



The Wycliffian Society Times 2021























A warm hello to you all

2021 has, in words that a football pundit might use, been a tale of two halves. The year began with the school (and most of the country) in a period of further Lockdown and the College returned to remote learning.

Our focus at this time was on supporting our pre-1970 alumni and telephone calls were set up to check in on this section of our network. Where possible, we enabled OW's to reconnect with their contemporaries and it has been lovely to see friendships rekindled. One particular story included two OW's who lost touch, having shared a dormitory in Lampeter nearly 80 years previously!

We hosted out first 'virtual' reunion when members of the Class of 1970 gathered via Zoom. They reminisced about their school days, their last school play, '*Billy Bud*', Scout expeditions and staff they remember.

In July, we welcomed the return of 'live' events with a well-attended 'catch-up' at The Old Lodge, Michinhampton. There was a great turnout at Wycliffian Day in early September - the campus looked stunning, and it was a joy to see so many faces. In October, we held our annual TWS Drinks Reception at The RAC, London, with an excellent turnout from across the alumni network.

In October we said a sincere 'thank you and farewell' to **Vicks Vicary** for all her hard work in the TWS office over the last 4 years. Vicks has moved on to another role in School House so remains very much within the Wycliffe Community. We welcomed **Sara Smalley** to the role of TWS Manager. Sara is already getting stuck in and very much looks forward to getting to know the network. **Matt Bishop** continues in his role as the TWS Administrator.



We look forward to welcoming more of you to our regular events in 2022 and to sharing details of the revamped, new-look archive. We are also looking to welcome two additional committee members onto The Wycliffian Society Committee. If you're interested in finding a way to share your expertise and bring ideas and energy to the Wycliffe Community via TWS Committee, then please email TWS@wycliffe. co.uk to inform the team of your interest and to find out more.

We wish you a very happy and healthy 2022. John Hughes (J H 1953 – 1961) President of The Wycliffian Society

Wycliffe remembers the Duke of Edinburgh

Remembering HRH Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh (1921-2021)

In April this year, we joined with millions of people around the world to remember **HRH Prince Philip**'s life, and the work of the Duke of Edinburgh International Award. In the 65 years since the Duke established the Award, millions of young people, in more than 140 countries, have benefited from his vision. His passion for and dedication to the purpose, meaning and work of the Award, and his formidable ability to persuade people to support it, were unrivalled.

Memories of the Award

John May OBE (W 1977 – 1982), Secretary General of The Duke of Edinburgh International Award



"Let me share with you a simple story of a typical Award journey. There was once a young man who pretty much wouldn't say boo to a goose. Let's call him 'Johnnie'. He was good at lessons, but when it came to sport and things outside the classroom he was useless. He had two left feet and couldn't kick or catch a rugby ball. He tried learning the guitar, but couldn't develop the patience to practise. But he did enjoy working towards his Award.

One afternoon, in preparation for the Award adventurous journey (or expedition as it was known at the time) Johnnie's Scout Patrol were sent on a practice map reading exercise in the fields around his school. Each member of the Patrol took turns in taking the lead and using the map and compass to navigate. When it was Johnnie's turn, he managed to get completely and utterly lost. He knew that he was about to lose face in front of his friends. He was close to tears. His Patrol Leader recognised very quickly what had happened. Instead of bawling Johnnie out, when no-one else was looking, he reached over and, very gently, oriented the map correctly, righted the compass and pointed at the proper place on

the map. And so Johnnie was able to lead the Patrol to the next checkpoint without any of his friends noticing the hideous, embarrassing, appalling mistake he had made.

And Johnnie has remembered his Patrol Leader's little selfless act of leadership ever since. It was an important milestone, probably for both of them. I know, because I am, of course, Johnnie. And I'm still pretty rubbish at map reading.

Now, you and I could draw any number of lessons from that milestone moment and apply them to life's journey. Getting back on track after getting lost. The need to develop new skills, resilience, the right attitudes and positive behaviours.

For me, that afternoon taught me about true leadership, selflessness and compassion. It confirmed in my 14-year-old mind why I loved the Award. And I still do."

Hon OW **Peter Spicer** (1975 – 2003): "Seeing the coverage of the Duke's funeral reminded me of the four times that I met him. I ran the Venture Scout Unit at Wycliffe for many years and I saw many pupils gain their Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards. When a pupil gained their Gold Award, they, and one adult, were invited to Buckingham Palace to receive their award from the Duke. Overseas students, whose parent could not go, allowed the staff to go in their place. I went twice - a great experience!

As I also ran the Sub-Aqua club, we were asked to put on a display for him at Cowley Manor outdoor pool. This happened twice, and on the second occasion, he amazed me when he said to me -" I know you from last time I was here, don't I? " We had a bit of a chat and he was so down to earth and obviously interested in the young people learning a new skill, but since they were all in the pool at the time, I had to speak on their behalf. He will be sadly missed."

Announcements

Congratulations to all from The Wycliffian Society

Births

Hannah Swain (P C 1993 – 2004) welcomed a daughter, Heidi Rose, on 30th July 2021.

Marriages Ed Price (P C 1999-2010), Louise O'Shea

Deaths

Sadly, this year we said goodbye to:

Richard Roberts (Hon OW and Head of Wycliffe College from 1967 - 1980) passed away on 15th February 2021 at the age of 89 after a short illness. Mr. Richard Roberts came to Wycliffe in September 1967 from The King's School. He had a tremendous capacity for work. On leaving Wycliffe, Richard became Head at King Edward's, Witley. Richard is survived by his wife **Wendy**, his three sons, **Jamie, Ralph** and **Don** (who attended Wycliffe Junior School, as it was then known), nine grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Michael Squance (Hon OW and Staff Member 1959 – 1994) passed away on 27th September 2021, aged 86 years. Mike joined Wycliffe in 1959 as a Physics teacher and within a year of his joining he had met and married his wife Joan, who was matron of Ivy Grove. He was promoted to Head of Physics and Head of Science, he was Ward's Housemaster for 13 years between 1969 to 1982, Senior Housemaster, Second Master and, for a term in 1993, Interim Head. He dedicated 35 years of service to Wycliffe and was one of the most respected and well-liked

(HE 2006-2010) who tied the knot in September in front of family and many friends, including OWs.

Alex Burnet Ward (C 2001-2007) married Lily Robertson in October 2021, becoming the Robertson Wards.

members of staff.

David Fysh (Hon OW & Staff Member 1972 - 1995) David was responsible for building up a department independent of the senior school and starting many young and talented musicians on the first step of a career. Several of his pupils graduated to IAPS orchestras, then to the National Youth Orchestra and subsequently became professional musicians. In his twenty years at Wycliffe, David not only taught, acted as a House Tutor in Ryeford Hall, and ran a thriving Scout Group, but he was also responsible for generations of Junior School 'musicals'. David was far from inactive outside the school, despite his intensive involvement within it. For years he was a Parish Councillor; he was a onetime conductor of the Stroud Choral Society and also a Director of the Stroud Festival.

Towards the end of his time at Wycliffe, David was ordained as a Priest by the Bishop of Gloucester and appointed to assist at St. Cyr's in Stonehouse, as well as the Chaplain in Wycliffe's own Chapel, also serving as acting Chaplain during the Summer Term 1994.

Upon leaving Wycliffe he went on to be Priest-in-Charge of the Parish of West Walton in the Diocese of Ely.

To read any obituaries visit: www.wycliffe.co.uk/the-wycliffian-society/announcements/

Trustee Ap<u>pointments</u>

Mr Simon Lloyd (S 1970-1975) as Chair of Trustees and Mr John May OBE (W 1977 - 1982) as a trustee.







Peter Harvey (P J SH 1939 - 1945) John Morgan (J SH 1939 - 1945) Michael Giles (J SH 1945 - 1948) Dr Anthony Hampshire (PSH 1940 - 1948) David Webber (J SH 1940 - 1949) **Ernest Charles** (SH 1946 - 1949) Michael Keene (J H 1943 - 1950) Christopher Rose (H 1948 - 1952) Hilary Young (P J SH 1943 - 1953) John Mathias (J SH 1946 - 1953) Patrick C. Morgan (J S 1948 - 1954) Peter Kolker (J S 1947 - 1955) Michael White (DB 1950 - 1955) Mark Kenchington (P J H 1949 - 1957) Alan Metcalfe (P J SH 1950 - 1957) Richard Alger (J SH 1953 - 1958) Michael Sharples (W 1953 - 1958) **Clive Jones** (J H 1957 - 1963) Lance Waumsley (J SH 1957 - 1965) Richard Freeman (W 1963 - 1965) Martin Bishop (SH 1960 - 1965) Jonathan Case (H 1963 - 1967) Colin Youde (J H 1961 - 1968) Timothy Taylor (S 1964 - 1969) Maxwell Connell (SH 1965 - 1970) Nigel Cartwright (J SH 1965 - 1972) Simon Croft (SH 1968 - 1973) Edward Brooke (W 1972 - 1974) Simon Robbins (J SP 1965 - 1974) Nick Cotton (J SH 1966 - 1976) David Eaton-Smith (H 1963 - 1966) Alan Arthurs (P J W 1952 – 1963)

Susan is ordained

In July 2021, **Susan Manners** (HE 1987-1989) (pictured left) was ordained as a deacon in the Church of England. Susan will be serving her title post (curacy) in the Parish of Stour Downs in the Diocese of Canterbury.

OWs give back to Wycliffe

Once again pupils have been hugely grateful for the help and assistance our alumni have given to support current pupils. Whilst events in the early part of the year needed to be 'virtual', we were delighted that those scheduled later in the year took place in-person.

Wycliffe has a new Careers Manager, **Caroline Hiorns**, who joined us from Badminton School. She has brought huge enthusiasm and determination to the role, with the energy to try new approaches; from Virtual Mock Interviews to an extremely successful Virtual Careers Fair, where pupils were able to listen to a whole host of presenters from across the globe.

- Wycliffe Aspire Presentations Year 12 pupils prepare and give a presentation on their chosen career (February)
- TWS 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

Find out how you can get involved by emailing: TWS@wycliffe.co.uk

Do you need careers help or guidance?

Looking for some help or advice in finding your first job? Are you looking for your next move? Perhaps you're moving country or city and want to connect with OW's?

Join The Wycliffians group on LinkedIn and connect you with fellow alumni who are willing and eager to share their network and experience. If you're a business owner or looking to recruit to your team, you can also share job opportunities with the network.

Highlights from this year include:

Support to Careers Department We were delighted that so many OWs were able to volunteer their time to support the numerous Careers Department activities over the last 12

Virtual Futures Fair (March 2021)

Thank you to OWs **Susie Jackson** (C 2004 – 2009), **Deborah Bryant Pearson** (HE 2007 – 2010), **Sam Dunne** (C 2008 – 2010), **Joe Dunne** (2009 – 2014) and **Aiden Coffey** (P R 2007 – 2017) who took part in Wycliffe's virtual careers fair. The extensive programme gave pupils the chance to explore over 40 different industries including; engineering, apprenticeships, surveying/ real estate, archaeology, digital media, environmental science, languages, finance, HR, University abroad, logistics, nutrition, criminology, law, charity sector and the landscape sector.

As this event was delivered online, the OWs who supported the College for this event were on call from as far away as Mexico, where Susie Jackson is a freelance translator using her love of languages.

More locally based, Deborah would usually be travelling around the South West in her role with Colliers as Associate Director in the Valuation and Advisory Department running the Bristol team. She is also the current Chair of RICS Matrics Bristol & West, an organisation for students undertaking studies which will lead to RICS qualification (as well as those who have recently qualified as Chartered Surveyors).

Sam is a Senior Project Manager in the digital media industry managing the creation of websites and apps used by millions of people. He is currently working for Biglight but is moving to an exciting new role soon. He's worked with some major brands in his time as a Project Manager including; Adidas, The North Face and Premier League.

Joe Dunne works in the growing third

months. As the majority of them were delivered online in the early half of the years, OWs from all around the world were able to contribute to so many of them.

sector for the Motor Neurone Disease Association. He spoke to pupils about what it means to work in the non-profit charity sector in the current climate, how charities and it's workers have adapted to the pandemic, and what the future of campaigning looks like.

Finally, our most recent leaver was Aiden Coffey, a graduate physiologist (human Factors) at Martin-Baker Aircraft Co Ltd. His role focusses on the physiological human factors affecting fast jet aircrew, incorporating physiological considerations into the design process at every level – a role that marries engineering design with physiological expertise.

Careers Opportunity Day (May 2021)



The annual Year 8 Career Opportunities morning in the Prep School for which **Victoria Vicary**, then The Wycliffian Society Manager, had lined up a fascinating programme of OW speakers who all began their Wycliffe journey in the Prep School: **Imogen Gray** (P HE 2005-2016), product design with recycled plastic, **Emily Walker Smith** (P C 1998-2012), reducing food waste and sustainability and **Amanda Price** (P SH 1988-2002), landscape Architect. They were joined by **Andrew Kojima**, renowned local chef and former winner of Masterchef. We are extremely grateful to them all for their time and sharing their route into their present roles.

Students were enthralled by the personal stories illustrating: courage, flexibility, entrepreneurial and pioneering spirit, innovation, passion and huge enjoyment, to name but a few of their many skills and attributes.

The morning was followed by time spent researching different jobs, interview sessions and a fun career exploration card game.

Amanda Price said:

"...I did a conversion course to become qualified as a landscape architect and then once I was working, I became a chartered member of the Landscape Institute, through studying whilst working. For this I had to be reflective on my working practices in relation to the syllabus.

The conversion course was a very useful avenue into landscape architecture. It is available to those who already have work experience or broadly related degrees and cuts the course time down from 5 years study to 2 years.

Chartership is the professional qualification which goes into detail about things like, legislation and contract administration etc. similar to the final stage of RIBA qualification in architecture.



a profession that is in demand so it is relatively easy to find work (in the UK and around the world) and there is a broad range of specialisms available to landscape architects. When I first qualified it was during a recession so the job market was tougher and I started working for a gardening and forestry company but was still able to find work as a landscape architect locally within 6 months of graduating. It was very easy to get on the landscape architecture course. I started within a week of applying and had a good portfolio of work behind me, from my fine art work and a complementary design and analytical degree that was helpful. I was also very experienced at doing interviews by that stage.

I worked my way up in the company quickly but to be honest my progress has stalled somewhat in recent years, and I have reached the glass ceiling in my small company that has 5 directors already in a company of 8/9 employees. I have stayed because I became pregnant with my son (now three years old). I now work from home (largely due to the pandemic but they are happy for me to continue after or do some days at home and some in the office) it works really well with having a young family and my priorities have shifted for the moment to spending more time with them whilst they are young (I have two step daughters who live with us as well), I also have very short commute.

I am now pregnant with my second due in a few months so again it doesn't feel like the right time to move. However, I am frequently approached by recruiters (usually when I'm just about to go on maternity leave!) so I'm sure there are many opportunities for progression out there if the timing was right for me."

Generally, landscape architecture is

Particular thanks for OWs who have been involved in these events over the last year, go to:

Greg Mason (R 2006-2011), Ollie Hart (PH 1983-1993), Shelley Vallance (J IG 1994-2004), Alison Kerr (PP P HE 1995-2011), Alex Gilchrist (P C 2004-



2015), Kevin Jonas, Rachel Parkes, Oliver Capehorn (P C 2000-2010), Chris Wilton, Karen Walker (P HE 1990-1997), John May (W 1977-1982).

And to the following OWs who contribution to the production of video

overviews of their universities and supported a Year 12 Q&A.

Harry Rapley (W 2015-2017, Kirsty Turbott (M 2013-2017), Verity Butler (C 2016-2018), Max Edgson (P R L 2010-2018), Izzy Naish (P IG 2014-2019),



Nathan Berrecloth (C 2018-2020), Olivia Garrard (P HE 2009-2020), Alberto Guerra Martinuzzi (L 2014-2016), Stephanie Wynn (C L 2014-2016), Alex Bolton (P C 2011-2018), Annie Rees (C 2014-2018).



6 SOCIAL Class of 1970 Virtual 50 Year Reunion 22nd January 2021

We didn't want a pandemic to stop our events, so in January gathered together 11 OWs for a Class of 1970 virtual reunion via Zoom. As well as OWs reminiscing about school days; their last school Play - 'Billy Bud' - Scout expeditions and staff they remembered,

they also updated on the intervening years; sailing, golf handicaps, holidays and careers in telecoms, the City, engineering and the medical profession to name a few. At the end email address details were exchanged and connections were renewed, all from the comfort of their own home.





Peter Woolley's Retirement Event

June 2021

To mark Peter's retirement, we were pleased to be able to welcome back as many OWs and Hon OWs that social distancing laws would allow to gather for a beautiful summer's evening barbeque in June.





ex Gilchrist, Tom Allen, Chris Allen, Max Edgson 🛛 💻









Martha Woolley, Jo Woolley, Margie Burnet Ward, Bill Henley, J Broadbank

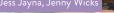


Dorrie Jones, J Frith, Chris Swain, M Scott Bauman, T Jones, D Frith

OW Drinks

6th July 2021, The Old Lodge, Minchinhampton



















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The only constant is change

by Nick Gregory

I think my theme for this evening is that much changes at Wycliffe but much stays the same.

Words taken from Nick Gregory's introduction to the TWS Drinks at the RAC, London, 6th October 2021:

Change? Well, Peter Woolley (Senior Deputy for the last decade and a member of Common Room since the mid-80s) completed his 35th and final year in the Summer; the very sad news reached us of Mike Squance's death aged 86 who, as many of you will know, was one of the College's finest ever servants, working for us between 1959 and 1994; and Brigadier Robin Bacon stepped down as Chair of Trustees after eight years, during which time he replaced the Head, the Bursar and the Prep Head (not all in the same year!) and during which time we have seen our pupils achieve some amazing things, as well as overseeing smart, new buildings like Etheridge Hall at the Prep School and Ward's-Ivy Grove at the Senior School which are just 7 and 4 years old respectively. I am now looking forward very much to working with Mr Simon Lloyd (Head of School from 1975, I think) as we embark on the College's 'next chapter'.

In addition, we have a new Prep Head (our 1st female Prep Head), Mrs **Helena Grant**, with us since September 2020 having joined from Monkton Prep, and doing an outstanding job. And we will soon have a change in our TWS Manager and so a brief but very sincere 'thank you' to Mrs. **Vicks Vicary** for all that she has brought to the role these past three years; we are delighted that she is staying within the College and simply "doing another job". And 'good luck' to Mrs **Sara Smalley** who joins us to take up the reins.

And yet, as I mentioned at the start, Wycliffe is in lots of ways still 'the same': the look-and-feel of the beautiful grounds (enhanced now with a new cricket square for girls Cricket in front of Collingwood); the Chapel as the heart-and-soul of the College; Ryeford and School House still as the core buildings in the respective schools, and a pupil's loyalty to their House remaining a critical part of their 'Wycliffe



identity' and their Wycliffe experience.

GW Sibly called us as he did because he so much admired what he saw as John Wycliffe's 'pioneering spirit' – we are challenging ourselves to strive to encourage and develop 'pioneering spirit' in our pupils of today. That was put to the test by Covid of course, with lockdowns and periods of remote learning, but we



were very proud at the end of that to see this Summer's leavers end up with some great A Level and BTEC results that have seen them bound for an extraordinarily varied range of University destinations including Oxford, Harvard and Berkeley in California - listed in the world's top seven Universities.

I am delighted to tell you that – in spite of Covid - we remain pretty full in the Senior School with at - or around - 410 pupils. Almost all of that is down to the growth in Day pupil numbers (up more than 30% in the past five or six years in fact), mainly from Gloucestershire but with still a few sneaking in from Wales, usually flexiboarding with a few days in-and-out on the school bus and then a couple of days per week in school as flexi-boarders. The Senior School nowadays is 2/3 UK and 1/3 international and 55% Day and 45% Boarding.



Prep School makes the most of RoundSquare opportunities

Prep School Head, Mrs **Helena Grant** provides an update on developments in the Prep School including the appointment of Mr **Andrew Stone**, Deputy Head Academic.



Wycliffe has long espoused the notion of 'pioneering spirit' and a sense of life being an adventure to be explored and relished.

With the term 'Global Citizenship' at the heart of our Vision statement, I felt it may be of interest to you all, Old Wycliffians, to know of some of the new initiatives that we have started in the Prep School to make this baseline philosophy come alive for our pupils.

At the back end of 2020 we became associate members of Round Square, an international organisation of around 200 like-minded schools spread over 50 countries. The similarities between the schools come through a shared ethos promoting character education, in varying degrees depending on context, of six IDEALS.

The six IDEALS stand for Internationalism, Democracy, Environmentalism, Adventure, Leadership and Service – all values which resonate strongly with me as the Prep Head and which are promoted throughout the college in different ways.

With our new Deputy Head Academic, Mr

Andrew Stone, who himself moved from an International School in Chicago to the Cotswolds, we have been utilising the links which Round Square offers.

Year 7 English groups have shared video presentations (autobiographies) with Trivandrum School in Kerala, India, and given and received feedback to each other. They will continue the relationship this term with further speaking and listening opportunities with the pupils.

We have had pupils represent Wycliffe in international conferences online (with the

topic 'How to achieve peace') and meeting other pupils from up to 15 countries online through events called 'postcards'.

In mid-December we joined with six other school in an Art Collaboration and we have one early in January about Young People's Leadership which some of our Prefect body are attending – they have to prepare slides and be ready to discuss their ideas with people they have never met before, and from all over the world! The opening of perspective and development of confidence through situations like this cannot be underestimated.

As we review our curriculum in Years 6 – 8, we are adding an international dimension through some changes in content (for example studying the Silk Road in History) and different ways of learning about world events ('Why is the Armada not taught in the Spanish curriculum?') - again, this

> development of perspective, critical thinking and knowledge of Global influence enriches these young people's education.

I hope that Sibly would have been

proud to see the developments which are taking place – it feels that we are moving in the right direction – holding tight to our roots whilst ensuring that we are modernising and preparing our children for their futures.



10 SOCIAL Wycliffian Day 11th September 2021









David Evans, P Beynon, Mary Horsley, Michael Horsle

New Honorary OWs from OW Day

Simon Lloyd, Nick Gregory

Remembrance Sunday







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TWS London Drinks the Royal Automobile Club London 7th October 2021



TWS Carol Service 6th December 2021



Class of 2021 leave their mark

In July, a group of Year 13 leavers chose to mark the end of their time at Wycliffe by taking on an ambitious physical fundraising challenge in aid of YoungMinds.

Testing the limits of their mental and physical capacity, two teams of four attempted to complete 84.39 km running, 84.39km rowing and 168.78 km cycling.



The pupils chose this charity as it was a cause close to their hearts and because of the great value they saw in the work that they do. Through their incredible efforts, they were able to fly beyond their fundraising challenge in raising more than £1000.

Follow this link to find out more: http://ow.ly/FI3f50FePVR

Phil Hale's charity cycle for Prostate Cancer UK

In August, **Phil Hale** (Hon OW and Staff Member 1980 – 2010), who now jointly runs the OW Golf Society, undertook the Prostate Cancer UK Cycle the Month challenge with the aim of cycling 200 miles during the month.

Phil was diagnosed with prostate cancer and has been undergoing treatment over the last year and wanted to improve his fitness and raise some money for this worthwhile charity, ahead of a prostatectomy.

Through his mammoth effort, Phil successfully raised over £1000 for Prostate Cancer UK Cycle – well done, Phil!





Bruno d'Abo

In January 2021, OW **Bruno d'Abo** (SH 1999 – 2002) was raising money for Alzheimers in support of his mother who is currently struggling with this debilitating affliction.

He writes "My mother suffers from dementia and lives entirely on her own some 3000 miles away in Grand Rapids, Michigan. At a time when I'm not only unable to visit her but also limited in terms of how much physical care I can actually give her, I though running 50 miles in Januarys is a mere token in trying to find ways of treating this hugely punishing and cruel disease. I'm trying to raise £500, for those of you who might be sceptical as to my ability; I have just run 10k this morning and fully intend to hit my target!"

If you'd like to support this worthwhile cause, please donate via: http://ow.ly/ jZXY50D8jmp

If you would like us to feature a fundraising activity you have taken part in, please get in touch with TWS@wycliffe.co.uk

TWS Award

The Wycliffian Society Award is now in it's sixth year and is open to any Year 13 pupil. The award takes the form of a grant and provides £9,000 over three years to a pupil going to university, who may not otherwise afford to study in full-time education.

Charlie Jones (W 2016-2021) TWS Award recipient 2021

Having just started at Durham University in this last week, The Wycliffican Society award is on track to completely transform the university experience that I would have otherwise received. Through the generous support of the Wycliffian Society I have felt considerably less financial pressure to prepare for the next 3 years ahead, able to purchase the necessary materials to comfortably access my degree content and most importantly enrol within catered halls giving me the flexibility and freedom to concentrate on my studies and societies without any other external pressures and worries.

Over the summer I was fortunate enough to be offered a job with English Heritage as an Historic Property Steward at Portchester Castle where I have been heavily involved in the preservation, appreciation and advertising of the site to allow other people to share my passion for history. In addition, a major highlight of my summer was working with the Antiques Roadshow to help steward their filming at Portchester, meeting and supporting experts and behind-the-scenes filming, an



invaluable and rewarding experience which I will remember for many years to come! Receiving the TWS award has empowered my transition towards university life and has reassured me both financially and personally that I will be supported over the next few years and am extremely fortunate to be a member of such a generous organisation.



In September, **Nathan Berrecloth** (C 2018-2020) began his second year at the University of Birmingham. Nathan is studying Computer Science and says:

"Between June and August this year I completed a placement at PwC in Birmingham where I was involved with the Real Estate Data team, over the course of the 2 months I worked on a number of ongoing projects utilising, and improving, my data literacy and programming skills.

I've returned to the University of Birmingham this term to undertake modules in Systems and Functional Programming, and Software Engineering. Being on campus is giving us a chance to make up for lost time after a remote learning environment last year. For the rest of the year, I have several group projects that I'm particularly looking forward to and in my spare time, I've been playing rugby and working towards my black belt in judo."

Max Edgson (P R L 2010-2018) "This year I graduated from Warwick with a



First in Politics, Philosophy and Law BA and started my new job as a Legal Product Expert at Luminance—the leading artificial intelligence platform for the legal profession. Outside of work I stay busy decorating my flat (which I insist will never be finished), going to gigs (anything from punk rock to the Proms), and exploring what's on my doorstep.

Our 2017 winner, **Rhiannon Tasker** (P IG L 2010-2017) graduated from Swansea University this Summer with a degree in Law & Criminology and had this to say:

"This year has been full of big decisions for me. After graduating from Swansea University with a Law and Criminology degree, I pondered over what the next step would be. In August I made the decision that I wanted to follow the career path to be a solicitor. So in September I started my Legal Practice Course and Advanced Drafting Masters. I'm currently into my

3rd month of the course and I'm enjoying it immensely. After finishing the yearlong course I will be looking into training contracts and finally starting my future career."



Rhiannon Tasker

Where are they now?

Garth Gregory (S P R 1964 - 1968)



Garth Gregory (S 1964-1968) and his wife Anne were visited last autumn by OW contemporary, **Simon Holloway** (W 1964-1968) and his wife **Pauline**, at Garth's quaint 400 year old thatched cottage, a Devon mile from the beach at South Milton Sands, with its Thurlestone Rock reputedly immortalised by JMW Turner is his 1829 oil painting *Ulysses Deriding Polythemus*. They visited Garth's local tennis club &, with a friendly knock up, tried to wind back the clock fifty years to their almost unbeaten 1968 vintage tennis season. Reminiscing back, they recalled the only rubbers they lost were in the Area finals of the Glanville Cup, to a Seafood College side containing a young **Phil Siviter**, who later went on to win the Worcestershire singles tennis championships a record 19 times. Earlier Wycliffe had notched up a rare victory to knock out Millfield fielding a young **John Feaver** who later went on to represent GGB at Davis Cup level, & also set a Wimbledon record for aces served in a match that stood for over twenty years, when he played the legendary **John Newcombe** Their other defeat was in the Qtr finals of the Youll Cup to Rugby School. Garth & Simon having won their two rubbers, Rugby drew back to 2-2, with Garth just losing a deciding singles to Jonathan Leslie, who went on to become the England Amateur squash champion! Happy days indeed!

Currently Garth is enjoying his retirement, playing golfing on Thurlestone's beautiful Links course, whilst playing tennis for Thurlestone, where he is club Chairman & Mens Captain. In his twilight tennis years he is representing Devon County Vets, for his age group, in their match next week v Somerset away at Burnham on Sea. Fortunately the County fixtures are currently fairly local. Our match against Gloucestershire next month being a home fixture, with the furthest afield being v South Wales away in Swansea.

When not playing sport or spending time with his wife & visiting family, he bides his time stone sculpting, chipping away using tungsten tipped chisels & a dummy hammer rather than machine tools.

Shaun Hughes (P S 1986 – 1996)

I am currently the Senior Regional Emergencies Advisor for the United Nations World Food Programme (WFP), based in Nairobi in Kenya.

WFP is the world's largest humanitarian organization, saving lives in emergencies and using food assistance to build a pathway to peace, stability and prosperity for people recovering from conflict and disasters and the impact of climate change.

In my current role I support and oversee emergency preparedness and response across ten countries in the East and Horn of Africa, namely Somalia, South Sudan, Sudan, Eritrea, Djibouti, Uganda, Rwanda, Burundi, Kenya and Ethiopia.

With over 50 million food insecure people in the region, nearly 5 million refugees, and a budget of nearly USD 4 billion, we are quite busy!

Every day is different; I could be travelling to countries in the region to implement emergency responses, or reviewing programme designs to support refugees, or meeting with donor governments to advocate for funding.

At Wycliffe I studied French, Theatre Studies and Politics at A level and went on to study Law and French at Birmingham University.

My best memories of Wycliffe are of being part of Springfield

House. A group of us were very close, had an absolute blast together for our teenage years, and we are still in touch today. Keith Long was our housemaster, and was an enormous influence on all of us, providing guidance, support and occasionally turning a blind eye! Other inspirational teachers included Roger Kirby in the Junior School, who took us on adventurous climbing trips and abseiling off Ryeford Hall!

I really enjoyed my sport at Wycliffe and represented the school in squash, rugby, cricket, swimming and cross country. It's been a long time since I was on a rugby pitch, but I still swim and hike regularly and play for a social cricket team in Nairobi.

After graduating, I took a course to become an English teacher at Bath University, and applied to Voluntary Services Overseas (VSO), who sent me to The Gambia. I spent two years teaching in a rural school, and then got a job with the UN. That's how my international career started, in 2000, and also where I met my wife. We now have two teenage boys.

For the last twenty plus years I have been working in international aid and development, for a NGOs, the UK Government and now the UN. I have lived and worked in The Gambia, Zimbabwe, Sudan, Ethiopia, South Sudan and Kenya, as well as undertaking shorter emergency response missions in Angola, Mozambique, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Libya and Nigeria.

Jeremy Gahagan (H 1987 – 1992)

I'm currently working in the BBC News social team, helping to create content and deliver breaking news for the BBC News core social media accounts on Twitter, Facebook, Instagram and YouTube. Working alongside the news website it's our responsibility to provide breaking news for up to the 48 million followers of the (@ BBCBreakng Twitter account and almost 54 million followers on Facebook.

At A-Level I studied Art, Geography and Design & Technology (CDT as it was known back in 1992) and after leaving Wycliffe spent a year on an Art Foundation course in Cheltenham before spending two years at Berkshire College of Art & Design in Reading, studying photojournalism.

I've plenty of fond memories of my time at Wycliffe, the friendships gained and retained to this day are the most important legacy as far as I'm concerned. As a teenager I'm not sure you ever fully appreciate how lucky you are to attend schools like Wycliffe, but I look back with real fondness at my time there. From Rocky Horror parties to sledging in deep snow on Doverow Hill as dusk fell. I will always cherish my days in Haywardsfield and the life lessons I learnt over those five years.

I loved the vast array of sporting pursuits we were able to take part in and I thoroughly enjoyed representing the school in rugby, football and cricket, not to forget the croquet club where we developed some interesting techniques with the mallets.

I submitted my CV to a mutual friend of an OW who I knew worked at the BBC. I was fortunate enough to start working in BBC archives department in October 1997 as part of the newspaper cuttings team. The internet was still in its infancy, so we provided a vital source of research for radio and TV producers.

Work experience and being prepared to



start at the bottom of the ladder is crucial when pursuing certain jobs, and this is certainly the case at employers like the BBC.

I always had an ambition to work within BBC Sport and this was realised in 2001 when I was given a role as Broadcast Assistant with the newly formed BBC Sport website. Following the Sport department's move to Salford in 2011 I moved to the user-generated content team based in Broadcasting House, this was a stepping-stone that saw me move into the social news team, a job I've now been in since 2014.

BBC News are now restructuring the entire department that will see the social news team move to Cardiff; sadly I won't be making the move but will instead move into a new team looking after the live pages that you may be familiar with on the news website. This will hopefully see me remain at the heart of the news agenda as major stories break and develop, an element of the job I love.

I've always enjoyed working at the BBC over the past 24 years. Being involved in a variety of roles has afforded me the chance to gain unique access to sporting and news events - interviewing England's rugby players before their Grand Slam win in 2003 and covering the 2016 US election results from Washington DC to name just a couple.

The intense nature of some breaking news stories can present challenges but we've a great team who are prepared to pitch in when times become tough, retaining a good sense of humour helps too.

I'm happy to see if I can help should there be any opportunities for leavers to gain work experience within BBC News.

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We bid a fond farewell to staff

In 2021 we said farewell to a number of Honorary OWs and long-serving members of school staff. We wish them well in the future and thank them for their collective 250+ year's service to the College.

Mrs Catherine Yates (Hon OW 2010 – 2021) Matron, Windrush/Penwood

retired this summer and has enjoyed spending time with family and friends and gardening. She really misses working at Wycliffe with the prep boarders and is hoping to join us for our TWS Carol Service.



On Speech Day 2021, Head, **Nick Gregory**, paid specific tribute to two colleagues who retired this year. Of their time he said:

Brigadier Robin Bacon (S 1969-1974)

"As you know, this is Brigadier Bacon's final Speech Day after eight years as Chair of the Council of Trustees and 14 in total as a Trustee. Now Heads are (of course) always grateful to the person who chooses to appoint them but my own gratitude to Robin runs somewhat deeper than that.

Mrs Jacqueline Baylis (Hon OW 1991-2021) Classroom Assistant

Mrs Gillian Harper (Hon OW 2010 – 2021) Supply Teacher, Prep School

Mrs Daphne Lines (Hon OW 2005-2021) Cleaner, Prep School

Miss Lindsay Newton (Hon OW 2004 – 2021) Head of Economics and Business

Mrs Lisa Nicholls (Hon OW 2007 – 2021) Teacher (Geography), Designated Safeguarding Lead and Housemistress of Haywardsend (2015-2020)



We have enjoyed an exceptionally positive working relationship, very seldom very far apart with our views on a whole multitude of challenges that we have faced these past six years. I have always known that Robin will want to drill right down into the detail when he is concerned about something, whilst at the very same time being wholly prepared to leave well alone when he believes something is working exactly as it should. The truth – after a career in the military – is that Robin is at his very best when we have had to deal

Mr Julian O'Sullivan (Hon OW 2010-2021) Teacher (Business & Economics)

Mr Kevin Patrick (Hon OW 2010 – 2021) Teacher (History)

Mrs Gillian Payne (Hon OW 2008 – 2021) Cleaner, Ryeford

Mrs Marie Perkins (Hon OW 2010-2021), After-School Assistant Manager, Prep School

Mrs Jacky Plume (Hon OW 1999 – 2021) Cleaner, Robinson with genuine crises; at moments like that, he has always seemed to go up a gear and relish the challenge which is – I have to say – an extremely enviable character trait to possess.

In the years ahead, people will get to see, hear and enjoy the beautiful baby grand piano in The Atrium that Robin and his family have left to the College and please join with me in wishing Robin, with **Celia**, a long, happy and healthy retirement both from professional life and also from the increasingly demanding business of being Chair of Trustees."

Mrs Verity Ralph (Hon OW 2005 – 2021) Teacher (Science)

Mrs Caroline Stanley (Hon OW 2002 – 2020) Teacher (SEN), Prep School. She started at the Prep School in November 2002, as a part-time SEN Teacher. In 2006 she took on the additional responsibility of testing pupils in the SEN department.

Mrs Denise Widdows (Hon OW 2000 – 2021) Purchase Ledger Administrator **Mr Peter Woolley** (Hon OW and Staff Member 1986-2021), retired after 35 years' service.

Extract from Nick Gregory's Speech Day speech:

"1986 ... The year of Maradona's 'Hand of God' goal versus England and the films 'Top Gun' and 'Crocodile Dundee'. And amidst all of those momentous happenings, the equally momentous appointment to Wycliffe College of **Peter Woolley** also took place and he has been here ever since...Peter has worked with, and for, 60% of the Heads in the College's 139-year history!

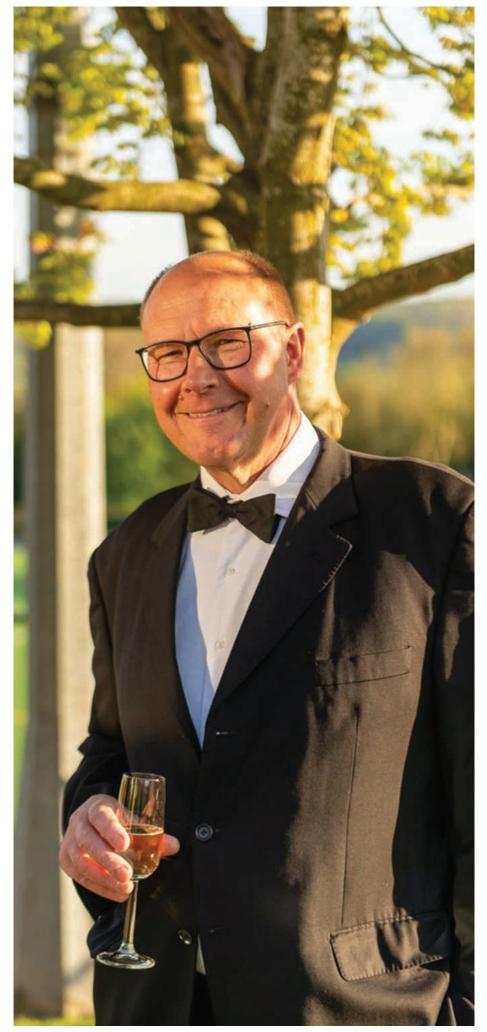
Adjectives sent my way by colleagues to describe him capture him well, I think: forthright, optimistic, positive, great company socially, firm-but fair, humorous, tough-yet-kind, unpretentious-yetcultured and a supporter of the Arts in general.

Certainly in the area of leading our management of pupil discipline and behaviour, Peter's contribution has been utterly invaluable during my time as Head... Peter has been equitable in his treatment of them and in the decisions and judgments he has had to make, even in the most serious of cases.

Amongst his many areas of responsibility have been educational trips and visits: overseeing them, coordinating them and taking part in many of them. In particular, his biennial trips to Washington DC have been – for many, many pupils – one of the highlights of their entire Wycliffe careers. One colleague shared a view that – via his massive personal commitment to overseas trips – Peter had "brought the world to Wycliffe and Wycliffe pupils to the world"

Our longest-serving colleague described Peter to me as "ever-present" and that is also how I will remember him personally, always appearing on his bike to support an event or simply 'remind' pupils that he is around and watching what they are getting up to. We wish Peter a long, happy and healthy retirement, free to spend more time with his wife Jo and to watch the continued growth and development of his daughter Martha as she progresses through her own Wycliffe career."

Read the full article online, in The Wycliffian 2020-21.



OW Achievements

Daisy Bing (C 2012-2017)

British Women Pilots' Association

Meet Daisy Bing, winner of a 2021 BWPA CATS Aviation Training Scholarship.

Daisy will use her scholarship to work towards her goal of becoming a commercial pilot.

Having started flying at age 14 and soloing at 16, Daisy completed her Private Pilot Licence and night rating

in 2020, and is aiming to start her ATPL ground school alongside her final year of university. She is at her happiest when flying and wants to learn as much as possible to be the best pilot that she can be.

Read more about her and watch her winners video https://bwpa.co.uk/scholarships/scholarship-winnersarchive/

Steven Hubbard (Hon OW and Staff Member 1994-2002)

Royal Academy Summer/Autumn Exhibition, 2021.

This year's Summer Exhibition opened at Burlington House in Piccadilly. The Summer Exhibition has run uninterrupted since 1768 and is one of the most celebrated open submission exhibitions in the world. It contains 1300 works by selected artists and Royal Academicians (RA's), and is coordinated this year by Yinka Shonibare RA. Open entry exhibits are selected from 16000 entries, and each year about 900 are selected to join the works by the Royal Academicians and invited artists.

Steven writes "I have been entering work for 11 years and have been fortunate in being selected every year since 2012. This year I have my five block Lino print *The Wrench* exhibited. It is printed on a thin Japanese paper by hand, the five blocks of red, yellow, blue, grey and black creating the image."

Further work can be seen on www.stevenhubbard.uk

Commission from sales are used to support the Royal Academy schools, which has run at Burlington House since the RA's foundation, offering Europe's only free three-year postgraduate programme.

Tim Crouch (J SH 1957-1967)

The Tour de France bike race is a frequent visitor of Mont Ventoux, "Le Geant de Provence". The history of bike racing on Ventoux is a dramatic catalogue of glorious victory, heroic defeat and tragic death. In 1967 Tom Simpson, the most celebrated British racer in the 60's, toppled off his bike within shouting distance of the summit and perished.

Ventoux is a magnet for amateur cyclists, eager to test their metal on the slopes of one of the most intimidating mountain ascents. There are three roads that lead to the summit. If you can ride all three in one day you become a member of the exclusive club "Les Cingles du Mont Ventoux". This roughly translates into "The complete nutters of Ventoux" This is a ride of 136Km, but of greater importance is that it involves 4400 meters of vertical height gain. It is not for the faint hearted.

In early 2021 I had an opportunity to have a crack at Les Cingles. Ever the

sucker for a hare-brained scheme I signed up without hesitation.

At first light on 28/09/21 I set out. The weather was perfect, this was just as well as extremes of temperature and high winds are a frequent problem. I stuck with the plan, riding at a sustainable pace and eating and drinking every half hour, whether I needed to or not.

At 4.30pm I stood on the summit for the third time. Half an hour later I was back in the valley chugging down demi litres of French beer with my brothers in arms as we celebrated our membership of "Les Cingles du Mont Ventoux".





OW Cricket & Netball

May 2021



OW Golf Wragg Barn, Highworth, 18th October 2021. Wycliffians – 1st Greg Mason (37 points) 2. Martin Greenshields (34 points)







TOP: David Evans & guests CENTRE: John Newns, Gues, Anthony Fisher, Ben Singer BOTTOM: Jonathan Rennicks, Greg Mason with two guests

The Edward Harris Cup

The Edward Harris Cup was well fought with the OW team coming a close second. The scores were: 1st Old Decanians 111 pts, 2nd Old Wycliffians 108 pts, 3rd Old Cheltonians 106 pts, 4th Old Breconians 104 pts, 5th Old Malvernians & Old Bromsgrovians 99pts



Tim Evans-Jones, David Williams, Adrian Hurley, Robert John, Simon Judd, Andrew Gibson, Ben Gardiner & Mark Chicken.

OW Tennis



James Lunch, Ollie Harris, Tom Harris, James Palk



OW Tennis Pupils & OWs

Please let us know of any announcements for The Wycliffian Society Times 2022 issue and Wycliffe Times. Please contact TWS@wycliffe.co.uk

20 CALENDAR

The Wycliffian Society Year 2022

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JANUAR	Y
Wed 5th	Spring Term begins
Wed 26th - Fri 28th	Wycliffe College presents "Chicago", Sibly Hall, 7.30pm. Book tickets on: https://events.
	wycliffe.co.uk
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Sat 5th	Wycliffe Big Boats Head
Sat Still	(volunteers needed to help run the event)
Thu 10th	
5:00 - 6:00pm	TWS Committee Meeting, Wycliffe College
6:30pm -	TWS Drinks, The Old
8:30pm	Lodge, Minchinhampton,
	Gloucestershire
MARCH	
Sat 19th	
11:00am	OW Football v Wycliffe 1st XI, The Berryfield
11:15am	OW Touch Rugby v Wycliffe, The Berryfield (squad of 12
	required)
11:30am	OW Netball v Wycliffe 1st VII, Sports Hall
	Match tea afterwards in the
	Pavilion, spectators welcome.
APRIL	
Fri 1st	Spring Term ends
Mon 25th	Summer Term begins
MAY	
Sat 7th	OW Cricket v Wycliffe 1st XI
	OW Tennis v Wycliffe
	Match tea afterwards in the
	Pavilion, spectators welcome.
Thu 12th	TWS Committee Meeting,
5:00pm - 6:00pm	Wycliffe College.
TBC	TWS Golf Society Spring Meet,
	location TBC
JUNE	
Fri 3rd	TWS Drinks, Gloucestershire,
6:30pm -	The Old Lodge,
8:30pm	Minchinhampton
JULY	
Sat 2nd	Summer Term ends
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SEPTEMBER Mon 5th Autumn Term begins Sat 10th Wycliffian Day 10:30am Registration 11:00am Chapel opens (closes at 4:00pm) Tours around campus begin 12:00pm Drinks reception in front of the Chapel, New Honorary Members welcomed to The Wycliffian Society The Wycliffian Society AGM 12.30pm in the Chapel Buffet lunch in Wycliffe Hall 1:15pm Hockey & rugby matches 2:00pm Afternoon tea in Wycliffe 4:00pm Hall Finish 5:00pm Thu 29th TWS Committee Meeting, 5:00pm -Wycliffe College. 6:00pm **OCTOBER** The Edward Harris Cup, TBC Royal Porthcawl Golf Club Thu 13th TWS Drinks Reception, The 6:30pm -Lansdowne Club, Lansdown House, 9 Fitzmaurice Place, 8:30pm London. W1J 5JD. TBC TWS Golf Society Autumn Meet, location TBC **NOVEMBER** Sat 12th HM Armed Forces Dinner -6:30pm for further details (see side box), or to reserve a ticket contact via TWS@wycliffe. co.uk or 01453 820439. DECEMBER Sat 3rd Wycliffe Small Boats Head, volunteers needed to help run the event 6:30pm TWS Traditional Carol Service, Wycliffe Chapel Fri 16th Term ends See the Events section of The Wycliffian updates throughout the year.

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

We are busy planning an Armed Forces Dinner for Saturday 12th November 2022, and want to ensure all those OWs who are connected with the Armed Forces receive an invitation. More details to follow, but please 'Save the Date'.

For more information email TWS@wycliffe.co.uk or call us on 01453 820439.

FOR FURTHER DETAILS VISIT: www.wycliffe.co.uk/thewycliffian-society

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The Watermen or getting involved with rowing events - contact Trevor Jones by email: rosecottage1818@gmail.com

TWS Golf: Contact Phil Hale and Rob Rennicks by email owgolf@yahoo.co.uk.

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Weds 26" - Friday 28" January 7.30pm Sibly Hall To buy tickets visit https://events.wycliffe.co.uk Te-index/processity.arg/prevents.wycliffe.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** or phone 01453 820439. (Numbers are required for catering purposes).