

The Link

Spring 2010



Lord Wandsworth College
and the Sternians' Association



Staff show talent



Mr Curran and Mr Widdowson from the maths department

Staff from all corners of LWC raised more than £2000 in a one-off concert in the Spring term. Reviving a well-loved LWC tradition, they put together a programme of songs, sketches and performances to leave the audience amused and amazed by the talent on show. Mr Curran and Mr Widdowson opened the show, then

Miss Sinclair-Smith found her beautiful singing voice, Mr Machin created a witty poem from words suggested by the audience and Mr Coetzer was a brilliant Elvis; Mr Pering turned the school hall into a seaside resort while Mr Curran, Mr Radmann and Mr Walker were simply unforgettable.



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LWC dinner at Lord's

The fundraising dinner held in the Long Room at Lord's in April raised £26,000 for the Lord Wandsworth Foundation. Following a short tour of Lord's historic museum, the guests dined while the enormous electronic scoreboards shone with messages of support from former LWC pupils Jonny Wilkinson and Ugo Monye. The auction and raffle were generously supported and afterwards Graham Gooch raised some laughs with a witty speech about sportsmanship. [More on page 6.]



Top maths prize for LWC students

LWC's 6th form mathematicians squared up to schools from Hampshire and the Isle of Wight at the Intech centre for an intellectual challenge in February. Students took part in



three different rounds of questions and LWC's team clinched first place; they moved on to the national finals later in the year with LWC's best result so far. Kenneth Yang moved a step closer to the UK Maths Olympiad team when he was placed in the top 100 maths students in the country, winning a bronze medal in the second round of the UKMT Challenge.

Pictured left: Joshua Pashley, Leonie Field, Max Thomas and Kenneth Yang - Hampshire Maths Champions.



5th former Ben Grassi, one of LWC's victorious squash players.

Bradfield squashed

Back in February the LWC squash team faced up to the notorious might of Bradfield and lost... but what a difference a month makes.

Only four weeks later, and with endless hours of practice under their belts, the same LWC team faced a re-match to come away with a 7-0 victory against a very surprised Bradfield.

LWC squash coach Jesse Engelbrecht was jubilant, "I was really proud of the boys - this is one of our best wins as a team, as Bradfield are a highly regarded squash College."

Stop Press: Superteams news



Congratulations to Superteams winners 2010: Sutton House and Haygate. Pictured: Valiant losers Summerfield and Park.

Tactile Textile

Textiles make a welcome arrival to the curriculum for 1st, 2nd and 3rd form this term. Pupils will be learning new skills including designing textile products, sewing, embroidery, printing, batik and feltmaking with specialist teacher Catherine Matthews.

In the summer term, the first and second form have been enjoying a textiles taster unit. The first form have been making Indian inspired planner covers, studying cultural textiles, tie dye and embroidery. The second form have ventured into fashion by making hats designed for outdoor activities.

Next year will see more new projects introduced, so look out for next season's designs in displays around the College.

Mrs Matthews also has a special request for all readers of the Link. "Please would you donate any unwanted pieces of fabric, offcuts, buttons, beads, thread, wool etc to the Textiles department to help us build up a good range of resources for pupils to work with."



CCF celebrates 150th anniversary



As cadet forces across the UK celebrate the 150th anniversary of the movement, LWC's CCF put on a special parade to celebrate its own involvement with the armed forces.

The 60 army cadets and 40 RAF cadets were inspected by Lt Col Alan Miller of the Royal Engineers and each was presented with a commemorative coin specially minted to mark the anniversary. Proud parents and staff watched as the cadets marched under the watchful eye of Ian Kerr, who has led LWC's CCF for nearly 40 years.

LWC's cadets have a proud history, having been formed in the 1920s under Col Julyan, an early Principal of the College, "for the development of a manly spirit and training of the body to bear fatigue, privation and danger cheerfully."

Their distinctive uniforms were in fact tunics left over from the 1st World War paired with



Canadian army breeches and puttees; (see photograph, right, of Arthur Webb in 1927), making LWC cadets the only school cadet corps apart from Eton to wear collared shirts and ties and officer style tunics.

90 years on, LWC's cadets are dressed rather differently, but still bear privation and fatigue most cheerfully.



Junior Play - the Boy who fell into a Book

In the Spring Term juniors staged the literary comedy "The Boy who fell into a Book". Jack Flower took the lead role of a book-loving boy who falls asleep and wakes up in a series of story books, surrounded by some familiar characters. Red Riding Hood made a brief appearance, along with a detective and a villainess in a red beret played convincingly by Hattie Sleaf.

Pictured right: Kat Luckraft, Christie Gorman and Max Wright.



IT in the community



LWC's neighbours in Long Sutton solved a few of their technical problems recently by attending a free four week course in ICT skills on Wednesday afternoons at the College.

"Many people simply wanted to insert pictures into documents or make graphs in excel; we also gave some advice on what to look for when buying a new computer. It is very satisfying to help in this way – seeing our facilities put to good use and helping out in a very practical way in the community too", said LWC's ICT Manager Ron Lafferty.

Another LWC rugby international emerges



Eddie Mallaby, a 5th former in Hazleweare, has played in his first international rugby match, representing Germany's U18s.

Eddie, whose family has German connections, is riding on a surge of interest in rugby in Germany, where recent private investment is raising the profile of the sport. Eddie also plays for Harlequins U16s and Hampshire when he's not revising for his GCSEs this year.

LWC currently has 2 other boys playing rugby at national level: George Rigby plays in the England U16 development squad, while George Sandford has just been selected for the England U18 performance camp. In addition, Billy Maddock has been selected for the divisional U16 squad.

Juniors challenge the Bursar to save energy

Mr Booth's second form geography lesson took an unexpected twist when pupils were given the opportunity to question the Bursar about LWC's energy conservation plans.

Each pupil wrote a letter containing several suggestions for ways to improve our energy usage in Junior House.

Turning up at their next lesson, the Bursar, accompanied by an architect and energy specialist, had a lively discussion about practical ways to conserve energy and the ways that LWC will be incorporating some of the latest ideas into the new classroom block to be built this summer.

"We were all delighted that the pupils are showing so much interest in this subject and that they have so many practical and realistic ideas to cut their own energy usage at school," commented the Bursar, looking pleased.

Congratulations to Sanmare Van der Bijl whose letter most impressed the Bursar and to Mr Booth whose lesson most impressed the inspectors who happened to be on site that day!



Girls capped for LWC

History was made in May when LWC fielded its first ever girls' cricket team. The girls XI played their first match against St John's Leatherhead, conceding defeat on the last ball after scoring an impressive 121 for 4.

Sports coach Alexa Kearns was delighted with the girls' performance, "The girls played fantastically well and really enjoyed the fixture. It's a real sign of the growing strength of girls' sport at LWC that we can field a competitive team in such a busy term."

Former LWC pupils from Gosden House School will recall that LWC girls were playing cricket in the 1930s and 40s for Guildford and Godalming County Schools but we think



that this is the first recorded LWC girls' match. Please contact us if you can prove otherwise.

Sculpture Culture



On Saturday 19th June we will be celebrating the opening of the LWC sculpture trail.

Featuring 15 pieces of student work, the trail will take visitors to all parts of the campus and display some distinctive pieces of art. Bruce Buckland's memorable Red Squares and his formidable metal dragon will reappear after a short break, while the third form has created a mass sculpture inspired by the work of Anthony Gormley. More than 200 clay figures with pierced eyes will be placed in a winding crowd to stare out at visitors, who will also enjoy stained glass tree hangings and a unique "eco tree" made of recycled milk cartons.

For more information, please contact Head of Art Graham Mobbs.

Brains ahoy!

The LWC General Knowledge Team under the wise tutoring of Classics teacher Clive Hicks is becoming a force to be reckoned with. Several times in the past five years LWC has been awarded runner-up position in the Southern region.

This year LWC trounced the best brains of RGS Guildford and was only thwarted by the scholars from Westminster once again.

"Next year we hope that boundary changes may see our progression to the national final," commented Mr Hicks optimistically.

L-R: Charlie Richardson, Andrew Frawley, Sam O'Connor, Simon Fern



Ugo returns in oils

A stunning portrait of former LWC pupil Ugo Monye has been hung in pride of place in his old boarding house thanks to a concerted effort by Sutton House families and friends.

The portrait was painted by LWC Art Scholar Tana Maxted and donated as an auction prize to raise funds for the Lord Wandsworth Foundation. With a combined bid of £650, the group of former pupils, current parents and Friends of LWC came together to ensure that the portrait will remain at LWC to inspire future generations.

Development Director Kate Chernyshov commented, "We are delighted that the



portrait will stay here and would like to thank everybody who placed bids and supported the Foundation in this way. And a special thank you for Tana, whose artistic talents will surely take her far."

Plant a tree



The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago. The next best time is now.
Chinese Proverb

Across the LWC campus twelve very special trees have been planted to help raise funds for the Foundation. The trees form what we hope will be a long-term scheme with three aims: to enhance our campus, raise funds for the Foundation and create a focus for LWC pupils and families to return in the future.

There will be a short service of dedication on Saturday 19th June for all those who have sponsored a tree.

Lord's Dinner (contd)

The highlight of the night was provided by two Foundation pupils who spoke with moving honesty and integrity about the challenges they face at home and the opportunities they have been given by the Foundation at LWC.

The entire room was captivated by their stories and many guests approached the students afterwards to congratulate them personally.

Foundation Director Tony Eysele, who initiated the dinner with the MCC's

Head of Cricket John Stephenson, was delighted with the result. "The dinner was not only a great fundraiser but it also allowed us to tell the story of our work through the words of some of the children we are supporting. I am very proud of them and to be leading such an inspirational organisation."



(Above) Judith Batchelar and Graham Gooch
(Top) Catherine Rowley and Ian Julian (68, School House)

1912 Society goes overboard



The 1912 Society, whose members have all included a bequest to the Lord Wandsworth Foundation in their will, will hold their annual event on board the "John Pinkerton" on the Basingstoke Canal on Friday 10th September.

The cruise will take us on an unhurried journey past Odiham, St John's Castle and Winchfield and include tea and cakes for all.

If you have not yet received your invitation and would like to join us, please contact Kate Chernyshov on 01256 860243.

Who do you think you are?



Wilfred Lish, third from left, back row, with housemates from Middle North in 1941.

One thing that makes the Sternians' Association most worthwhile is being able to fill in some little part of missing history for a former pupil. Last month Sheila Marshall (nee Lish) came back to visit the College for the first time since she attended her brother Wilfred's funeral in Long Sutton in 1945.

Sheila and Wilf were twins but separated at the age of 11 when she went to Gosden House (formerly LWC's Girls' School and Prep School near Bramley) while Wilf came to Long Sutton. Wilf was a successful and well-liked pupil and appointed a school prefect in his final year, but tragically he died from meningitis when he was just 18 while still a pupil at LWC. Sheila was training to be a nurse at the time and had to return to her college immediately after the funeral. She then moved to Yorkshire and had

never been able to come back to LWC. Sheila was able to visit the grave in the churchyard at Long Sutton with her niece and see the gravestone that the College had provided. We were also able to show her photographs of Wilf's time here, various letters and his obituary in the Sower and tell her about friends of his who are still in touch with us.

The LWC archives offer a fascinating glimpse into the minutiae of boarding school life in the 20th century and, thanks to the efforts of volunteer archivists over many years, we are able to track down information and pictures of most of our former pupils and staff. Please contact the Sternians Office if you would like to contribute to the archives.

Sternians 6 - LWC 4

The Sternian Hockey match against the 1st XI took place on Sunday 21st March, having been postponed from January due to the arctic conditions. Congratulations to both teams for a thrilling match which the Sternians finally won 6-4.

The Sternian team (including no less than five former Captains of Hockey) comprised: Marc-Antony Eysle 2006, Guy Hicks 1999, Dann Irving 2003, Pat Knight 2004, Tom Grimes 2009, Alex Richards 2009, Michael Bates 2009, Charlotte Austin 1998. Special thanks to Xyrenn Maddox (L6th) who sportingly stood in at goal for the Sternians at the last minute.

Diary Dates

Sternian Reunion and Festival of Food and Farming
Saturday 19th June 2010
LWC Marquee and campus

Cricket - LWC vs Sternians
Sunday 27th June 2010
LWC

A2 Results Brunch
Thursday 19th August 2010
Headmaster's lawn

Cronk Cunis U21 Rugby Tournament
Sunday 29th August 2010
Venue TBA

Sternian Rugby Sevens and Netball Tournament
Sunday 12th September 2010
LWC

Sternian Mountaineering Club
Friday 1st October 2010
Scarr House Farm, Muker, Swaledale

London Drinks
Wednesday 3rd November 2010
Central Bar, Royal Festival Hall

For more information, please contact Gill Kelly in the Sternians Office on 01256 860356, sternians@lordwandsworth.org.

Careers advice



Duncan Forrester (Summerfield 1988), Volvo's Head of Public Affairs, talks to sixth formers.

25 Sternians came back to school in May to offer careers advice to pupils in the 4th Form and L6th. Feedback from all participants was excellent and LWC's Head of Higher Education and Careers Cheryl Eysle is very keen to continue this initiative. Contact the Sternians Office if you would like to be involved in the next event.



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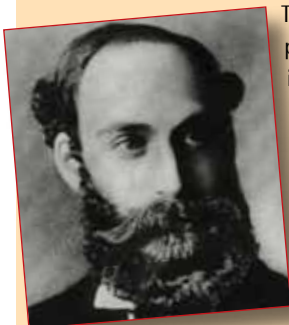
Top That!



Thanks to the generosity of Sternian brothers John O'Gorman (74 Summerfield) and Mark Bliss (77 Sutton), pictured above at home in California, a hat made for Sydney Stern, Lord Wandsworth which turned up for sale in the USA, has been presented to the Sternians' Association archive.

The existence of the hat was brought to our attention by the seller who is based in California and runs a theatrical costume agency. Having researched the hat's former owner, he contacted the College to see if we would be interested in acquiring it.

The hat will be preserved with other items of ceremonial dress owned by Lord Wandsworth and kept on display at the College.



Reunion news

This summer four year groups are planning to meet up and attend the Summer reunion at the College on Saturday 19th June. If you would like to get involved and/or were in one of the following years, please make contact with those listed below or Gill Kelly in the Sternians office.

These reunions usually start with a group dinner on the Friday night with most then coming to the College on Saturday to take part in the reunion with school tours, lunch and afternoon activities. An additional highlight this year is the Festival of Food and Farming celebrating LWC's agricultural heritage. Families welcome. 2010 also marks the retirement, after 40 years of teaching, of the indefatigable Ian Kerr. So do come along to say farewell.



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Food and Farming at LWC



On Saturday 19th June we will be celebrating our agricultural heritage and the environment that surrounds us at LWC's Festival of Food and Farming. All LWC families past and present are welcome to join us and find out more about our farm, the wildlife it supports and the ways that different members of the LWC community are working to improve the environment.

To help our plans, please contact the Development Office if you are interested in attending.

Linked In to our Facebook

You can now find Lord Wandsworth College alumni on facebook in a group called Sternians Association of Lord Wandsworth College. If you are not sure if you are in the right place, look for Sidney Stern himself, who created the group. LWC is also on LinkedIn, in a group called "Lord Wandsworth College", which is open to all LWC families, former pupils and staff. Contact the Development Office for more information.

