my younger brother is still living in Norwich.

**Robert Pickles (64-66)** Tried 6 months in College but didn't like it and went back to CGS. Left when parents moved to Leicester. Married with 4 kids. Rugby mad (must have been Mr Marney and Mr Little's influence) Currently working as a software trainer and customer support specialist following 25 years in the plastics industry from shop floor to factory manager

**Anthony Evans (64-67)** I am from Norfolk and my home as a child was Long Stratton. I now live in London and have done so for over 30 years. I joined Wymondham College in September 1964 and left in December 1967. I work in the book publishing

industry and have done so for well over 30 years. Prior to that I was in banking and then as a surveyor for the Ordnance Survey.

**John Head (64-69)** In Global Risks Insurance. Classic Car enthusiast. Guitarist - in band with Bill Peterkin (ex Salisbury House). Married (Ros), two children and grandchild. Returned to live 4 miles from College

**Farokh Monajem (66-68)** is a self-employed computer consultant and lives in Toronto

**Christopher Gilpin (66-72)** Living in Dallas, Texas and working as an assistant professor at UT Southwestern Medical Center

**Chris Blakey (66-71)** PE teacher, trade unionist, revolutionary socialist, Springsteen fan, internationalist anti fascist, anti war, married + 2 kids, oenologue

**Nick Wright (67-72)** After 20+ years in the Electronics Industry. I decided to get out of the rat race and enter the medical sector. I am now an Osteomyologist with a thriving private clinic in a village just outside Rugby. My son is in his first year at Lincoln University. Hobbies include messing about in boats and I still run, a bit slower these days, mind!

**Sue Anderson (Slater 68-75)** Left Wymondham with many happy memories, and after university found I was an Environmental Health Officer! Have lived and worked in Chichester since then, married to Stuart, with 2 children, the eldest just off to Japan to work in Hiroshima for 6 months. Still known to many as Hilary's sister!!

#### **News from 1970s.....**

**Heather Sutton (Coe 71-76)** average student, enjoyed the inter house netball and hockey competitions mainly as the girls got to borrow and wear the boys rugby socks in the house colour (red). Only occasionally went to social events, as we had to coach in from Costessey where I lived. Went on to train to be a nurse and now midwife which I still work at part time

**Karen Scotter (Kearney 72-72)** Came to WC after living in Singapore. Day Pupil for a while then boarded for about 6 weeks. Only at school for about 6 months in total before moving on to Leicestershire. Remembers Melanie Kellest-Bowman. Now back in Norfolk working as a speech and language therapist Married, one son.

**Rosemary Parsons (Coe 70-74)** After leaving the College I worked at

HMSO in Norwich for 5 years, then I moved to Eastern Counties Newspapers for almost 20 years. Having taken voluntary redundancy from ECN I then worked part time in my husband's estate agency. In 2002 I became a partner in the firm, so now work on an 'as and when required' basis. I don't have any children, but have an 18 month old Golden Retriever who keeps me on my toes and very fit. My hobbies still include campanology, walking and I am a very keen car booter!

**Nigel Hopper (72-74)** emigrated to New Zealand in 1974 and returned in 1978. Joined the RAF for 10 years in 1981. Left and became a computer programmer. Currently work for IBM in Hampshire. Married to Janet in 1986 and we have one daughter, Connie (b 1992)

**Jacky Jenkins (Vick 70-75)** I am now a successful civil servant, happily married for over 26 years to Pete.

Went to Bradford Univ. after school  
**Mark Fenton (70-76)** Hard working & conscientious, unlike I was at school! I am now a manager at a local waste paper merchant. My interests include motor racing, football, and gardening. Just a normal man leading a normal life. Never made international jet setter and sex symbol!

**Philip Paul (70-77)** From WyCol did Accountancy Foundation at Norwich City College and qualified as a Chartered Accountant in 1982 with Larking Gowen before joining KPMG Consulting, self employed from 1990 as a Management Consultant specialising in Business & IT Strategy - mainly for large corporates and public sector. Married to Jill with 2 girls, Francesca (1993) & Charlotte (1995) and living in Framingham Earl just south of Norwich

**Mark Shelley (72-77)** Never thought I would make it into my 40's! Married with a 7-year-old sport obsessed son. Spare time taken up almost entirely playing sport with son or delivering him somewhere to play with others! Occasionally I get chance to ride my bikes (RD500LC & Ducati 750 Sport) Working as Senior Project Manager for company in the Events industry. I mainly look after golf competitions, but never seem to get time to play (unless it is at the pitch 'n' putt with Connor of course!)

**Jonathan Brice (72-77)** Now Principal Environmental Health

Officer with Belfast City Council in the Health and Safety Unit. Also EHO in the Territorial Army, having just returned from a seven month tour in the Balkans.

**Stuart James Rudrum (72-78)** I live in Norwich. I am single, and am a government administrator. and have travelled a lot over the years. I remember my Wymondham College years with great affection, the teachers, of whom most that taught me were excellent, and the friends that I had, but lost contact with.

**Julie Dervey (Greener 74-81)** Sister, Lynda also at WC, 76-81. Now living in Hull, married with 3 daughters. 11 year old and 9 year old twins.

Working with Special Education Needs children as a Teaching Assistant in local Nursery School.

**Chris Borrill (73-79)** The second of 4 Borrills at Wymondham College starting with Jon (71-77), me, Carolyn (now Simpson 75-79) and Ann (Staff 80-97) After school read Geology BSc at Bristol, then 16 years in RAF, 'retired' in 2000 to pursue a second career in the Defence Business. Now Head of Business Development for Thales Airborne Systems

**Sally Akers (Rodwell 74-81)** did Modern languages at university.

Worked in marketing for a brewery from 84 to 1990. Married Richard in 88 and spent the next few years moving around the country a lot and having children. Now settled in Surrey with three daughters and two dogs. Working part time doing editorial work from home, playing lots of tennis and gardening. Still in touch with Fiona Keaney, Sue Crowe and Carolyn Lomas.

**Paula Salehi (Mekiff 75-77)** went to Wymondham College for first two years of my secondary education, was a day pupil in Fry Hall. Had a 'big' sister at the school called Ebbie who was very popular with the all the boys! I am now married with three children and I work as a senior midwife in Bury St Edmunds

**Robert Benwell (75-79)** I'm living and working in Seville

**Jane Rippon (74-81)** One of three Rippon children who went to Wycl. Happily single, working as a clinical risk manager for the NHS in King's Lynn. Lost touch with most of my friends from Wycl a long time ago although I have found a few through Friends Reunited.

**Annette Yoosefinjad (Munro 75 -81)** finished A levels in Oxford, studied film photography and was a photographer BC (Before Children). Now a jeweller, living in Germany with my husband and 3 kids.

**Adena Wynn (75-81)** I have been working for the Royal Mail for over 15 years. I live in Norwich and I have a partner, Steve, and one son Dean. Now and again I help with my partner's computer business.

**Daniel Alba (76-80)** I used to be a quiet boy with buckteeth, very slim and dark brown hair! Not a particularly successful student whilst at school, although have become quite successful as an adult.

**Trevor Wright (76-81)** found myself in the bizarre situation of being the part time College tennis coach between 96-01! Did seem very strange sharing the staff room with Roger Morgan! Now working as a full time tennis coach in Norfolk and Suffolk

**Gareth Claxton (78-82)** Having worked in the banking industry for nearly 20 years, I now specialise in commercial property lending to the private care home sector, acting for private clients. I live in Surrey with my partner Angela and 2 step-daughters. I have the fondest of memories of my time and experience at Wymondham - in fact, I can remember so much that it seems like yesterday. I am proud to be a former student and delighted that the college continues to achieve the best results.

**Nick Caleb (76-83)** Married with twin sons now aged 14. Based in Chester, but living and working in Bristol during the week.

**Louise O'Keefe (Holland 78 -83)** I was a keen sports player especially hockey and took part in as many inter house and school games as possible. Being from the Fens of Norfolk, I had a very strong accent and was teased about this a lot. I had an older sister, Sue, at Wymondham also; she was in Kett and then Lincoln.

**Vivienne Swift (78-85)** Sqn Ldr in RAF. Single, living in Devizes. Currently working in Air-Land Interface role with the Army! Busy but enjoying life. Taking a year out from studying OU degree in Social Sciences but plan to do lots of 'recreational' classes instead this year. Love travelling, dancing, music and socialising.

### *News form 1980s.....*

**Mark Jenkins (82-84)** My main memories: Being one of the very last recruits to the Holy Goman Empire, creating loud explosions in the workshops, the tuck shop and Lobster playing classical music in the mornings at registration! Happy days.

**Alison Ferguson (Cooke 82 -86)** Living and working as a nurse in Norfolk. Married to Frank and have a 19 month old daughter, Freya. Would love to hear from anyone that remembers me.

**John Ingram (80-86)** BA Geography UCL 1987-1990. Worked and travelled in Eastern Europe before returning to UK in 1993. Currently manage large computer engineering projects for a FTSE 30 plc. Live in the rural wilds with partner Su sie. Spare time taken up restoring an old pile and shooting rabbits.

**Colin Fincham (80-87)** Currently a GP in Kent but also work extensively with the Primary Care Trust in implementation of the National Programme for IT and Electronic Booking. Live with my partner of 10 years, Malcolm.

**Duncan Ingram (81-87)** Currently living and working in Hertfordshire as a Human Resource Manager. Have recently completed the Graduate Membership of the Chartered Institute of Personnel and Development. Much of my free time is taken up with sports, especially skiing.

**Mark Blencowe (84-90)** Bad memory makes it difficult to write many words that would be meaningful...Enjoyed 4 years in Kett (Mr Sayer) before completing my sixth form in Lincoln, always as a boarder. Some of my best friends were day pupils too. Too lazy to work hard and consequently results reflected this. Left University, being a student just wasn't serious enough and emigrated to Canada after 2 years. An old love story finally brought me to Belgium where I still live now. Would love to hear from anyone (don't want to name drop). Despite living in Belgium I'm currently "posted" in the UK in the March area.

**Sarah Jobling (86-91)** Came to university in London and couldn't leave. Working as an Assistant Producer at the BBC, making documentaries. Virtually (but not literally) married. Have seen and been in touch with various people over the last few years - Tara Fox, Sadie

Davies, Marianne Kane, Paul Coates, Matthew Woodeson...

**Vishnu Joory (87-91)** After leaving Wymondham went to art school then uni, finally becoming a graphic designer...

**Kieran Daly (85-92)** is living in Brighton working as a Policy Advisor for an international non-government organisation. I Travel in developing countries but do get back to Norfolk to see family. Would love to find out what happened to people I know.

**Ross Sherman (87-94)** just finished my PhD in Exercise Physiology at the University of Bath. Started a 2-year post-doctoral research post at the University of Portsmouth. Still love doing as many sports as possible. In touch with most of the original Landing 7 gang (92-94). Would love to hear from other old friends...

**Jane Everett (89-91)** Graduated in Russian at Nottingham University, lived in Russia for 2 years. Returned to Bradford and did MA in Interpreting & Translating. Spent 2 years in Bradford acting, then moved to London and joined Communication Training Company. Now based in Italy as Consultant and travel regularly to Russia for consulting.

**Ian Sidgewick (86-93)** went to univ. at Loughborough since have been working at Jeyes, Thetford as a technician. Thus allowing me to continue making a mess and mucking about with chemicals.

**Alex West (88-90)** went to Bangor University for Marine Chemistry. Worked at Gaymers Cider Company after graduating and then moved to an electronics company based in Stansted. Then to Micromass Ltd, a mass spectrometry manufacturer in Manchester. Transferred to the US and am now regional service manager for the Southeast US for the parent company Waters Corporation and live in Raleigh, North Carolina.

### *.....and News from 1990s*

**Imogen (Imi) Maufe (90-92)** trained as a landscape architect and am now an artist based in Bristol, still having fun wearing colourful clothes that got me into lots of trouble at wy. coll! Have lots of long distant adventures by bike and am often found on remote islands with blue dog.

**Maria Plum (Wynn 90-92)** Since leaving school I've been to University several times to study Law and Business. I spent some time working

for the Norfolk & Norwich Hos pital, for Norfolk and managed a Nursing Agency in the city. Now I work as a manager for a charity that suits me better. I also work part time for Norwich City Football Club as a CCTV operator in the control room, so if any of you ever go - smile and wave next time you see a camera on you! I got married in 1999 to Darren, and we live happily with our two moggies in the outskirts of Norwich. That's about all I've got to say for the time being - if anyone wants to get in touch then please do - it's about time we had a reunion, isn't it??

**David Carden (92-94)** having completed degree in Canterbury I chose to stay on with Catherine whom I married in 2001. So far we have 1 son Oliver who luckily looks like his mum! Still playing rugby, as well as a host of other sports rather badly, still mad about skiing. Rather strangely, I keep having dreams about being back at WC, anyone else having similar?

**Stuart-John Davison (90-97)** I'm a manager of a live music venue in Newcastle upon Tyne where I live with my girl friend. I did a degree in music after leaving the college and have followed that route to my current job. Still in touch with some people but have lost touch with many of you.

**Stuart O'Neill (91-95)** is living in Japan, traveling in Asia! Hope all you scum bags are well and enjoying life!

**Doug Hayton-Williams (91-96)** Commissioned Officer in 1st Battalion. The Duke of Wellington's Regiment. Off to Iraq for the autumn and back in 2005. Life is going extremely well and I am enjoying it.

**Chris Herrington (92-96)** After Wymondham College, I studied Hispanic Studies with Catalan Philology at the University of Sheffield, playing as much cricket & Ultimate Frisbee as possible. Since then I have moved around a little, and have lived in Peru, Paris, and I am now working in Barcelona.

**Toby Wilson (94-96)** I have recently returned from an 18 month travelling "expedition" around the world - the usual Thailand, Oz, NZ but also the unusual Costa Rica, Nicaragua and Guatemala. I am moving to London and have been searching for that as yet elusive job!

**Kate Bagshaw (91-98)** is living in London after travelling (again), this time with my sister, Laura. Still in

touch with all my buddies from Wymondham, but there's always room for more! Get in touch!

**Troy Livingstone (92-99)** The boy who always seemed to get in trouble, constantly being sent home yet still managed to stay more or less in the staff's good books! Was (and still am) a keen rugby player, I enjoyed my time at WC as much as was possible. Am now living and working in France, in a school VERY different to Wymondham! Would love to hear from old friends, Kate Marsh, Sarah Mullenger, Jay Thomas, Tamsyn Gowers, Tom Thornton  
[troylivingstone@viola.fr](mailto:troylivingstone@viola.fr)

**Katherine Snowsill (92-93)** is a RGN with a degree in nursing, trained in many London hospitals. After obtaining degree, briefly worked in a hospital in west London before returning to Norfolk four years ago due to stress! Haven't been working since! I'm a sociable person with many interests such as cinema, clubbing, pubs, music and exercise!!!

**Beth Revell (93-00)** I am still at university in London trying to become a doctor - watch this space, grades permitting, I will be in June 2006. Be afraid! Apart from yearly updates from **David Harrison-Jones** and his exploits in America (well done Dave, sounds like you are having loads of fun) there didn't seem to be much news from our year so I thought I would update people. I still see

**Heather Whittle** and **Katie Unsworth** who are both in Bristol studying Fine Art; **Amy Seaman** who is in her last year at Leeds studying Spanish and management; **Emma Milk** who is working with young offenders in Nottingham and **Abby Blyth** who has got a graduate training job with the FSA in Canary Wharf. I am pleased to report that none of us have, to date, done anything scary like getting married, having kids or got a mortgage! I'd love to hear from anyone who'd like to hear from me.

**Megan Seth (94-99)** in Cavell with my brother Adam. Now finishing my degree in sport and exercise sciences with psychology at the University of Gloucestershire. Hoping then to do a PGCE and become a PE teacher for secondary school. My brother has also finished a degree in sport at UWIC 2 years ago.

**Megan Fealy (94-99)** I am living in Austin Texas, USA, where I have

been since leaving the college in '99. I have a little girl whose name is Valyn Olivia. I am pursuing my Law Degree at University of Texas.

**Adrian Beckett (95-97)**  
**In May 2005 I will run a distance of 250 kilometres from Trafalgar Square to my home city Norwich in 7 days** to promote action against the sexual exploitation of millions of boys and girls around the world, and to raise money for a cause very close to my heart, Fundación Renacer. From August 2003 until December 2004 I volunteered in Fundación Renacer as part of a cultural youth exchange program organised by ICYE and financed by the European Union. Renacer is an NGO based in Bogota, Colombia that supports sexually exploited children and young persons in their recovery and personal development, seeking the achievement of their full potential, and allowing them to create individual and collective means of generating self-help mechanisms for the defence of their rights and welfare.

The focus of my work was in raising awareness of Renacer's work in Colombia and abroad, maintaining regular contact with organisations abroad and raising funds to support Renacer's current and future projects. I raised £4000 from presentations, dinners and running the Bogotá Half Marathon (in an hour and 45 minutes at an altitude of 2600 metres I am proud to mention). I plan to return to Colombia in May of next year to continue working for Renacer strengthening philanthropic giving in Colombia and to continue my existing work.

I hope to raise more than £10,000 from the event **RUN FOR THE CHILDREN OF COLOMBIA**.

Please sponsor me at [www.justgiving.com/ChildrenofColombia](http://www.justgiving.com/ChildrenofColombia) or for further details of the event and Renacer's work go to [www.runforthechildrenofcolombia.co.uk](http://www.runforthechildrenofcolombia.co.uk) at the beginning of next year when the site will be ready. Without the work of Renacer and other organisations around the world, so many more children would continue to be sexually abused

**James Downing (98-00)** visited the College in November. He is a

structural engineer and running his own business. Bought a house with his girl friend two years ago, enjoying life as it comes. Would love to catch up with old mates for a beer or two.

Drop him a line via the [www.wymondhamca.co.uk](http://www.wymondhamca.co.uk) website.

**Ben Green (97-02)** messed about the whole time I was at Wymondham, apart from when I was on the sports fields. Met my first love Selina while I was there. Went on to do an advanced sports diploma then took a gap year in New Zealand helping with sports.

**Rachel Cain (Belson 94-01)** I still haven't quite made it to university as in a dramatic turn of events I am now married (have been for 3 years) and have 2 beautiful children - Lauren is 2 and has just started nursery and James is just 15 weeks old! I couldn't be happier! It's good to catch up on what students and teachers are up to. All the best to all who knew me.

**Katharine Pijanowska (95-97)** Various jobs since leaving school (care assistant, WWOOFER, cook, waitress and most recently a nursery/after school club assistant which is the job I've come to love. But finally, this year felt ready to settle back into study so on impulse and 3 weeks into term, I started an HND in Early Years care and education.

**James Thorne (94-99)** After Wymondham I studied at Art College for a couple of years then worked a few jobs to get money to travel. Most recently I moved to London to work in a snowboard shop in Covent Garden and do some extras work in movies and music videos. I'm still Snow - boarding and turned pro last year. At the moment I'm riding at Mammoth Mountain, California, warming up for the Euro Open in Laax.

**James Graham-Wood (97-03)** has joined the army and loving it.

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#### Making Contact

I have finally had contact from my brother Peter Sedgley as a result of my posting in the 'where are they now' section [of WCRemembered] - as you can imagine, after 20 or so years this was pretty exciting, so thanks. My era (60's) must be getting nostalgic - I've had contact from Dave Digby, Patrick Hodgson and Brett Bambridge as well - makes me wish I

could travel over for the reunion in June, though the cost of fares from Australia makes it but a dream!

**Jennie Sedgley (Rogers 61-65)**

I was in Norfolk yesterday [25 March 04], working on the story about police raids to arrest gangmasters who use illegally imported workers and pay them slave wages. Our Crime Correspondent and I went to the shiny new Norfolk Police HQ at Wymondham, so that we could interview the copper in charge. The said copper, Detective Superintendent Simon Bailey, came over, and whilst waiting for our programme to start, I got chatting to him. I mentioned that I went to WC down the road, and he said, "So did I!" It turned out he was there from 1971-78. If you saw any of the news programmes, he was featured on them all, as the BBC and Sky interviewed him as well. You can't escape WC alumni!

**Duncan Jones (ITN) (60-67)**

I was at WC from 53-59 and would like to contact anyone who remembers me! I note from the Newsletter that John Beales is active with the Association. He was in my class and I remember going with him and his (then) girlfriend to his parents' pub one weekend (out of bounds, I guess!). I also remember Suzanne Scott, Valerie Ball, David Burdett (who was head boy, I think) and Adrian Osler. Anyway, hope to hear from someone! **Anne Fawell** (known as 'Chicken' in the old days). [Anneprob26@aol.com](mailto:Anneprob26@aol.com) **Roger Garrard (52-89)** (who many of you will remember) got in touch to say that 60s ex-pupil and Zimbabwe MP **Trudy Stevenson (Bevier)** was in the UK and would be the main speaker at a meeting chaired by Kate Hooey, the former Minister of Sport, to press for the ECB to call off the cricket tour to Zimbabwe. We dropped her a line and Trudy replied:

*Goodness me, Roger Garrard is as alert as ever! Do please give him my greetings and best wishes, I can picture him now in those old Nissen huts, on cold mornings...! What a pity I won't be able to attend the reunion, which in fact I did know about - unfortunately I can't stay that long - Zimbabwe is burning, and elections are coming! I leave UK next Sunday 23rd, but leaving London Monday morning to visit my family in Somerset etc. for most of next week apart from*

*19th when I have to come back to speak at a Bar Association (?) meeting in the evening.*

*I have been lobbying hard re the cricket (among other things!) - spent 2 hours at Lords yesterday seeing ECB. Well - we'll see what transpires, but at least the message has been passed very clearly that we don't want England to come. We would have preferred not to have Australia also - but of course we understand the constraints but - really - how can ICC encourage nations to play a less than best national team selected on ethnic and political grounds ... etc, etc!*

*Thanks for your interest, sorry I can't get to the reunion, greetings to all that used to know me so long ago!*

### General Notices

1. If you haven't done so already, please take a couple of minutes to register with the College Association at <http://www.wymondhamca.co.uk/>.

2. Alumni Secretary, Carole Arnold has several copies of College Magazines that are surplus to requirements, covering years from 1975 to 2004, except 1977 and 1984. If you would like to complete your collection, copies are available from Carole at a price of £3.00 including postage. If anyone has any spare or unwanted copies from the 1950s and 1960-74, 1977 and 1984, Carole would be pleased to hear from you.

### Past-pupils in the News

**Andrew Harper (58-65)** is now the Drivetime presenter (4-7 pm) on BBC Radio Cambridgeshire.

On 20th May 2004 the EDP carried a full page feature on the new Chief Executive of the Royal Parks, **Will Weston**. Will was at the College 1960-67 and was a prominent member (and ultimately leader) of the orchestra. He said:

*"As I was .... a handful, my mother decided I should board at Wymondham College, a state-run mixed boarding school. There was a real emphasis on breeding individuality and encouraging pupils to focus on what they wanted to get out of life. I benefited enormously. When I joined, I was a very fat boy and got teased quite badly. The school helped me to lose weight,*

*become fitter and gain more self esteem."*

*"They steered me towards swimming and weight training where I could work at my own level. I became reasonably sporty, even making the cricket team. The school ethos of playing to an individual's strengths is a philosophy I've usefully applied to my own staff. I was keen on drama and music, getting involved in school productions of Shakespeare and Gilbert and Sullivan, yet fully intended to study economics at University. At the 11th hour, a friend, a terrifically good pianist, suggested I should consider applying for the same music college as him. I was amazed to be offered a place."*

1960s Old Boys **John Dunn** and **John Langham** (ex-Earthworks, now the Rockin' Johnnies) appeared on the Stephen Bumfrey Show, Radio Norfolk in July 2004. (**And will be playing at this year's reunion.**) It was a surprise to discover that the Westminster Chapter of Wymondham College past-pupils includes Labour MP **Stephen Byers** (Tyneside North). A quick check shows only one reference to an 'S. Byers' in the existing WCRemembered content; a member of the 1st XV 68/69, which seems about the right period. Our other British MPs are Lib -Dems **Patsy Calton** and **Norman Lamb**. **Nick Crane (67-72)** presented the BBC2 series 'Map Man' beginning on Thursday 16th September 2004. **Mark Strong** read a 10-part adaptation of Graham Greene's 'The Third Man' for Radio 4's Book at Bedtime in September/October 2004. Mark was also the subject of a 3 page feature in the Mail on Sunday's 'Night & Day' magazine on the 21st of November. "Fresh off the set of *Syriana*, a new film in which he plays a rogue CIA agent who 'beats up George Clooney,' Strong has yet another baddie role up his sleeve. He is about to start work opposite Ray Liotta on Guy Ritchie's new gangster film, *Revolver*." Mark will also be appearing as Toby Cracht in Roman Polanski's *Oliver Twist*, and as Wictred in *Tristan & Isolde*. **Richard Lawson (74-81)** is Senior Presenter on North Norfolk Radio and delivers a daytime show (1000 -1400 weekdays) as well as the 'Sunday Supplement' (0800-1200). The station

broadcasts on 96.2 MHz and 103.2 MHz. He says "I am very proud of my days at Wymondham College – remember them very fondly. Whether the teachers would look at it quite the same way is another matter! I would very much like to catch up with some of my old mates from my years – Cavell/Peel 74 to 81 -ish!" Richard is mentioned in the 1982 College Magazine in connection with what seems to have been a rather turbulent and difficult period for him as Chairman of the Debating Society!

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

Derek Buckingham is looking for **Derek Forder, Mickie Good, Brian Lister** and any other 51/52 West House or folks from 2b, 3b or 4b and **Brian Bennison, Dickie Wharton** or any others from that era who remember him.  
Chris Herrington seeks **Neil Welsh Janet Cummings (possibly now Lemon?)**; had sisters Sarah and Joanna. Diana Smith (nee Ebbs), would like to get in touch. Diana - please contact us because your e-mail address no longer works!  
Judith Williams (nee Chambers), now living in Reading, is seeking **Diane Walker** of East House (Fry Hall) who left in 1966 and joined the Army.  
Margaret Blanchflower (Gardiner) and Anne Kelly (Read), who were among the very first boarders at the College, are trying to trace their old friends **Myrtle Richards, Sheila Curson, Valerie Brown** and **Deanna Drake**.  
Ruth (Hales) Richardson, Julia (Haes) Gibbons and Sue Culley would like to contact **Pamela Keeley** (East House Girls 1957 intake) and **Sanchia Underwood** (1963 leaver - Wells House Captain).  
Brian (Bryn) Harper (East/Norwich 56-63) wants to regain contact with **Tony Dyson** and **Michael ('Tich') Davidson**. [tamsha@vebo.co.za](mailto:tamsha@vebo.co.za)  
Roger Garrard, long-serving Wymondham College teacher and co-author of 'Wymondham College - The First Fifty Years,' and others, would like to get in touch with **Peter Rogers (59-66)**.  
Mark Newman (Norwich, then Peel, 1970-77) would like to hear from **Michael Carol, John Skene, Sean Cunningham, Simon Scales, David Bird, Jane Hill, Gillian Munn, Carol Seaman, Matt Paines, Grant Scott**

and **Mallory Boothby jumiko@fbisu.net.mx**  
Craig Clayton (62-66), now in California, is looking for the following old friends: **Jane Button, Linda Pocock, Jeremy Hood, Timothy Fitt and 'Bert' Lancaster**.  
[craig.clayton@attglobal.net](mailto:craig.clayton@attglobal.net)  
**Melody Rowles**, student from 92-97 in Cavell! Your almost-boy-friend Kevin Roegele would love to get in contact with you.  
[kevin@gammaquadrant.net](mailto:kevin@gammaquadrant.net)  
Kim Grimson (Chambers 69-70) CGS having to leave early when her family emigrated to Australia. Kim would like to get in touch with schoolmates **Hilary Slater** and **Janet Burrell**, .... and teachers **Mr & Mrs Harris, Miss Bowles, Mr Metters, Mr Lewis & Miss Jackson**.  
[kimmyg1@iprimus.com.au](mailto:kimmyg1@iprimus.com.au)  
Phil Vozza would like to trace **Gavin Kedar** (emigrated to Australia and vanished) and **Peter Hooper** (both circa 72-79 Gloucester/Cavell & Peel).  
[phil.vozza.nps@norfolk.gov.uk](mailto:phil.vozza.nps@norfolk.gov.uk)  
Enid Stanbrook-Evans (Watson) is looking for **Bronwen Dale** and **Christine Hulme**. Bronwen (nickname 'Blodwin')  
[enidstanbrook-evans@euphony.net](mailto:enidstanbrook-evans@euphony.net)  
Jerry Linden-Ball is trying to trace **Mike Churcher (72)**  
[vacantluk@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:vacantluk@yahoo.co.uk)  
Paul Hazzard would like to get in touch with **Alison Drewitt (77-82)**  
Please contact [paul\\_hazzard@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:paul_hazzard@yahoo.co.uk)  
**Phil Legrove** left WyCol in 72 to join the Junior Leaders Regiment at Harrogate. His parents lived at Docking. Colin Farrington lost track of him in the late 70's, but would very much like to regain contact.  
[cp.farrington@virgin.net](mailto:cp.farrington@virgin.net)  
David Mason (55-61) occasionally known as Dix, in East House (latterly Salisbury), would like to hear from any of his old contemporaries. He remembers that he and Kevin Kennedy made valiant attempts to corner the market in second hand 45's and succeeded for a while!  
[DAVIDJOANMASON@aol.com](mailto:DAVIDJOANMASON@aol.com)  
Jennie Rogers (nee Sedgley), ex - Winchester House, early/mid 60s, would like to regain contact with **Diane Walker** and **Eddie Walker**.  
[jennierogers@hotmail.com](mailto:jennierogers@hotmail.com)  
Sarah Hemstead is looking for **Amanda Ross** Fry House 79-84.  
[taloolahuk@hotmail.com](mailto:taloolahuk@hotmail.com)

**David Honley** - sometimes known as "Bronco" - was a member of Gloucester house in the early 60s and was a wizard at Chemistry. His father, an RAF Group Captain, numbered Douglas Bader among his friends. Patrick Turner ([patrick@turnera2542.fsnet.co.uk](mailto:patrick@turnera2542.fsnet.co.uk)) is keen to get back in touch and would also like to hear from **Valerie Pine** (59-66) and South/Gloucester pupils **David Church** (59-65), **Horace Hare** (59-66) and **Malcolm Girling** (59-66). Vanessa Harding (70's) would like to contact the following people that shared a dorm with her in Fry Hall: **Deb and Barb Cairns**, **Jane Eyre**, **Claire Goldie**, **Helen Gundry**, **Lisa Rowe** and **Ruth Howard**. Vanessa hopes to be able to organise a 'get together' with them all sometime next year.

Philip Wade ([philip@windhoek.co.uk](mailto:philip@windhoek.co.uk)) and 'the 60's bunch' would like to trace **Nicolas Barton**, **Michael Betts**, **Errol Bryant**, **Jackie Davis**, **Christine Housego**, **Caroline Lilywhite**, **Ian Ray**, **Valerie Quail**, **Paul b.jpg Richardson**, **Clive Senlidge**, **Timothy Webb**, **James Willimont**, **Lynda Ashby**, **Patricia Campbell**, **William Weston**, **Patricia Crawley**, **Vivienne Holby**, **Wendy Wilkins**, **Tony Baker**, **Michael Browning**, **Martin Masters** and **Gwen Wilson**.

June Payne (nee King), who was at WC from 52-56, would like to find her old friend **Ann Harrison**.

Does anyone have any news of **Greg Powell**, **Ivor Riches** and **Ian Watling**; all who would have left Wymondham College in 68? Linda Hudson (nee Pocock), 63 to 68, would like to get in touch.

[LindHudson@aol.com](mailto:LindHudson@aol.com)

Paul Waymark was in CGS 67-74 and writes: Unfortunately I have lost contact with my closest friends **Martin Keeley**, **Trevor Bowes**, **Dave Cartwright** (who married Martin's sister), **Graham Kett** and anybody who was in the same year as myself. Paul now lives in Willerby (Hull) and can be contacted via

[swaymark@willerby.fsnet.co.uk](mailto:swaymark@willerby.fsnet.co.uk)

Joan Thomson (nee Woodbridge) would like to get back in touch with her old friends **Rosemary Surfield (Daisley)** and **Paul Rump**. She is now living in Queensland, Australia.

[joan@bellingham-marine.com.au](mailto:joan@bellingham-marine.com.au)

Steve Farthing writes: "Does anyone have E-Mail addresses for **Richard Gilead**, **Brian Langham**, **Tim Warren** or **Ernie Parsons** (the English Teacher) and **Wibbly Wood** (Physics, who I believe married and was teaching in Kent in the 70's)? Can anyone also remember the name of the Vicar of Morley who taught RE in the mid 60s?"

[stephen@stevef.demon.co.uk](mailto:stephen@stevef.demon.co.uk)

Trevor Corless would like to contact **Mal Ryder** and **Paul Townsend**. [tcorless@lineone.net](mailto:tcorless@lineone.net)

Ben Carter would dearly love to have copies of the 1st XV photos from 1980 (his first year in the team) and 1981. His own were lost 'in the dim reaches of time.' If you can help, please contact us or drop Ben a line at [dva@sovintel.ru](mailto:dva@sovintel.ru).

John Harris was a boarder in Kett Hall and left the College in 79 as a 16 year old. He would like to hear from his old chums **Steve Frewer**, **Mark Strong**, **Jeremy Hardingham** and anyone else who remembers him.

[johnharris001@hotmail.com](mailto:johnharris001@hotmail.com)

Kevin Shippey (72 -79; Peel) was bass guitarist in the late Seventies band 'The Popes' with **C.J. Burton** (drums) and **Dougy Walters** (lead guitar and lead vocals). Says Kevin: "I have many fond memories of playing music (badly) with the rest of the guys, CJ and Dougie. Where are you now? Fancy a jam? Believe or not I am still travelling up and down the country playing in a semi-pro band."

[kevin@moorhousemohan.co.uk](mailto:kevin@moorhousemohan.co.uk)

Peter Nicholls (West House 56 -62) would like to get in contact with any of his old old friends, especially **Thomas Lawrence**.

[nicholls.pe30@btopenworld.com](mailto:nicholls.pe30@btopenworld.com)

If any old friends of Norman Daniels (Grammar 52-55) would like to get in touch, Norman can be contacted through sister, Joyce Pycroft (51-55) at [pycroft@ukonline.co.uk](mailto:pycroft@ukonline.co.uk)

Richard Goodchild (84 -88) would like to hear from anyone who was in the same year from Cavell House

[ritchie@goodchild7041.fsnet.co.uk](mailto:ritchie@goodchild7041.fsnet.co.uk)

David Thorogood (Kett and New Hall in the 70's) would like to get in touch with **Nigel Shepherd**, **Henry Swales**, **Paul Vignaux**, **Rory Mathers** ...

[David@agency57.com](mailto:David@agency57.com)

Annette Yoosefinejad (nee Munro) was in Kett, then Lincoln 75 -81, and

would love to hear from **Kim Hammond**. [annette@yoosefi.com](mailto:annette@yoosefi.com) Janette Smith (nee Beaumont) was at the College 70 -74 and was initially in Worcester and later in Lincoln. She shared a dorm with **Melanie Herd**, **Christine Butler** and **Jayne Walker** amongst others. Her House Wardens were Miss Battye in Worcester and Mr Rutherford in Lincoln. She would love to hear from **anyone around in those days** and bring back some great memories. [JANETTEDS@aol.com](mailto:JANETTEDS@aol.com) Colin Hague (51-54) would like to get in touch with his old friend **George McNeil**. [Colin@haguec.fsnet.co.uk](mailto:Colin@haguec.fsnet.co.uk) Mike Herring would like to make contact with any members of the [1950s skiffle group](#). He has contact with **Dave Turner** (It!), but would love to hear from **Bryan (Baby) Newman**, last seen in South London in the late 70's, **George Watson** (who could actually play guitar), **Fisky** and **any other old members** of the band. [mikedot@btopenworld.com](mailto:mikedot@btopenworld.com) Where are you **Kevin Sparks**? An old friend of yours from Germany, Joe McGonagle ([joe@ufology.org.uk](mailto:joe@ufology.org.uk)) has been in touch and is keen to link up with you and your sister Theresa, as is Keith Gilby ([keith@gilby.karoo.co.uk](mailto:keith@gilby.karoo.co.uk)). We've tried to contact you via the WCA database, but no success to date.

Barry Adkins (North House 54 -59) is keen to re-establish contact with **Robert Mapes**, **Michael David Tilson** (lived in East Winch) and **Diana Gosling** (left in 1960 and lived in East Dereham. Please get in touch with Barry at [janet@adkins84.freemove.co.uk](mailto:janet@adkins84.freemove.co.uk). Trevor Lincoln is trying to contact **Carol Hazard** who was at the College in the early Sixties.

[brookhouse.mail@fsmail.net](mailto:brookhouse.mail@fsmail.net) . Sonia Naisby is trying to find her old friend **Sarah Hayes** (91-98) from Middle School days. They lost touch when Sarah came to Wymondham College.

**Sonia Naisby**  
([sonianaisby@hotmail.com](mailto:sonianaisby@hotmail.com))

### Marriages

**Helen Stevens (85-92)** and **Richard Dorling (86-88)** were married on 22nd May at St. Leonard's Church, Apethorpe (Northants). **Nicolas Soleau (82-89)** and **Joanna Woodhouse (85-92)** were married on

17th September 2004 at Allerton Castle, near York.

### General News

The last in the 2004 series of Radio Four's *Any Questions* was broadcast from the College on Friday 23 July at 8.00pm (repeated Saturday 24 July, 1.15pm). Jonathan Dimpleby was the chairman and the panel comprised Baroness Jay, Labour peer; Steven Norris, former Conservative candidate for London Mayor; Anthony Howard, historian and columnist; and Marc Roche, London correspondent for *Le Monde*.

### College News

#### Staff News

**Jackie Avery (96-98)** I started at the College as a resident tutor with Helen White and Jean Pullar, then taught Sociology and other bits and pieces. I moved to Australia in 1999 and am now an Australian citizen teaching in Townsville, Queensland.

#### Leavers last summer:

From the Science Department **Dr Roger Norris** retired after giving 30 years of loyal service to the Department; **Mr Roger Partridge** (Science Technician) who is also a past student of the College retired after 40 years of dedicated service; **Mrs Mavis Francis** taught Chemistry for many years from the 1970s returning after a break to have her family

**Mr Mike Ronayne** (Advanced Skills Geography Teacher) who likewise taught for three decades, retired.

**Rev James East** has moved to a Baptist church in the community. We wish them all well and for those retiring, a long happy and healthy retirement.

#### Can You HELP?

The **Wyndham College Parent Staff Association** is currently trying to raise £50,000 to purchase tiered seating for use in the Sports Hall at public events, drama, concerts etc. The proceeds from their annual Summer Fayre will go towards this target and as this event is on at the same time as our reunion day perhaps you could help by maybe: Providing a raffle prize? Donating a 'promise' to be auctioned? Perhaps your Company could donate something? Or just being available to help on the day?

If you can help in any way please contact Steve Read (WCA Treasurer) on 01379 608609 or e-mail [steve@sread.fsbusiness.co.uk](mailto:steve@sread.fsbusiness.co.uk)

### Obituaries

**Tony Hawken** (RAF Wing Commander) died in November 2001  
**Jimmy Hagg (51-55)** died on 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2005  
**Claire Kembrey (84-89)** died of cancer in spring 2002

It is with sadness that we report the death of **Eric Peacock**, known as 'Choppy' to his friends at school. Eric Bruce Peacock (otherwise known as 'Choppy'), attended the College in the 1950s. He later emigrated to South Africa. We have heard from his daughter Eileen that, sadly, he passed away a number of years ago. Eileen would love to find out as much as she can about his early life. If you knew Eric, please get in touch with Eileen at [eileenpeacock@beggars.com](mailto:eileenpeacock@beggars.com).

[The original placement of this notice on WCRemembered resulted in an exchange of correspondence that has resulted in identification of Eric in a number of photos.]

#### **Keith Rutherford (56-93)**

It is with great sadness that we have to report the sudden death in February of one of the College stalwarts. Keith arrived at the College in 1955, brimming with enthusiasm for chemistry teaching and for cricket. As Head of Chemistry for many years he set high standards of scholarship and endeavour, and brought out high standards in others. One of his earliest students, Brian Turner, who came to his funeral, was eloquent in his praise because he felt his own successful career owed so much to Keith's inspiration and guidance.

Keith immediately took charge of a school cricket team, as might be expected, but his enthusiasm did not stop there. He was one of the key figures in a successful staff cricket eleven in the 50s and 60s, who did not play just once a year against the school, but turned out regularly against local sides. Keith was an unforgettable sight on a cricket field, whether batting, bowling or fielding for his team, or as umpire in school

matches. Woe betide anyone who had the temerity to question his decisions!

But his interests did not stop there. He also coached a rugby team, was a dynamic figure on the badminton court on staff nights in the Sports Hall, and for a time he sang in the chapel choir. Students of the 50s, as well as staff over many years, can testify to his nimbleness as a dancer. In the early days, his Saturdays consisted of teaching in the morning, going away with a cricket or rugby team in the afternoon, then visiting the College Saturday Night Dance before going back to his chalet to play bridge with a few of us till the early hours - and he was never the first to call it a day! In the Summer Term this would be followed by a Sunday playing cricket himself. What energy! Keith certainly lived life to the full, and if he was ever asked how he did all this he would laugh, and give credit to the Mars Bar he ate every morning during break.

Keith took on a new challenge in 1973 when he became Housewarden of one of the new "mixed" houses in Lincoln Hall, an amalgam of York House boys and Worcester House girls, moving five years later to New Hall, when sixth formers were first housed separately from younger pupils. To this, as might be expected, he devoted many hours of patient counselling, well beyond the call of duty, and he continued in this role until his retirement in 1993.

Even then he managed to pursue his sporting interests, accompanying one of his sons to race meetings in many parts of the country. Well, can anyone imagine Keith lazing about, putting his feet up? He brought a wonderful sense of humour to everything he did, and brought out the fun in others. I well remember the ribbing he got when his home soccer team, Leeds United, then at the top, in the days of Billy Bremner, were beaten by Colchester in the F.A. Cup.

The church at Ashwellthorpe, where he had lived in retirement, was packed with old friends and colleagues anxious to pay their last respects to him, among them former Principal Ron Wolsey, and former chaplain David Hare, who in their tributes did not forget to add the humorous quip or two, which I am sure he would have enjoyed.

*Roger Garrard*