



# The Wycliffian Society Times

2020





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## Hello to you all

2020 has been a year unlike anything any of us have known before. We have all been touched by the Covid-19 Pandemic. Whether it is through illness, the tragic loss of a loved one, financially, or simply having to come to terms with new ways of working and conducting our day to day lives.

We were stopped in our tracks in March and our events from then onwards throughout the year had to be cancelled. Our last e-newsletter before lockdown in March, we asked you to get in touch with your memories and to tell us what you have been doing during lockdown. Many of you did so and we share your stories throughout the magazine and on our website.

Whilst we were furloughed, our social media was able to continue with a pre-scheduled tour around College which many of you enjoyed seeing throughout this time. Helping you, we hope, to feel connected to part of the wider Wycliffian Community. I am also pleased to say that our Wycliffe pupils, thanks to the commitment and dedication of Wycliffe's teachers and staff, enjoyed continuous learning throughout the period.

Since September, we have focussed on how best we can support you as we move forwards in a different world. We are launching a new website and have contacted many of you personally to check how you are and how you are coping.

A calendar of events for 2021 is in the magazine, but please note these are proposals only and that circumstances and government guidelines nearer the time will dictate if they can go ahead.

We were very pleased to welcome **Margie Coombs** (H 1974, Former Wycliffe parent and current Matron in the Prep School) to the Committee and, with her, comes a wealth of knowledge about the school through the years as, additionally, her father was John Shirley (Schoolmaster Wycliffe Senior & Second Master at the Junior School 1950-1981; Housemaster Penwood).



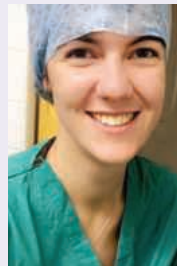
We wish you a very happy New Year and look forward to hearing from you in 2021. Please keep sharing your news and stories!

**John Hughes** (J H 1961)  
President of The Wycliffian Society

# Making a difference in 2020

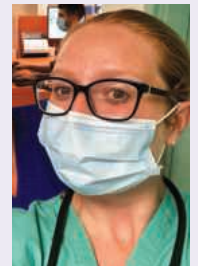
**Dr Jasmine Handford** (P HE 2007 – 2014)

completed 6 years training to qualify as a doctor earlier this year. Her first position was in The Nightingale Hospital, London.



**Dr Elizabeth James** (P HE 1991 – 1999), Anaesthetic & Intensive Registrar, and **Dr Sarah Cooper** (née Gillingham, P IG 1995 – 2002),

Emergency Medicine Consultant, both work at The John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford. Coincidentally they were



working together on the ICU Covid-19 unit earlier in the pandemic this year. Two former Heads of School, working together to make a difference.

**Sally-Anne Evans** Occupational Health (OH) Nurse, (Hon OW 2001 to present)

Shared her story of the year with us:

“ I come from a background of NHS intensive care and RAF aeromedical evacuation culminating in Operation Granby during the first Gulf War. After my service career, I specialised to become autonomous in public health nursing (occupational health) working in the shipping, motor and aviation industries until arriving at Wycliffe in 2001. My role in short, is to assess, plan, implement and evaluate the occupational health of the workforce, advising management to ensure that they work safely and effectively whatever their health status, whilst working within the remit of the HSE legislative framework and the Equality Act 2010.

My recent work has been very much focussed on the public health, vulnerability and infection risk management of the Covid-19 crisis, however with social distancing and lockdown in March, much of my clinical facing role stopped. There was a call out campaign for nurses to return to the NHS; I felt compelled to offer my skill set to assist my professional colleagues and applied to the local NHS Trust to work.

In my public health role for the NHS, I cover three areas, the swabbing team

for Pillar 1 and Pillar 2 testing, the immunisation team and the OH Department. Testing requirement has again



become busy, children's routine flu immunisations are now on a tight schedule before the season properly sets in, and hundreds of staff with existing conditions are referred to OH for health risk assessments for high hazard roles. It's strange to be working in scrubs again, with full PPE which requires a good deal of eye contact to assist with communication. Donning and doffing PPE is time consuming and wearing it is hot and uncomfortable. For many months I have been working full time and recently 6 days a week as the national demand for swabbing increases. These roles are incredibly varied, workload is tremendously high and in OH it is also extremely complex. I still do my work at the College alongside my NHS work, and use Sundays to wind down on my allotment. I make time to ensure I switch off in order to maintain a healthy mental focus, so that I am in the right space to help others. ”

# Announcements

## New Head of the Prep School



In the Autumn Term we welcomed Mrs **Helena Grant** and her family as the new Head of the Prep School. Helena joins us from Monkton, Bath where she was Deputy Head.

Mrs Grant has arrived at Wycliffe with boundless amounts of energy ensuring our pupils in the Prep School enjoy their day, all whilst she and her team manage the challenges faced by the current situation.

## New Year Honours

Two further OWs received New Year honours this year.

**John May** (W 1982) was

awarded an OBE in recognition of his 'services for young people'. He

is currently the Secretary General of The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award and has spent his career working with and for young people in the United Kingdom and around the world.

John is a regular Wycliffe visitor; kindly assisting with careers events and visiting our DofE pupils. Our heartfelt congratulations to John.

**Andrew R T Davies**

(J SH 1983) was awarded a CBE for political and public services. Joining the Conservative Party in 1997,

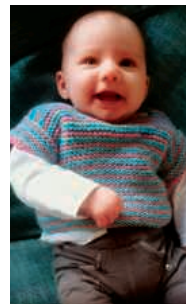
Davies won his seat in the 2007 general election for the South Wales Central electoral region. He enjoyed 17 years at the top of Welsh politics, including as Leader of the Welsh Conservatives.



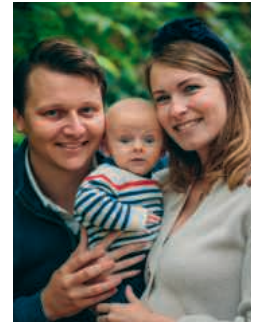
## Congratulations to all from The Wycliffian Society

### Births

Our congratulations to **Vicky MacBean** (HE 1999) and **Nick MacBean** (né Willmore, H 1999) who celebrated the birth of their daughter **Nina** on 15th November 2019, weighing 3.5kg.



**Nick Morris** (P C 2010) and **Rachel Morris** (P C 2011) celebrated the birth of their son, **Rudy William** on 28 June.



## Newly appointed Trustee

We were delighted to hear that another OW, **Brigadier Richard Clements** (P W 1989), has been appointed as a Trustee of Wycliffe College.



Richard joined Wycliffe in the Lower Prep. He went on to leave after Sixth Form and study Biological Sciences at St Catherine's College Oxford University. He was commissioned into the Royal Artillery in 1994 and has served in the UK and Germany, including operational tours in Bosnia, Kosovo and Afghanistan. He has held a variety of diverse roles. In 2012 he commanded 39th Regiment

Royal Artillery in Newcastle and in 2015 went on to be the head planner at the Headquarters Allied Rapid Reaction Corps, leading collaborative and joint planning on numerous exercises, and contributing to real world planning and NATO conceptual thinking. Most recently he was the last Commander of British Forces Germany, responsible for the provision of local authority support to over 10,000 personnel and families living in Germany. For his command of the successful rebasing of the majority of these people to the UK/Cyprus in 2019, he was appointed as a Commander of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire.

He is married to **Helen**. They have two children; the eldest has just finished Year 13 in the Senior School, the youngest is still here at Wycliffe. Richard is an enthusiastic, but untalented Jäger, cricketer and golfer.

### Deaths

This year we sadly said goodbye to:

**Keith H Plested** (J DB 1934 - 1938),  
**Peter Andrew** (SH 1938 - 1942),  
**J Brian Kemp** (H 1938 - 1943),  
**Keith B Pearson** (J S 1933 - 1943),  
**Charles Cottell** (H 1938 - 1944),  
**David L Frost** (P S 1935 - 1946),  
**Richard G H Perry** (J S 1938 - 1947),  
**Roger M Sawyer** (J S 1940 - 1950),  
**Patrick Palmer** (SH 1949 - 1952),  
**Roger Cockhill** (J S 1947 - 1954),

**Robert (Bob) F Workman** (J W 1946 - 1956),  
**Barry S White** (SH 1954 - 1960),  
**P Jonathan Rogers** (J S 1953 - 1962),  
**Jonathan W Makins** (J W 1953 - 1963),  
**Mike Graham** (S 1959 - 1964),  
**John G Wilkes** (J W 1956 - 1964),  
**William Hywel Davies** (J H 1963 - 1972),  
**Rev Barry Jackson** (Hon OW, Chaplain Wycliffe 1975 - 1988)  
**Mrs Margaret Thomas** (Hon OW & Former Staff 1985 - 1998 & 2000 - 2007)  
**Glynn Probert** (Hon. OW & Former Staff 2008 - 2019).

To read any obituaries visit: [www.wycliffe.co.uk/the-wycliffian-society/](http://www.wycliffe.co.uk/the-wycliffian-society/)

# OWs give back to Wycliffe

Once again, we have been hugely grateful for the help and assistance our alumni have given to support current pupils. Events in the early part of the year went ahead as planned whilst some of those later in the year went 'virtual'.

Please let us know if you feel able to help with:

- Wycliffe Aspire Presentations – Year 12 pupils prepare and give a presentation on their chosen career (February);
- TWS stand at Wycliffe Futures Fair – an event attended by UK universities, apprenticeship providers alongside USA Colleges (March);
- Careers Opportunity Day – Year 8 hear from a range of inspiring speakers talking about their careers (June);
- Mock Interviews (December);
- Short careers talk to Sixth Form (ad hoc);
- Internships, work placements or small group visits in your company.

## Do you need careers help or guidance?

Why not tap into the alumni knowledge pool. It may be that you are seeking some help and advice, looking for your first job opportunity, or perhaps you are just moving to a new city or country. Please join our LinkedIn Group: The Wycliffians or contact us and we will endeavour to connect you with fellow alumni who could offer help or experience. Within The Wycliffians LinkedIn group you can also post jobs so if you think the network would be interested in a role you are hiring for, please go ahead and post.



## This year we welcomed back:

### Sheryll Goddard (P IG 2012)

OW **Sheryll Goddard** (P IG 2012) kindly visited Wycliffe in January to speak on multimedia careers with our Sixth Form pupils studying BTEC Media (Digital Content Production) and A-Level Film Studies. Sheryll is Group Marketing Executive for the FTSE 250 company Renishaw plc. In this role she is specifically the corporate videographer and drone pilot - one day she could be shooting a video case study on how metal 3D printing is helping build fully electric car prototypes, the next filming in open brain surgery because Renishaw software has helped a top neurosurgeon plan his DBS procedure. In addition to her role at Renishaw she also runs her own marketing consultancy business, working independently with start-ups in Bristol,

to larger telecommunications companies in London, to help further their content creation and improve the search engine optimisation of their websites.

Pupils left the session enthused about the opportunities available to them with the skills they are learning as part of their course. To learn more about Sheryll's background, her time at Wycliffe and how her career started, visit our website.

### Dr Philip Bell (J H 1976)



Phil came back to Wycliffe in early February to speak with pupils interested in pursuing a career in Medicine or Sport Science. In his distinguished career he has travelled to South Africa, India and Pakistan with the England Cricket Team, has looked after the players at 20 Wimbledons, and spent years looking after pre-professional ballet dancers at the Royal Ballet School in Covent Garden, and professional footballers at Derby County.

Over lunch, a presentation and a Q&A



Sheryll Goddard

session, pupils were able to gain an insight into a career in medicine along with some of the challenges they might face. His key messages to our pupils were to always ask lots of questions, to never stop learning and to listen. As well, he encouraged them to get any kind of work experience, be it clinical or voluntary, to aid their applications for Medicine and decision-making process.

To read more about Dr Philip Bell's career read OW Memories on page 13.

Georgie Downton (C 2016), Will Butler (P H 2016), Sophia Rai (P HE 2019) and Charlie Richards (C 2016)



This year's Futures Fair saw the Sibly Hall transformed into a professional exhibition hub and was attended by 32 institutions including USA/Canadian Colleges, UK universities and apprenticeship providers.

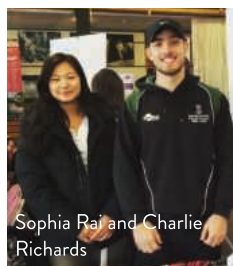
Amongst the exhibition stands were **Georgie Downton** who attended with Relish, the events and corporate catering specialist in Cirencester. Their chocolate brownies went down a treat with everyone. In fact, this autumn we sent Relish's delicious chocolate brownies to our Class of 2020 at universities across the country.

Rotec's (Engineering) stand was manned by **Will Butler**. He brought along examples of its hydraulic, pneumatic and electronic components.



Our TWS stand was manned by two OWs still at university;

our TWS Award Winner 2019, **Sophia Rai**, who is studying Biomedicine at Worcester University and **Charlie Richards**



who has this year completed his BSc in Sport and Exercise Science at the University of Swansea. He returned to Swansea in September to start a Masters degree in Accounting and Finance. Both were able to answer questions on what university life is like; from the application process to the courses they were studying.

Noah Murray (P C 2019) and Charlie Leach (R 2019)



Head of Sixth Form, **Major Matt Archer**, invited recent OWs to deliver sessions on their university experience as part of the Year 12 Life Skills Programme. The opportunity to deliver these talks were cut short with the start of the March Lockdown but we did manage to squeeze in a session with **Noah Murray** and **Charlie Leach**.



Noah and Charlie were both in their first year studying Engineering; Noah is at the University of Birmingham and Charlie is at the University of Bristol. Both gave an in-depth insight into early university life; from what to expect of university Open Days, the grade offers they had received to the societies and sports they are involved with. Noah has taken up American Football and Charlie is enjoying being involved with Space Universities Network. He is a Co-ordinator for them and is organising a series of webinars with space industry professionals.

John May (W 1982) Tristram Southgate (J SH 1982), Jonathan Crosser (J W 1985), Richard Chatham (P J H 1963), Vicki Watson (HE 1991) and Rupert Harris (W 1983)

The six OWs experienced in recruitment and selection represented a range of industry sectors and were invited to Wycliffe to assess and give feedback to Year 12 pupils who are honing their career presentation skills as part the Wycliffe Aspire Programme. Each pupil chooses a career they are interested in and considers suited to their abilities, and then makes a short professional presentation.

The range of careers covered in this year's presentations included Creative Writer, Game Art Designer, Stunt Performer and Business, Engineering and Finance.

In December of this year, just as this magazine was being finalised, 11 OWs kindly took part in Year 11 Virtual Mock Interviews. An annual event to develop pupils interview skills and techniques.

# Remembrance Sunday

November 2020

The Wycliffian Society wreath at College's special pre-recorded Service of Remembrance was laid this year by **Ian Russell** (Current Staff and P R 1994 – 2004).

We remember all those OWs who have lost their lives in conflict, particularly the 66 OWs who died in World War II in this the 75th anniversary year of VE day and VJ Day.

Poignant amongst those OWs who died were the three **Meikle** brothers; **Ian** (SH 1933 – 1938), **David** (J SH 1933 – 1941) and **Colin** (J SH 1933 – 1941). The brothers joined Wycliffe together in September 1933 and were all killed in

combat during the Second World War. In remembrance of them, we have three memorial chairs - the Meikle Memorial Chairs - which are housed by the altar in Wycliffe's Chapel.

**The service is available to watch online here: <https://www.wycliffe.co.uk/remembrance/>**



## Honorary Wycliffians

The Wycliffian Society this year welcomed the following new Honorary Members of staff who have each dedicated 10 years' service to Wycliffe.

We would like to thank you sincerely for your dedication and tireless work:

**Ingrid Chiene, Darren Davies, Sofia Davis, Melody Herbert, Ross Irwin,**

**Miguel Martinez, Kevin Patrick, Catherine Yates.** We also welcome **Mrs Helena Grant** as a new Honorary Member in her role as Head of the Prep School.

We were unable to hold our annual Pimms in the Pavilion event in June but look forward to them all joining us for the event in 2021.



Sofia Davis, Ross Irwin, Mrs Helena Grant, Ingrid Chiene

## TWS Drinks, Swansea

5th March 2020

OWs met up in Swansea for an under 25s drinks event.

L:R **Luke Whitmarsh** (H 2016), **Rohan Easby** (P C 2015), **Jack Evans** (C L 2016), **Charlie Richards** (C 2016), **Tom Kendell** (P C 2017), **Ben Richards** (P 2015).



## Wycliffe College Carol Service

We were not able to gather as usual for this year's TWS Service of Nine Lessons and Carols. However, we were delighted to share a special virtual Wycliffe College service; Prep School, Senior School and The Wycliffian Society.

Readers and choirs came together from

across College. Representing TWS, **Matthew Cole** (P C 2011 – 2020) read the 7th Lesson and **Lucy Parker** (P HE 2007 – 2017) sang 'O Holy Night' by Adolphe Adam for the opening music.

**The service is available to view online here: [www.wycliffe.co.uk/carol-service/](http://www.wycliffe.co.uk/carol-service/)**

# TWS Awards - where are they now?

2020 has presented significant challenges for all recent Wycliffe leavers. OWs at university are mostly receiving online lectures and seminars. First year students have the additional challenge of trying to establish a social life with little chance of meeting new students outside of their accommodation.

The Wycliffian Society Award is now in its fifth year of being awarded. Open to any Year 13 pupil, the Award takes the form of a grant that gives £9,000 over three years to a pupil going to university who may not otherwise be able to afford to study in full-time higher education.

A panel of TWS Management Committee review the applications and applicants present to the panel on how the grant will help them at university and what they would hope to give back to The Wycliffian Society in terms of support to The Society.

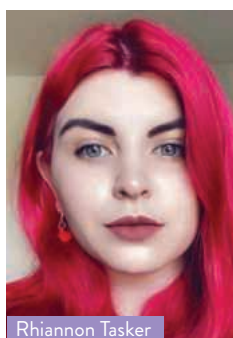


Stephanie Wynn

Following the completion of her BA in 2019, **Stephanie Wynn** (C L 2016) then moved to Fitzrovia, London and began an MSc degree in Art, Law and Business with Christies Education. She finished this earlier in 2020 and has since started a placement with Christies in their Rare Book and Manuscript department.

Our 2017 winner, **Rhiannon Tasker** (P IG L 2017) is now in her final year at Swansea studying a joint Law and Criminology degree.

“2020 has been a very eventful and confusing year for everyone. The lack of social interaction was hard for me, as I know it was hard for a lot of people. Luckily, I had the opportunity to work



Rhiannon Tasker

at Tesco doing night work, something I had not done before. This gave me a new experience in retail as well as keeping me busy during lockdown,” said Rhiannon.

This September lectures and seminars are online and she has even acquired a pet snake! Her future plans are evolving and this final year allows her time to look at the options available to her.

**Max Edgson** (P R L 2018) this year comes to the end of his BA in Politics, Philosophy and Law at Warwick. University has been an exciting time of exploring opportunities for Max; considering careers in Law, Public Relations and Business. He looks forward to working hard for the rest of the year on his startup, which was recently accepted onto the Warwick Incubator programme. Exciting times ahead for Max!



Max Edgson

**Sophia Rai** (P HE 2019), our 2019 winner, is in her second year at the University of Worcester studying Biomedicine. She joined us for our Futures Fair in early March 2020 and was on hand to answer pupil questions about university life.



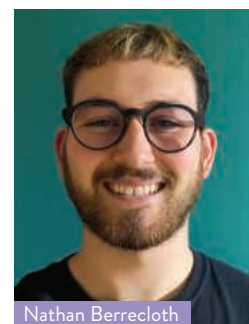
Sophia Rai

She is taking a wide variety of modules this year and says “On average the second-year students have 8-10 hours contact time with each module and we are expected to

a spend a further 108 hours engaged in online learning, reading and assessments. The course has been adapted well; lectures are online and practicals are still in person with strict social distancing measures in place. I’m currently researching my dissertation proposal in the area of Cardiovascular system.”

“In my spare time, I have joined the cheerleading society and I’m working part-time as a barista which I thoroughly enjoy.”

**Nathan Berrecloth** (C 2020) is this year’s TWS Award Winner. He began studying Computer Science at the University of Birmingham in September.



Nathan Berrecloth

“It was with great surprise and gratitude that I read the email from TWS earlier this year. My degree programme includes a sponsorship in the form of a degree apprenticeship with PwC that covers; summer placements, a 3rd year placement, a salary and a guaranteed job offer if a 2:1, or higher, is achieved. Although I have endeavoured to make the fullest possible start to my life here at Birmingham it hasn’t been without its challenges. The course is solely online, much of which is pre-recorded content. Away from the ‘virtual’ lecture theatre almost all societies that are running are online, with the exception of a handful of sports including, luckily for me, rugby. This means I’m able to train three times a week with a similar, but socially distanced, programme to normal years. This offers welcomed and limited chances to speak to different people in a time when it’s very hard to meet others and make new friends.”

# Showing true resilience

by Nick Gregory

Whatever else any of us might have to say about the past nine or ten months, they have certainly – for everyone single one of us - been different. And those of us at Wycliffe have been no exception to this.

For many families across the UK these very different times have included bereavement and the enormous emotional upheaval that of course accompanies this; we have experienced this at Wycliffe too but with numbers that can be counted on fingers rather than on a widespread level.

The response of our Common Rooms (both Prep and Senior) to the challenge of delivering the Summer Term's education 'remotely' (we called our version 'Directed Learning') was truly outstanding – our pupils were exceptionally fortunate through May and June to have so many committed and dedicated people prepared to assimilate at great speed a number of new skills and then re-frame how they delivered teaching-and-learning.

And then the 'physical' return of all of us to school in September brought trepidation for many (I admitted to one of the few sleepless nights of my Headship so far) but then very quickly enormous relief and gratitude as routines became re-established, relationships were reignited and the simple enjoyment (social as well as



academic) of being 'back at school' kicked back in.

Ninety-five per cent of pupils have been able to be physically present (and with a new-found or renewed appreciation for their education) with just 5% around the world choosing to 'wait-and-see' and access their lessons remotely; singing in Chapel has been much missed but daily, year-group assemblies can still take place; inter-school Hockey fixtures were possible before the 'New National Restrictions' of

November but competitive Rugby could be 'touch' only'; and we have had fewer than two handfuls of positive Covid cases (across a community of c. 1,000 staff and pupils), leading to organisational and medical challenges but no lasting health impacts nor seriously detrimental or irrecoverable consequences to anyone's education. All of that said: roll on 2021, roll on a vaccine and roll on an optimistic hope that we might be back far closer to full normality by March or April!

House Drama 2020 was staged but in a different way



## Taking change in our stride

by Maddy Palmer, Head of School

The new academic year came with an eagerness to be firmly back amongst friends and to regain familiarity. The Wycliffe community have adapted fantastically and with good spirit to the many changes in routine that the return to 'normality' has brought.

Pupils have taken changes in their stride and are thriving in all aspects of school life. Adaptation, innovation, and positivity have become the solution to potential setbacks. Year group 'bubbles' have enabled a sense of solidarity that has resulted in stronger bonds between peers. A new 'normal' has been established within the student body and it is one of unity.





School Prefects for 2020

# There's no stopping us

Senior pupils and staff demonstrated true resilience throughout 2020. They are tackling every challenge with creativity and true Wycliffe pioneering spirit.

Here are just a few of the highlights:

**Virtual Sports Programme:** Throughout the first lockdown Wycliffe Sports offered a broad range of games for Senior and Prep pupils alike. Each day there was a variety 'live' of activities run through Microsoft Teams by external professionals and Wycliffe games staff. Each week the Sports Department published a new workout on the Wycliffe YouTube channel.

**Art online:** The Art Department ran a whole school drawing activity to encourage everyone to connect visually with their environment during lockdown. Themes have included Through the Window, Chairs, Tools and Shoes. The best response was for Through the Window, which had some fascinating responses from all over the world.

**Chemistry:** The Chemistry Department, during the Summer Term, delivered a series of "extra" classes to help Year 11 pupils prepare for their A Levels and Year 13 prepare for University.

**Virtual Houses:** The House spirit shone throughout the Spring lockdown. Every House had weekly online 'catch-ups' for the year groups and as a whole House as well as many competitions such as 'Bake-

off at home', 'Where in Wycliffe?' and 'Who's pet is this?' Houses also took part in the Loo Roll Challenge video.

**Young Enterprise:** The Young Enterprise team Colour Bloom won the 'Special Area Manager Award for Resilience in 2020' due to the persistence of the team to finish the competition despite many team members having to leave the country due to the pandemic, to return to their home countries.

**Community spirit:** Over the Easter break the resident staff and families raised more than £2,600 for NHS Charities Together in the Wycliffe 12 for 12. They ran for 12 consecutive hours, as a residential community, to symbolise the length of time of an average NHS shift.

**Duke of Edinburgh's Awards:** In 2020 Wycliffe DofE participants gave

1,469 hours of volunteering in their local community, spent 1,326 hours learning a new skill and 1,599 hours taking part in a physical activity. As part of their Bronze Award some Year 9 pupils participated in an International conference on sustainability. Despite the exceptional circumstances of the past eight months five Year 13 pupils achieved their Gold.

**Drama:** The 2021 Drama production, 'Looking Back, Moving Forward', will reflect on the year that was. Pupils are working in individual year group bubbles to create pieces of Theatre and Music that focus on the world we live in. This will include an NHS tribute and responses to the Black Lives Matter Movement. Overall, over 70 pupils are taking part either onstage or offstage. While it will be not staged in the usual way, the Department is exploring how it will be done virtually.



Sports captains for 2020

# My first term is a joy

by Helena Grant, Head of Wycliffe Prep

There are some times in life when you know that you are in the right place at the right time.

When first appointed in October 2019 as the new Prep Head I was blessed to have a significant handover with **Adrian Palmer** which meant that by the time I started in August 2020, I felt I already had a good grasp of the ethos of the school and all that it has achieved.

Not least within that was the way in which the Prep School staff rose up to Directed Learning during lockdown – there were still Sports Days and concerts and quizzes and House competitions! The creativity and the determination of all the teachers to strive to ensure our pupils still felt part of this community was truly commendable.

September then came with the multitude of precautions we put in place to keep our pupils, staff and parents safe – and at the end of the Autumn term we are lucky that we have escaped many of the significant disruptions that many other schools have had to deal with.

The Prep is a truly special part of Wycliffe – the Nursery children now being part of the main site means that we have that sense of continuity and they are just so cute and little when they come out to join us for events such as Remembrance and the Literature Festival which we celebrated



this term. They add a real sense of journey to the school.

The teachers at the end of this term are tired – but it is that sense of tiredness which comes from having gone the extra mile to make sure our pupils have had the most fantastic term. We look forward to the Spring term and all that that brings – lighter evenings, lambs and maybe, just maybe, some chocolate eggs!

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## Prep rises to the challenge

The Prep School has been as busy and thriving as ever during the year as pupils and staff found innovative ways to learn, explore and develop.

Here are just a few of the highlights:

### Wycliffe Literature Festival:

The entire school celebrated the joy of reading by staging its first ever Literature Festival. There were author talks, a book trail where children looked for 15 creative installations to work out the book or story they represented

and an outdoor ‘story shack’ where pupils were entertained with some live storytelling.

**Music goes on:** During the first lockdown individual Music lessons moved online, and an incredible 74 pupils took up this new way of learning. Within just a few weeks of lockdown, Year 3 contributed to a virtual concert, to be shared with family and friends. The annual Summer concert became a virtual event. Since September there

have been more virtual concerts with the choirs and orchestra becoming year groups so pupils can remain in their bubble but still make music with others.

**Virtual Sports Day:** Pupils were set 12 events to participate in throughout the morning, receiving a point for their House with every score they submitted and an extra point if they submitted a photo or video. The events were designed so they would be accessible to all, using limited space and equipment



that could be adapted. A total of 201 pupils took part, a fantastic result.

During the Autumn term, all years regular midweek fixtures have been replaced with extensive coaching sessions. This has allowed the pupils to develop at their own speed with a focus on player-led sessions.

**Expedition Day:** Year 8 spent their Expedition Day giving some of their energy to clearing areas at the School ready for future use. They spent time in the Forest School area, the old garden centre, helping the Estates Manager paint lines on the pitches and tending flower beds during their Ground Force Expedition Day. Year 4 explored Woodchester Park as their Expedition Day while Year 5 staged a Mr Tumnus Tea Party and Year 6 journeyed to Selsley Common.

**Language Day:** In the Autumn term,

pupils enjoyed speaking and hearing a myriad of languages during the School's European Day of Languages. The day gives everyone an opportunity to value and promote all languages and cultures in Europe (but not just those from Europe), raising awareness of the importance of language learning and intercultural understanding.

**Prep Boarding:** Prep Boarding goes from strength to strength. Throughout the year, regardless of the lockdowns, Wycliffe provided a safe and happy environment for boarders. One of the highlights of the Autumn term was the Harry Potter weekend. Boarders competed in a Harry Potter themed quiz, played quidditch on the sports field and made magic slime. The weekend was such a success that every Tuesday is now Harry Potter night.

**Eco Warriors:** The Pre-Prep Eco Club

learned all about Planet Earth in the Autumn term and what we as humans can do to look after it. Concerned about the amount of litter they had seen, the children completed a litter pick at school, tidying up the campus before open day. The children took a tour of the classrooms to see which teachers were wasting energy and electricity by not turning off lights or computers at the end of the day. They now have a 'naughty list' and will continue to monitor staff throughout the year.



# OWs in Charity

Covid-19 has impacted charities across the world as many saw their donations fall when fundraising events were cancelled. We know many OWs stepped up to row, run, cycle or walk to raise vital funds for charities of their choice. Below we share a selection of these:



Rob Camm

In the summer **Rob Camm** (C 2012) took on a 16.25 mile rowing challenge on a custom-made rowing machine. This was in a bid to cover the equivalent distance of the Gloucester/Sharpness Canal to raise much needed funds for Neurokinex, a charitable trust whose specialist spinal cord injury rehab services have been vital for Rob.

Rob was a keen rower at school and achieved his 1st VI Rowing Colours; spending many hours on the canal with his school team friends. A car accident at the age of 19 left him paralysed from the neck down and dependent on a ventilator. He can only move his head and shrug his shoulders so rowing is a massive effort.

Rob has so far raised a phenomenal £11,600. If you would like to support Rob's fundraising, please visit [www.justgiving.com/fundraising/rob-camm2](http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/rob-camm2)

Like many people in the United Kingdom, 81 year old **Peter Daniels** (P J H 1957) found enjoyment in walking this year, culminating in a challenging 15 mile walk

along a hilly section of The Cotswold Way from Painswick to Cheltenham.

Prior to Lockdown in March of this year, Peter had enjoyed going to the gym to row three times a week (you may remember he broke the world record for indoor rowing last year!) so not being able to do this during the Lockdown he decided to go for walks instead. His walk raised much needed funds for the Sue Ryder Leckhampton Court Hospice in Cheltenham. If you would like to support Peter donations would be welcome: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/peter-daniels5>

More details here: <https://www.sueryder.org/news/81-year-olds-15-mile-walk-for-sue-ryder>

In August **David Pollard** (SH 1964) and fellow members of The Rotary Club raised some £11,500 for Cornwall Mind and other charities by walking the whole of the Cornish part of the South West Coastal Path - approximately 292 miles. He hastens to add "I personally didn't walk the entire length! It was split into sections and



David Pollard

I volunteered to walk the stretches that turned out to be the most difficult - the undulating high cliffs of North Cornwall between Port Isaac and the border with Devon.

The weather, as to be expected, was mixed but he found the walk a great way to socially distance from the crowds on the beaches. His own rotary club, Truro Boscawen, who devised the project raised some £2,500.

In aid of St David's Hospice Care, **Michael Hine** (P J S 1965) laced up walking boots for his Rotary Club too. Michael, who is a trustee of the hospice, walked 10km in May of



Michael Hine

this year from Wales to England and back across the Severn Bridge to complete the challenge. Collectively, his Club raised £10,000 for St David's Hospice Care.

Michael says of the walk "The bridge was unusually quiet as it was a Sunday, and the UK Lockdown was in full flow. Only lorries seemed to be using it for essential, mainly food, transportation."

**Ed Tinwell** (L 2012) with fellow OWs took on a challenge to cycle the diameter of the world in June to raise awareness and money for Mind, the mental health charity.

If you would like us to feature a fundraising activity you have taken part in, please get in touch with

[TWS@wycliffe.co.uk](mailto:TWS@wycliffe.co.uk)

# OWs' memories shared

**Dr Philip Bell (J H 1968 – 1976)**

An interview with **Dr Philip Bell (J H 1968 – 1976)**. His passion for sport, ignited at School, led to a fascinating career in Sports Medicine.



“Today, I am a doctor and my speciality is Sport and Exercise Medicine. I started off as a General Practitioner, before specialising. Inactivity and unhealthy eating are major causes of morbidity due to non-communicable disease. The exercise pill has a major role to play in reducing obesity, type 2 diabetes, osteoarthritis, dementia, cancers, such as breast and bowel, and cardiovascular disease. It’s often difficult to get people to take it!

I was in the Junior School, as a dayboy from 1968 - 1972. **Dick Stoker** was the Headmaster, and **Roger Kirby** was my Housemaster and I then went on to Haywardsfield House, in the Senior School. **Richard Roberts** was Headmaster, and **Jack Parry** was my Housemaster. My brother, **Andy**, a very fine fast bowler, was two years behind me, and my sister, **Gilly**, two years ahead (she was one of the first girls in the Sixth Form).

I studied Mathematics, Biology and Economics at A level, and decided to do medicine half-way through. Fortunately, a number of universities provided a 1st MB course in those days, so I was able to do Physics and Chemistry when I got there.

I loved the opportunity to try lots of things, and Wycliffe gave me that. Not just on the sports field. I enjoyed expedition days, trips to Dartmoor and Snowdonia, the school plays and CCF exercises and camps. I remember time spent in a sleeping bag on the 1st X1 cricket pitch, and swimming in the

Chapel pond.

There were some great teachers at Wycliffe and I suppose the one who inspired me most was **Roger Kirby** who gave me football, cricket and the mountains.

On leaving Wycliffe I studied Medicine at Sheffield University Medical School.

Sport was always a big part of my life. Andy and I both played cricket for Stroud (they were the strongest local club, playing on the best pitches against the strongest opponents, so that was the place to go), and football in Bristol with Clifton St Vincents, where Roger Kirby was Chairman.

In my job I have travelled to South Africa, India and Pakistan with the England Cricket Team, have looked after the players at twenty Wimbledon, and spent years looking after pre-professional ballet dancers at the Royal Ballet School in Covent Garden, and professional footballers at Derby County F.C.

I have loved my career in medicine and was fortunate to find a speciality which was very practical and enthused me. It goes very quickly, and I have to pinch myself sometimes. I never stop learning (time to pack it in if you do). For me the most important attributes are compassion and empathy if you are patient facing. They sustain you, and I would never go on strike. I have been fortunate to work with amazing friends and colleagues, who support you when you are away from family, or when things go wrong.”

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**Simon Holloway (W 1964 – 1968)**

“During my time at Wycliffe, every student was encouraged to belong either to the Combined Cadet Corps or the Scouts. I chose Scouts, as I was already a member of the Scout movement from my Prep School in Bristol and had already completed the equivalent of Bronze DofE. The Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme was still fairly new when we enrolled and we did the activities alongside our Queen’s Scout award training. The teamwork, development of initiative, willingness to take calculated risks, planning well, budgeting and learning the basics of First Aid have all stood me in good stead for the Adventures of Life. I have not tried out Extreme Survival in the style of Bear Grylls, the current Chief Scout, but certainly Scouting at Wycliffe opened many doors for adventures which we would not have had otherwise and gave us confidence to try new things, meet new people, develop resourcefulness and visit unexplored places. Whilst at school we undertook Cross-Country skiing in Norway (1966), Winter Survival Training in Aviemore (1967), Hiking in the Black Forest (1967), Corsicadventure (1968). **Andy Gardner** (J W 1968) also represented our District Scouts at the World Jamboree in 1967. Just after leaving Wycliffe, Andy and I undertook an Adventure in France, assisted by a travel grant from the College. A detailed account of our travels can be read on the TWS website.

Andy became an Engineer while I was called to become a Priest in the Church of England in predominantly challenging areas.”

To read the full interviews and other OW Memories, please visit our website.

If you would like to submit a ‘Memories’ piece or you have an inspiring story to tell, please get in touch with [TWS@wycliffe.co.uk](mailto:TWS@wycliffe.co.uk)

# Wycliffe set me up for life

**Dr Camilla Pang** (IG 2005 – 2010) had her first book published in March. *Explaining Humans* is a work on science / psychology.

It is a memoir about someone with autism (Dr Pang) who uses the lenses of Science to understand and model human behaviour.

Dr Pang holds a PhD in Bioinformatics from University College London (UCL) and works as a postdoctoral scientist.

“I am a scientist by day at a pharmaceutical company, where I work with machine learning and data science to find novel therapeutics in immunity and neurological based diseases such as epilepsy, cancer, Parkinson’s and Alzheimer’s Disease, and rheumatoid arthritis. At night (and weekends), I am a writer and autism advocate.”

“I always loved science, in fact it was my means in which I survived and understood my peers and navigated life.”

Dr Pang, who was diagnosed with Autistic Spectrum Disorder (ASD) at the age of eight, says the Special Needs support she received at Wycliffe was outstanding.

“The teachers didn’t try to squeeze me into a certain shape but found value in what I had to offer in both Art, Science and Music, and also as an autistic human,” she said.



“They were always very keen to jump on opportunities where I could show my potential, nurturing confidence and a natural freedom of thought - an imperative part of my evolution that is still valuable to this day.”

Among her fondest memories of Wycliffe were the evenings.

“It was the evening engagements, such as the choir and the after-school side projects, that were buffeted like free biscuits which formed some of my favourite times. It provides a time and place to just be creative, relax, and communicate, which not only comes in handy for your work, but also for your sanity as a human in later adult life.

“Wycliffe set me up for life in enabling me to shine in the things I loved without judgment and develop an all-round confidence and knowing what I need as an adult.”

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The teachers didn’t try to squeeze me into a certain shape but found value in what I had to offer in both Art, Science and Music, and also as an autistic human.

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## Richard Smythe (W 1950 – 1955)

Looks back and remembers the immense freedom they had in the post-war years at Wycliffe to explore and take risks. He wonders “Do many boarding schools now say to their charges, ‘It’s going to be a nice day tomorrow, so we’ll make it a holiday. Go off into the countryside, bike or on foot, enjoy yourselves and gain a new experience?’” From boating in Tewkesbury to cycling to Bristol and climbing the limestone caves of the Avon Gorge.

After school, Richard settled on a

career in teaching and finished as Head of Music for a secondary school in Telford. He still plays the piano and flute locally and assists at his nearby primary school. His love of teaching was nurtured at Wycliffe by those who gave such good care and shared their experience; particularly his Wards Housemaster, **Mr Wilden Hart**, and **Mr R B Evans** of Haywardsfield who taught him Geography. As well, his love of music from the **Rev T S Dixon** who “ran a never-ending annual round of Gilbert and Sullivan productions, choirs and concerts.”

## Douglas MacMillan (W 1955 – 1960)

The seeds of both his careers were planted at Wycliffe. After a career as an ENT surgeon to pay the bills, he has then become an unpaid, but very fulfilled, musicologist; acquiring three doctorates, writing three books, and publishing over thirty articles. Of lockdown he feels as an academic he was well prepared “I am accustomed to spending hours on my own, staring into my laptop and practising the recorder. Fortunately I have been able to get out for decent walks in the countryside: no running for me, though, remembering that on compulsory cross-country runs at Wycliffe I usually walked...”

# Morris dancing and 'folk' Art

Successful freelance illustrator and 'folk' artist **Alex Merry** (P I G 1986 – 1997) talks about her life including her start at Wycliffe through the 'assisted place' bursary scheme.

I joined the Prep School in 1989 after winning an 'assisted place' for which I sat nerve-racking exams along with my brother and sister. I was also awarded a music scholarship which made it possible for me to continue my piano lessons.

I don't think there was any activity, course or lesson, that I disliked at Wycliffe. I soaked up pretty much everything that I could do; I loved learning and there was an incredible variety of subjects and activities on offer. I remember it being hard to narrow down my choices for A Levels, but I finally settled on Art, History of Art and Music. This excitement and diversity of interest has certainly filtered into my adult life.

My A-Level teachers really stand out as having supported me through that intense time. **Mr Hubbard** and **Mrs Mason** in the Art Department and **Mr Swain**, **Miss Lee** and **Mr Webb** in the Music Department were all fantastic.

I left with straight As and initially went to study History of Art at York University but soon realised that I should be doing practical art so moved back to Stroud and enrolled on an Art Foundation Course. This led to me finally graduating from the University of the West of England with a First in Illustration.

To support myself after graduating I had a few different jobs to pay the bills before I got a job at Damien Hirst's company, Science Ltd. I was part of the large team of artists that make his work which is sent to shows and art buyers across the world. After seven years, I was in the position of assistant managing one of his studios in London, but it ended up killing off my own creative practice, so I left London and moved home to Stroud. I began working for Darbyshire framing company and got back into my own painting – finally being able to go fully freelance four years ago.

My parents have had a profound impact on my career. From their support and encouragement to the 'folk' community of which they are part. I'm far more excited



by folk/outsider art and craft than by the money-orientated, swanky gallery world and I am now part of the Boss Morris dance group - an all-female group.

The vibrant creative community of Stroud is very special. My Dad was the local vicar in Stroud, so we grew up with a strong feeling of being connected to the community and I still feel that today. Despite 2020 being a challenging year, the jobs have kept coming and my working day has remained similar. The street we live on has formed a creative collective to help support each other and our local pub, The Prince Albert in Rodborough, has been incredible.

Every commission or project brings something new with it and for me that's part of the joy of being a freelance artist. Perhaps my most high-profile commissions have been with Gucci. It's been a very formative experience and they're an amazing company to have worked for.

From dancing on stage dressed as a sheep at The Royal Albert Hall with the band

Belle & Sebastian, to wearing my Morris kit whilst working on murals I designed at the Gucci Garden in Florence....the list of surreal things I have done are endless! I'm attracted to the weird, wonderful, eccentric and love life's 'magic' makers.

I would be happy to help a pupil or recent leaver interested in pursuing a career in the arts. My advice would probably be to stick faithfully to what interests you, don't feel pressure to create perfection, just get making and connect with other artists to build a community that best supports and encourages you.

**To read the full interview with Alex Merry and to see more of her work, visit our website 'Memories' section. Alex's own website is [www.alexmerryart.com](http://www.alexmerryart.com)**

# We bid a fond farewell to staff

2020 saw us bid farewell to a number of Honorary OW, long-serving, members of school staff; many of whom have retired. We wish them well in the future and thank them for their loyalty over their collective 250 years' service to the College.



Jean Bloodworth

**Lampeter Matron, Mrs Jean Bloodworth (Hon OW 1990 – 2020)**

retired this autumn for a well-deserved rest. In 30 years of service across the College, Jean worked in both the Prep School and the Senior School as Matron of Windrush, Loosley Halls and then finally Lampeter House. She was extremely kind and generous and had a very positive impact on the lives of those she worked with and the pupils she looked after.

**Mrs Anna Britton-Lewis (Hon OW 2003 - 2020)**

left the Senior School where she was a Science Technician.

**Mrs Judith Bourne (Hon OW 1997 - 2020)**

retired from her position as Assistant Accountant after 23 years at the College. She is looking forward to spending more time with her family.

**Mr Robert Britton (Hon OW 2007 – 2020)**

has retired from driving as part of the College's Transport Team.



Christine Brown

**Mrs Christine Brown (Hon OW 2002 – 2020)**

retired this summer from the Prep School. She had been Head of MFL and taught countless numbers of children French and German and had been Head of Lincoln for a number of years. She had also been a hugely successful and respected Netball coach, a sport she still plays herself. For those who had the privilege of working with Mrs Brown, she was one of the most loyal, professional and dedicated teachers in the profession. She will be sadly missed.

Mrs Brown is looking forward to having the time to write; including perhaps a children's novel, set in the South of France, which, she says "will necessitate some extended visits when the current situation allows". Her love of languages continues, and she has embarked on learning Portuguese, in the hope that she will be able to converse with her future daughter-in-law's family in Brazil.

**Mr Ian Dollins (Hon OW 1983 – 2020)**

came to Wycliffe as a Visiting Singing Teacher. A skilled and dedicated teacher who will be missed by colleagues and pupils; he retired this autumn.

After 18 years' service as Wycliffe's Catering Manager, **Mrs Judith Johnson (Hon OW 2002 – 2020)** retired in March. She made the daily catering requirements of College look effortless.

TWS are very grateful for her significant contribution at all our in-house events – whether it was the fantastic selection of cheese and wine on offer after TWS Carol Service, the delicious buffets on Wycliffian Days over the years or the one-off events like our Armed Forces Dinner in 2015. She was a pleasure to work with.

**Mrs Jane Lewis (Hon OW 2001 – 2020)**

leaves as Senior Nurse in



Jane Lewis

the Medical Centre and has taken up a new role with the Gloucestershire NHS Immunisation Team.

**Mrs Dawn King (Hon OW 1997 – 2020)**

was a member of the School Housekeeping staff for over 20 years where she worked in Haywardsfield House. Dedicated, liked by the boys; she will be greatly missed by her colleagues.

**Mrs Caroline Marsh (Hon OW 1997 – 2020)**

retires from managing the Wycliffe Nursery.

**Mrs Elizabeth Shearer (Hon OW 2009 - 2020)**

was a part time teacher in the Lower Prep School for many years and worked as an exam invigilator. She retired to Scotland in the summer.



Elizabeth Shearer



**Mr & Mrs Adrian Palmer**  
(Hon OW 2003 – 2020)  
retired this summer after 17  
years leading Wycliffe Prep  
School. Below, excerpts from  
a tribute written by **Ginny  
Jackson** Hon OW & Deputy  
Head 2004 – 2018.

“ Farewell Mr and Mrs Palmer. 17  
years is a long time in anybody’s  
life, but in the life of young people,  
particularly those of Prep School age, it’s  
an eternity. I can honestly say that the  
Palmers have had an impact on thousands  
of young – and not so young – lives that  
will last.

Pupils will remember Mr and Mrs Palmer’s  
Assemblies, their constant support at  
concerts, productions, sports events,  
match teas, on trips and their willingness to  
dress up for those whole-school occasions.  
Their sense of humour and desire to ‘muck  
in’ has been front and centre of school  
life and has influenced the atmosphere  
of the school enormously. Parents have  
valued being able to reach them when they  
needed them, even in the holidays and  
at weekends, as well as feeling confident  
that both Mr and Mrs Palmer knew their  
child as an individual and cared about their  
well-being.

They oversaw many improvements  
to the fabric of the school. From the



refurbishment of the Science and Art  
rooms and swimming pool, and the  
construction of an all-weather pitch, to the  
all-singing, all-dancing versatile teaching  
space, Etheridge Hall, a real statement  
that pulled together their aspirations for  
the school.

As Mr Palmer’s Deputy for 14 years, I  
saw at first-hand how they dove-tailed  
in what they did. Mr Palmer had a very  
clear role and Mrs Palmer filled any gaps,  
often without people knowing, and often  
without the recognition she deserved.  
Most significantly, they share a passion for  
and have dedicated their professional lives,  
to education, and have provided countless  
opportunities for young Wycliffians to  
develop as rounded, community-minded  
and considerate individuals.  
They are an incredibly hard  
act to follow.

Since moving back to their home in  
Wiltshire, and even though they miss the  
children’s happy faces, the Palmers have  
been happily embracing a life without  
school bells or timetables! Between  
them, they have unpacked over eighty  
packing boxes, made garden and home  
improvements, played golf and ‘Zoomed’  
in Pilates, spent long-awaited occasions  
with friends and family, read for pleasure  
and enjoyed lengthy woodland dog walks;  
not only this, one Palmer has painted pet  
portraits while the other has concentrated  
on complex jigsaw puzzles (guess which  
one!).

Both Mr and Mrs Palmer were sad to leave  
in July and were completely overwhelmed  
by the warmth, kindness and generosity  
of past and present pupils, parents, staff  
and those connected in some way with  
Wycliffe Prep. Thank you to everyone.

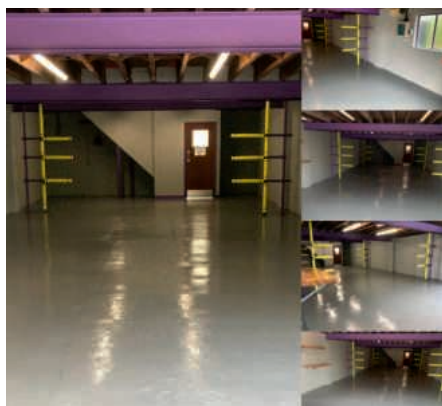
## Sport

### Rowing

The Small Boats Head in December 2019  
and The Big Head in February were both  
very successful events organised by The  
Wycliffe Watermen; generating income  
for the Club with additional revenue from  
refreshments and savings made by taking  
marshalling of the car park ‘in house’.  
However, in common with many sporting  
events this year, The Small Boats Head in  
December 2020 was cancelled.

Despite the challenges of this year, Rowing  
at Wycliffe continues to develop. During  
the spring, **Mr Greg Flower**, Director  
of Rowing at Wycliffe, and his helpers  
voluntarily decorated the inside of the  
Boathouse. It now looks amazing and very  
impressive to visitors and regulars alike.

Please get in touch if you were a rower at  
school and would like to receive Wycliffe  
Watermen rowing newsletters. The  
Watermen exist to support the Wycliffe  
Boat Club. If you were a rower at Wycliffe,  
you automatically become a Wycliffe  
Watermen.



### Football, Netball, Touch Rugby

The March OW fixtures were unable  
to take place this year. However, for  
2021 a special OW Sports day event  
on the afternoon of Saturday 21st  
March is planned; Football and Touch  
Rugby on the Berryfield as well as  
Netball on Ward’s Courts. This will  
all be subject to the Government  
guidelines at the time.

**Please get in touch with TWS@  
wycliffe.co.uk if you would like to  
play as part of any of these sports  
teams. For the OW Touch Rugby,  
we are looking for a squad of 12  
players.**

# OWs Achieve – being bold reaps rewards

Congratulations to **Dr Camilla Pang** (IG 2005 - 2010) who becomes the youngest ever winner of the prestigious Royal Society Science book prize. She is also the first person of colour to do so.

Camilla's debut book, *Explaining Humans*, was published earlier this year. It is a memoir about someone with autism, Dr Pang, who uses the lenses of Science to understand and model human behaviour. Camilla holds a PhD in Bioinformatics from University College London (UCL) and works as a postdoctoral Scientist. She says, "It was a thank you letter to my mum and also a love letter to science, to highlight how understanding and support can change someone's life, by seeing what a person is, as opposed to what they should be." And she hopes the book "will give people that missing link so that they can feel complete enough to take the next step."

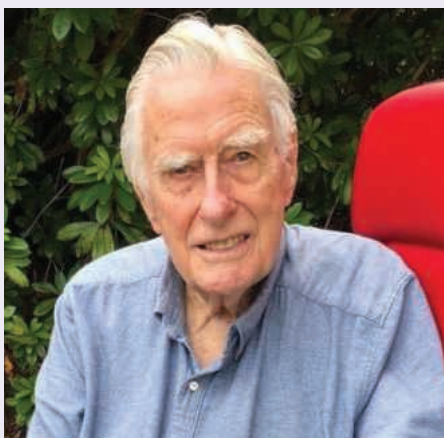


The Royal Society Insight Investment Science Book Prize is intended to "celebrate the very best in popular science writing from around the world". Dr Pang was nominated alongside internationally acclaimed authors including Susannah Cahalan, Jim Al-Khalili and Bill Bryson.

On hearing of her success Dr Pang says "Winning doesn't feel real yet, but it does feel like an incredible honour, to be

up there with people I admire. To have it recognised that I can write, and that people resonate with the book, makes me feel like I have that piece of connection that has always been missing. And that it's OK to feel weird in other parts, because I know that this part will anchor me in feeling human for the rest of my life."

**To read more about Dr Camilla Pang, see OW Memories on page 14.**



**Roger Dixon** (H 1948), at 90 in January, let us know that he's still busy writing. His latest book '*Solomon's Vineyard*' is out now. Roger was first published in 1970 and has written numerous books, radio and television plays, a series for the BBC as well as two musicals!

**Richard Roberts** (Former Head 1967 – 1980) almost in his 90th year has also been writing; publishing, '*Beyond The Bar Sailing Ventures from a Suffolk River*' earlier this year.

It is 40 years since he and his wife, Wendy, left the Head's study at Wycliffe. They have enjoyed a long retirement, some part-time supply teaching in earlier years (an eye-opening experience) a lot of sailing and some writing. Richard says "I count myself extremely fortunate in all this. Wendy became a very proficient bookbinder and restorer when we were in Surrey in the 1980s and continues with this when not gardening and running the household and me!



The published book might interest a few OWs of the 1967-80 vintage, either because they have an interest in sailing or remember a boat parked outside the HM's house and wondered what he got up to then and since."

**Daisy Bing** (C 2017) in pursuit of her dreams gained her pilot license this year. She is part of the RAF Volunteer Reserve Unit - Oxford UAS – and recently took part in a week-long strike exercise at RAFC Cranwell.

Daisy has recently been awarded the Hilda Hewlett Trophy for initiative and commitment in a young female pilot by the British Women Pilots' Association (BWPA). Super news Daisy!



Daisy Bing

Film Director, **Guy Davies** (P W 2009) released his debut film, *Philophobia*. The coming-of-age film, with many scenes filmed locally to Wycliffe, was screened nationwide in the UK; a significant achievement with the challenges that this year has presented to the world of filmmaking and cinema.



Guy Davies

Graduating from her BA in 3D Design and Craft with a First from the University of Brighton **Immy Gray** (P HE 2016) was awarded New Designer of the Year: Environmental Design Award by Creative Conscience & The Business Design Centre this autumn. She has begun working as a Maker for Gomi Designs; a company transforming waste materials into everyday technology products.



Immy Gray



Retired journalist **Peter Cullimore** (J W 1971) this year co-wrote *Saints, Crooks and Slavers*, with this wife, Sue. They turned house detectives and researched the colourful history of their home in Bristol, tracing its history from the 1700s to date, after the house was shortlisted to appear on recent BBC TV history series: *A House Through Time*, presented by David Olusoga.

**If you are interested in buying a copy of any of these books written by OWs, please email [TWS@wycliffe.co.uk](mailto:TWS@wycliffe.co.uk) and we will be happy to assist.**

**David Pollard** (SH 1964) cycled on his electric bike (cheating perhaps?) to see his son in Paris this autumn.

Looking for what he calls a “late life adventure”, he averaged 46 miles a day arriving at the Stade Jean Bouin, HQ of L'Equipe de Rugby Stade Francais, on 1 October, 5 days after leaving London. On returning to the UK David says he “filled in the requisite self-isolation form and lived in our posh shed at the bottom of our garden for the next two weeks. Penance I suppose!”

Epitomising Wycliffe spirit, **Miss Kate Elliott** (current staff and Hon OW 2001 to present) took on a challenge of epic proportions this summer; cycling solo from Land's End to John O'Groats; self-supported and camping out along the way. As well as teaching, Miss Elliott runs the School's Duke of Edinburgh (DofE) scheme with enthusiasm and skill.

Amazingly Kate took just 19 days to cycle the length of Britain: highs and lows throughout the trip and physically exhausting. A thirst for adventure has been kindled, watch this space to see where Miss Elliott goes next.



Kate Elliott

Please let us know of any announcements for The Wycliffian Society Times 2021 issue and Wycliffe Times.

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# The Wycliffian Society Year 2021

## JANUARY

**Tues 5th** Spring Term begins

## FEBRUARY

**Sat 6th** Wycliffe Big Boats Head, volunteers needed to help run the event.  
It is envisaged that social distancing guidelines will be in place.

## MARCH

**Sat 20th** TWS Sports  
2:00pm OW Football v Wycliffe 1st XI, The Berryfield  
2:00pm OW Touch Rugby v Wycliffe, The Berryfield (squad of 12 required)  
2:30pm OW Netball v Wycliffe 1st VII, Ward's Court  
Match tea afterwards, spectators welcome.

**Fri 26th** Spring Term ends

## APRIL

**Mon 19th** Summer Term begins

## MAY

**Sat 1st** TWS Summer Sports  
11:00am OW Cricket v Wycliffe 1st XI, Wycliffe  
2:00pm OW Tennis v Wycliffe  
4:00pm Match tea in the Pavilion

**TBC** TWS Golf Society Spring Meet, location TBC

## JUNE

**Fri 4th** TWS Drinks, The Old Lodge, Minchinhampton, Gloucestershire  
6:30pm – 8:30pm

## JULY

**Sat 3rd** Summer Term ends

## SEPTEMBER

**Thu 2nd** Autumn Term begins

**Sat 11th** Wycliffian Day  
10:30am Registration  
11:00am Tours around campus (morning only)  
12:00pm Drinks Reception & AGM in the Chapel  
1:00pm Lunch in Wycliffe Hall  
Afternoon Watch College play hockey and rugby  
Chapel open with archive displays  
4:00pm Afternoon tea in Wycliffe Hall  
5:00pm Finish

**TBC** TWS Golf Society Autumn Meet, location TBC

## OCTOBER

**Fri 1st** The Edward Harris Cup, Royal Porthcawl Golf Club

**Thurs 7th** TWS Drinks Reception, The RAC Club, London  
6:30pm - 8:30pm

**Sun 24th** Dean Close Sixes, Ladies' Hockey event

## NOVEMBER

**Sat 13th** Armed Forces Dinner - ticketed event for Armed Forces - OWs & Current Parents

**Sun 14th** Wycliffe College Service of Remembrance, Wycliffe Chapel

## DECEMBER

**Sat 4th** Wycliffe Small Boats Head, volunteers needed to help run the event

**Sat 4th** TWS Traditional Carol Service, Wycliffe Chapel  
6:30pm

**Wed 15th** Autumn Term ends

## Are you in the Armed Forces: retired, reservist or currently serving?

Please get in touch with [TWS@wycliffe.co.uk](mailto:TWS@wycliffe.co.uk) or call us on **01453 820439**. We are busy planning an Armed Forces dinner for Saturday 13th November 2021 and want to ensure all those OWs who are connected with the armed forces receive an invitation. More details to follow nearer the time but please 'save the date'.

**FOR FURTHER DETAILS PLEASE VISIT:**  
[www.wycliffe.co.uk/the-wycliffian-society](http://www.wycliffe.co.uk/the-wycliffian-society)

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## For further details on:

The Watermen or getting involved with rowing events - contact Trevor Jones by email:

[rosecottage1818@gmail.com](mailto:rosecottage1818@gmail.com)

A calendar of OW Lodge Meetings can be obtained from Phil Clements by email:

[phil@marinex.co.uk](mailto:phil@marinex.co.uk) or by phone **01453 732035**

**TWS Golf:** Contact Phil Hale and Rob Rennicks by email [owgolf@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:owgolf@yahoo.co.uk).

Events will go ahead subject to the government guidelines in place at the time. For more information and to RSVP for each event please contact the office on [TWS@wycliffe.co.uk](mailto:TWS@wycliffe.co.uk) or phone 01453 820439. (Numbers are required for catering purposes).

See the Events section of The Wycliffian Society website for new events and updates throughout the year.