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LORD WANDSWORTH COLLEGE
& THE STERNIANS ASSOCIATION

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A GREAT FOUNDATION

AUTUMN 2012

NEW ASTRO OPENED BY OLYMPIC MEDALLIST



In keeping with the idea of inspiring the next generation, it was a thrill for some of the College youngsters to enjoy a hockey coaching session with Alex Danson, the striker for the Great Britain ladies' team who won bronze at the London Olympics this summer. Instead of cutting a ribbon, Alex 'christened' the new pitch by firing balls at two of the school's senior girl goalkeepers...and even scoring on a couple of occasions!



In her inspirational speech, Alex explained how her love of hockey and her desire to be 'the best I could be' started out when she was just 12 years old and that LWC had played a big part in her ambition as the Headmaster allowed her to train on the original Astro pitch whenever she wanted to; and she did, using every spare moment she had to practise her skills.

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HOCKEY COACH OF THE YEAR

Our Head of Hockey, Soma Singh, was awarded Club Coach of the Season after leading Richmond men's 1st XI to success. Soma, who captained his country and played 190 times for England and GB, represented Great Britain at the 1996 Olympic Games in Atlanta. "Soma's dedication to developing young players both on and off the pitch at club level and at school is second to none", commented LWC Headmaster Fergus Livingstone.



PIANO MASTERCLASS WITH JAMES LISNEY

Six LWC pianists performed for James and a substantial audience as part of a masterclass in October. James gave wonderful feedback to our performers, including practical solutions to stool height and pre-performance nerves, to other performance subtleties such as dynamic and tempo changes. Highlights included Lucia Salinas-Chastel's performance of Danses Valencianes No. VI, Rohin Dale's playing Novelette in Fourths by Gershwin and Midori Yamashita's interpretation of a Scriabin Prelude. Following an interval, James performed pieces from Debussy and Chopin and demonstrated to all how it should be done. A truly memorable evening.

NORWAY PROVES A CHALLENGE



Twelve adventurous 5th form students set out to Norway aspiring to earn their Silver Duke of Edinburgh award. What followed was an extreme adventure that challenged everyone to their limits: five days of hiking and wild camping with no contact with civilization, making even the simplest of issues a potential crisis. The going was far tougher than anyone had anticipated with nonstop rain adding to the bog created by snow melt. Mosquitoes and midges were constant companions. At the end of the hike they met up with the canoes and paddled back over two days, camping on the wet river bank, down the lakes and fjords to the base camp where the reward was a fantastic day of white water rafting.

Expedition leader, Adam Turner, said "This trip has left me with a deep and lasting impression of just what it is about LWC that is so valuable; these students not only took this in their stride, they made the whole experience great fun. And everyone passed their Silver DofE."

ASHES TO AFGHANISTAN?



LWC parent, Simon Batty, who works for the British Embassy in Kabul, recently took inspiration from Tim Albone's bestselling "Out of the Ashes" which describes the rise of the Afghan cricket team and how they qualified for the T20 world cup. Simon asked LWC parents to collect cricket kit from the UK to be distributed by a charity arranging cricket camps for the street kids of Afghanistan. In all we collected 38 large cricket bags full of kit which included over 100 bats, 100 balls, tens of pairs of pads and shoes, batting gloves and clothing.

The kit was transported by the RAF to staff from the charity Afghan Connection who handed it out to some very happy children. www.afghanconnection.org

MATHS BUSKING

Dr Sara Santos and her Maths Busking experience took LWC's A-level Maths Students on a crash course in performing mathematical tricks: students learned card tricks, sleight of hand as well as mind-reading using binary. Dr Santos also demonstrated a 2000-year old formula used by the philosopher Josephus to evade death at the hands of the Romans and proved the effectiveness of her formula by "killing-off" a few willing volunteers.



NEST BOX CHALLENGE COMES TO LWC

In conjunction with the Estates department and Stern Farms, the Hawk Conservancy Trust has installed a nesting box for kestrels on the LWC estate. Chris Packham, zoologist and BBC TV presenter, is President of the Hawk Conservancy Trust and has had a special interest in kestrels since he was a boy. He is spearheading this initiative and 106 nest boxes, including the one at LWC, were erected over a 48 hour period in October mainly in Hampshire, but also in parts of Surrey, West Sussex and Wiltshire. Boxes will be monitored over four years in the hope that kestrel numbers, which have been declining, will increase.



WORKSHOP AND EXHIBITION BY MARK HANCOCK

We were delighted to welcome artist Mark Hancock as Artist in Residence for a day in November. Mark, who specialises in figurative art, worked with our enthusiastic Art School students and gave a talk about his work and influences in the Prideaux Gallery. This event forms part of the ongoing Art School enrichment programme, which will see the Gallery showing a range of work from both students and acclaimed artists alike.



LWC GETS GREENER



Our green credentials are growing - we started with solar pv panels on top of the Prideaux Building, installed a log burning boiler in the Grounds buildings (using our own wood) and now have a very fuel efficient biomass boiler providing heat to Sutton and Park boarding houses. Heat is produced by burning wood pellets that are manufactured from locally sourced wood. LWC's Bursar is delighted with this new green initiative which will enable him to capture up to 50% savings in fuel costs and generate carbon savings of 144 tons (an 86% saving) per annum.

A GREYHOUND AT NUMBER 10

2nd Former Ben Thomas put together this dream team of rugby players from the wildlife kingdom, with a monkey at scrum half and a giraffe on the subs bench, Visit our facebook site if you would like to submit your own dream team: www.facebook.com/LordWandsworthCollege.

No 1	crocodile
No 2	gorilla
No 3	elephant
No 4	grizzly bear
No 5	hippo
No 6	bull
No 7	polar bear
No 8	tiger
Scrum half	monkey
Fly half	greyhound
Inside centre	lion
Outside centre	springbok
Right wing	ibex
Left wing	wildebeest
Full back	cheetah

Subs

Wing	horse
Outside centre	fox
Inside centre	squirrel
Second row	giraffe

FOUNDER'S DAY TRIUMPH

When Lord Wandsworth left his legacy in 1912 he could not have dreamt of the success of the college which bears his name. His gift has supported over 2,500 Foundationers and his original aims live on to this day by supporting 50 pupils who have lost one or both parents.

After the current staff and pupils had marked the end of the year at the annual Prize Giving ceremony, the focus turned outdoors to music and dance, cricket and drama, tennis, rounders and puddex. Hundreds of Sternians turned out to reminisce and to enjoy the entertainment along with pupils, staff and parents. Farm manager, Paul Sigley, even had to extend his programme to accommodate extra tours of the grounds on his tractor and trailer rides.

Among the highlights was the Art Exhibition in the brand new Prideaux Gallery, which raised £3,500 for the Foundation, and the Founder's Day band featuring Sternians of all ages.

There was a breath-taking finale as a Chinook from RAF Odiham descended onto the main College field and delivered a contingent of CCF cadets who carried out a section attack on the cricket pavilion to release a new flag which was handed over to the eldest Sternian present at the occasion, 90 year old Albert Gardiner. In a symbolic act, he then presented it to Luca Capelle, the youngest and most recent beneficiary of Lord Wandsworth Foundation.

Chief Cadet Oscar Wong dutifully and proudly hoisted the flag to round off a magnificent event where an audience of over 1,500 had indulged in sunshine, picnics and an overwhelming sense of community: Lord Wandsworth would have been very proud indeed.



NEW OPPORTUNITIES TO HELP THE FOUNDATION

A new campaign to help fund individual Founderers has been launched by LWC's Development Office. The Sponsor a Child campaign allows supporters to join a syndicate of 10 or more people giving monthly gifts allocated to Foundation pupils in the Junior or Senior School.

"It costs as little as £42 a month to join a 10-part Syndicate sponsoring one Founderer over two years in Junior House", says Development Director Kate Chernyshov. "Senior Sponsorship starts at £71 per month over five years and we are encouraging supporters to build syndicates among year groups or boarding houses. "We will be sending out more information on the scheme shortly; if you are interested in supporting the Foundation in this way, please contact the LWC Development Office.



VOICES RAISED AT LORD'S

Supporters of the Lord Wandsworth Foundation enjoyed a unique evening of entertainment at a fundraising dinner with the unusual addition of opera in the grand surroundings of the Long Room at Lord's Cricket Ground in September.

Our thanks go to the MCC's Head of Cricket John Stephenson, sopranos Emma Ventris and Gudrun Livingstone and baritone Mark Holland as well as our own concert-trained pianist Lauren Crowther. Master of Ceremonies, BAFTA-winning writer James Wood, introduced moving and heartfelt speeches from two of the charity's beneficiaries, Jemima Molyneux and Oliver Peatman. The whole event was a testament to the enduring and important work that the Foundation carries out.



THANKSGIVING SERVICE

A Thanksgiving Service for the Foundation will be held at All Saints Church Long Sutton on Sunday 3rd March at 11am, followed by a roast dinner in the Dining Halls. Spaces will be limited so please book your place via the Development Office.

NEW STERNIAN CHAIRMAN

Congratulations to Chris Huffam (1970 School) who became the 25th Sternian Chairman in May. Many of you will have already seen him at events and around the College. Chris produces most of the Sternian regalia too and has been involved with the Association for many years.



At the AGM, the use of postal, electronic and proxy voting was agreed for future meetings, which will make the process much more democratic. Further information will be published in the next Sternian Magazine.



SEPTEMBER SEVENS

Team Salmon played brilliantly but were no match in the end for The Playdoh Playerz, captained by Ali Plaistowe (2001 School). Beer and ice baths all round. Our valiant staff team, The Zimmers, actually won a match too!

COUNTY SHOW

Sternian Tom Copas (1955 Sutton), as President of the Royal Berkshire County Show in 2012, gave a warm welcome to LWC's jazz band as they played on the main bandstand for an appreciative audience while Sternians were treated to a free pint at the bar. Thanks to all who joined us on the day.



LOOK WHAT WE FOUND

Whilst refurbishing an older maths classroom this summer, some historic wartime graffiti was revealed. The perpetrators are invited to the Headmaster's study to explain themselves...



SENIOR STERNIANS WELCOME NEW STAFF

The Sternian President's drinks party to welcome new staff was held in November in the Prideaux. A good opportunity to find out what life is really like at LWC.



BIRTHDAY GIFT AID

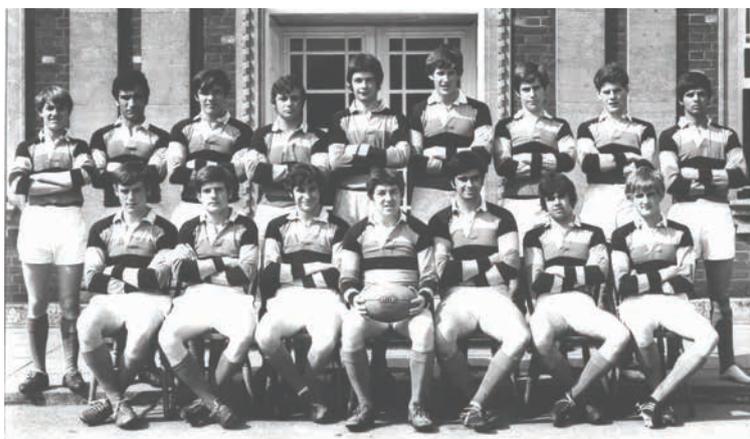
A huge thank you to Sternian Malcolm Jeary (1961 School) who celebrated a big birthday this year and asked his guests to donate to the Lord Wandsworth Foundation rather than buy him gifts. The donations will help to fund a Foundation pupil joining the College this year, 56 years after he joined School House.



1970S REUNION IN LONDON

Murray Weston (A762) organised a meet up for a few School House Sternians, including Andrew Greenwood (A729), Chris Bray (A573), Murray Weston (A762), Tony Bull (A734), Nick Coppin (A576) and Brendan Robinson (A692). Chris Huffam (A700) was unfortunately unable to make it due to work commitments.

Murray and the others are keen to meet-up again in 2013 and expand the numbers so any Sternians who left in or around 1970 from any of the Houses and would like to be included contact Gill Kelly who will pass on the details to Murray.



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DIARY DATES 2013

All events are held at LWC unless shown otherwise

Sternians v LWC Hockey (Ladies & Mens)

Sunday 13th January 2013

'Columbinus'

by the United States Theatre Project. Written by Stephen Karam and PJ Paparelli, dramaturgy by Patricia Hersch, conceived by PJ Paparelli. Produced by special arrangement with THE DRAMATIC PUBLISHING COMPANY of Woodstock, Illinois

Wednesday/Thursday 6th/7th February 2013
Central Studios, Basingstoke

Junior House Music Concert

Thursday 14th February

Lord Wandsworth Foundation Thanksgiving Service

Sunday 3rd March 2013
All Saints Church, Long Sutton

Cotterill Cup

Tuesday 5th March 2013

Spring Term Concert

Friday 16th March 2013

Bournemouth Reunion

Saturday 20th April 2013
Toby Carvery, Bournemouth

Sternian Careers Fair

Tuesday 30th April 2013

Sternians Mountaineering Club

3rd - 10th May 2013
Nant y Ddwylan, Rosebush, Pembrokeshire
Contact David Minnikin 01768 779164
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London Drinks

Wednesday 13th May 2013
Royal Festival Hall

Sternian Golf

TBA
Oak Park, Crondall

Sternian Reunion

Saturday 15th June 2013

T20 Cricket

Sunday 30th June 2013

For information about any of the events, please contact the school office on 01256 862201
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