

THE CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME



Welcome to our spring newsletter.

Here we are again in 2015 with much the same challenge we faced in 1951, and as always we all need all the help and involvement from our alumni as we can get. I just happen to consider myself extremely fortunate that an important part of my life experience was enacted out here at Wymondham and I thank all those who have gone before and made Wymondham College and our organisation what it is. Good luck goes to Mr Walter Boyle, Founder Principal of Holyport College, and welcome to the fraternity of OW's.

Our OW organisation also must adopt, adapt and improve and to do so I hope the youngsters within our body of former students will continue to provide such people as I have had the pleasure of working with and getting to know over the last 16 years. Our new College Development Officer Justin, new Principal Jonathan and Governors will continue to need such support in maintaining a vibrant and mutually useful Former Student Association.

- **David Spinks** Old Wymondhamians Chairman (1951 - 1955)

OW's GOLF DAY 2015

The next Golf Day will be on Friday 3rd July 2015. Don't forget to let Bob Rowell know if you would like to attend the golf or dinner or both as numbers will need confirming. bob.e.rowell@outlook.com

REUNION UPDATE 2015

Please check the 'wcreminded' website for updates on both the 60's & 70's reunions for 2015.

The OW Travel Award 2015

The Travel Award interviews took place on the 25th March. The winner was Fergus Cowley who is going to Tanzania to work on a project which provides safe water and sanitation to the area. More on Fergus in the next edition.

If you would like to follow The OW Travel Award 2014 winner, Rachael Campbell Still has updated her blog recently. You can find it at: www.geekinguana.co.uk/blog

THE ALUMNI CRICKET INITIATIVE

You may recall in our last edition of the Old Wymondhamian's Newsletter that we announced a new programme to help develop our young cricketers, funded by the alumni. This exciting initiative is gaining pace and we are very appreciative of the generosity of OW Anthony Butterworth who has donated £2000 to kick start the project, funding 100 hours of professional coaching for our youngsters. Additionally we are seeking funding from various trust funds and other bodies to support the installation of an artificial cricket pitch, coaching equipment and cricket covers, and we expect to find out if our efforts have been successful over the summer. We're developing closer links with local clubs and Norfolk Cricket Board and are looking to encourage girls and boys into the game. Indeed we're planning an event in September which will aim to do just that – more details to follow nearer the time.

Our annual MCC Cricket Match on the 17th June provides us with the perfect opportunity to formally launch our coaching development fund and we shall be inviting interested OW's to attend.

If you have fond memories of your cricketing days at the College and would like to play a part in helping fund this innovative new project please get in touch with Justin Smith on 01953 609083.

If you would like to get in touch you can email on alumni@wymomdhamcollege.org, phone us on 01953 609000, message us on facebook or twitter or check out our website www.wcreminded.co.uk.



THE 100 CLUB

The April OW 100 Club draw was carried out at The Bedingfield Arms at Oxborough and this month's winners were:

Neil Sparrow - resident of Stoke Holy Cross, Norwich & Julie Harding [Ebbens] - resident of Great Linford, Milton Keynes .

This month we were joined by Jon Tolley and Chris Parnham. Jon carried out the draw. The Bedingfield Arms has had a chequered history and has only re-opened in its current form a couple of years ago. However, for a pub well off the beaten track, it was well frequented on a Wednesday evening. Beers on offer were Woodforde Wherry, Adnams Broadside and Charles Wells Bombardier. A score of 9.0+ [the "+" is for the cartoons in the toilet!!].

COLLEGE NEWS

THE MAIR CUP

The Mair Cup was held on Sunday 22nd March. It was a fantastic night enjoyed by all with a variety of music from all houses.

The below are the awards and house names:

- Cavell Hall - Best large choir
- Fry Hall - Best instrumental ensemble
- Kett Hall - Best small ensemble & Overall Winners

Well done to all those involved!

OXBRIDGE SUCCESS!

The College was delighted this year to see 7 students successfully secure places at Oxford or Cambridge. This is, again, a very creditable outcome. Over the past 4 years it means we have had 34 successful applications, which far outperforms anywhere else locally in the state sector and also knocks out the park some independent schools too. It's a strong and important strand of what we do. We are confident looking at the Year 12 that we will improve again on this next year

Congratulations goes to:

Oxford: Phoebe Bolton & Adam Sills

Cambridge: Ollie Street, Audrey Tang, Kate Wainer, Elise Limon, Mathilda Curson.

THE LINCOLN LECTURE 2015

We welcomed Professor Roel Sterckx FBA from the University of Cambridge as our very special guest.

Professor Sterckx spoke at our annual Lincoln Lecture under the title of "The world according to Confucius in China and beyond".

The professor is a trustee of the Needham Research Institute and is regarded as a leading authority on study of the classical and literary Chinese language. He served as Secretary-General of the European Association for Chinese Studies (2006-2012) and in 2013 he was elected Fellow of the British Academy.

He has written on culinary culture, perceptions of the animal world and natural history in pre-modern China.

You can listen to the audio of the Lincoln Lecture by visiting our youtube channel.

