

The Link

Spring 2011



Lord Wandsworth College
and the Sternians' Association



totoo Ghana!



Sixteen lucky 5th and 6th formers are preparing for a journey of discovery as they head off to Ghana in the Summer holidays to help out at LWC's partner school EBD in Egyie Krom. But before they go they have been fundraising for their trip and a recent "Ghana Night" held at LWC raised £1300 for books to stock the library at EBD School.

The Gavin Hall was packed with parents and staff enjoying an evening of Ghanaian food and music, with a special performance from traditional dancers (above). Their warmth and enthusiasm even persuaded the audience to join in the dancing to round off an unforgettable evening.

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Wilkommen Cabaret!

A feisty production of Cabaret at the end of the Spring term saw a large cast of actors and musicians entertaining delighted audiences over three nights.

U6th formers Ben Read and Hannah Wilson took on the lead roles of the MC and Sally Bowles with great talent and were supported by a popular line up of Kit Kat Girls.



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Cross-Countryphiles

The annual inter-house cross country race is an LWC tradition that was started in the mists of time. It is still one of the few occasions when we see the whole school, decked out in

house colours, enjoying the muddy delights of six miles round Heaven and Hell, Sheephouse Copse and Sutton Field. This year it was won by the girls of Park and the boys of Sutton House.



LWC Brains Beat Brighton's Best

Having reached the final of the "Schools Challenge" (the national inter-school General Knowledge quiz competition) for the fourth time in six years, it was a celebratory drive back from Brighton College for the LWC quartet who prevailed over their hosts in a ding-dong battle with the final scores of LWC 520 points to Brighton's 480.

On their way to reaching the final, the LWC team triumphed over teams from Guildford High and St John's Leatherhead, whilst

Brighton College's scalps included RGS Guildford. Other schools who fell by the wayside before the final were Charterhouse, Kingston Grammar and Cranleigh.

The team of Max Wright (3rd Form, Haz), Charlie Richardson (4th Form, Haz), Simon Fern (5th form, Sch) and the captain Tom James (U6th, Haz) carried the LWC banner into the inter-regional finals as one of the top 16 teams in the country.



Juniors stand out at Twickenham

Twenty excited Junior House rugby players used their exeat weekend to make a trip to Twickenham in Autumn term to watch England play Samoa. Sitting in the North Stand wearing the JH 1st XV rugby colours the group was recognised by LWC rugby fans and Sternians from afar.



Junior Girls go off to Dorset



Seventeen Junior house girls had heaps of fun on a sunny spring weekend in Dorset playing netball and visiting the lions of Longleat. With two matches at Knighton House under their belts, the girls enjoyed an afternoon in Salisbury taking a tour of the cathedral and, of course, the shops.

A one-night stopover in a youth hostel provided plenty of opportunity for laughs. The following

day Mrs McKinnon and Miss Liggins drove the school minibuses through the lions' and monkeys' enclosures at Longleat, where the monkeys took great delight in testing the wiper blades and climbing onto the bus roof. The girls' verdict: "brilliant!"



CCF 150 marked by tree-planting

The Farm Manager, Paul Sigley, and the CCF have spent part of the winter planting a new area of woodland to mark the 150th Anniversary of the establishment of the Combined Cadet Force. The trees used include oak, ash, hornbeam, wild cherry and hazel and a hedgerow has been planted in the same area using a mixture of species including blackthorn, hawthorn and guelder rose.

The trees used were donated by the Woodland Trust and Starnian Simon Butler (1995 Sutton) of Greenhills Nursery kindly donated further trees as well as the tree guards and stakes.



The Tractor Factor on LWC's farm

Over the winter, LWC's Farm Manager Paul Sigley has spent much of his time repairing machinery and hedge cutting which has to be completed by the end of February so that birds have time to build their nests before the breeding season starts.

As the farm invests in a new Massey Ferguson, Paul remarked how tractors have changed

dramatically over a short time.

"Nowadays, four wheel drive, axel and cab suspension, clutchless gear changes, and air conditioned cabs are the norm, with satellite guidance now becoming more popular, especially on large farms, far different from the Fordson Major my father had on the farm when I was growing up!"



Inter-house dancing takes off

At the end of the Spring term all seven senior houses competed in the increasingly popular inter-house dance competition. The event was entirely choreographed and staged by the pupils themselves and saw each house putting together individual and group performances

featuring day and boarding pupils from 3rd form through to the U6th.

"Our pupils are astonishing. The event was utterly brilliant!", commented Mr Livingstone.



Top Five finish for Emily and Bullseye



Third form Gosden girl Emily Sanders represented LWC recently at the Indoor Individual Inter-Schools Show Jumping Competition which was hosted by Bradfield College at the Cholderton Equestrian Centre. Emily with her horse, Bullseye, came a fantastic 5th out of a total of 69 riders in the 80-90cm class.

Emily's sister, Alice also competed with her horse, Alfie in the 90-100cm class. Both girls are hoping that next year there will be more riders from LWC so that we can enter the team competition too. Keen riders are encouraged to contact Mrs McKinnon.

Fifth form harness their driving forces

After two weeks of hard slog preparing for and writing their 'mock' GCSE exams, LWC 5th formers were treated to a day of fun and inspiration. As they worked together to produce a continuum driven by various forces (mechanical, electronic, pneumatic, kinetic), their combined efforts were eventually rewarded with a scaled-down version of the famous "Cog" TV advert for the Honda 'Accord'. The Heath-Robinson contraption, built with the contribution of some 90 pupils, followed a course around the Sutton sports hall and led to a grand finale triggering into flight a host of balloons in red, gold and black.



International Night at Junior House



Some of our international students from across the campus came together at Junior House in the Spring term to give the boarders a taste of the Orient, with a chopstick challenge, a Chinese writing masterclass and tasty treats of Thai chicken, crackers and tea.



Physicists join the hunt for Higgs Boson

A group of U6th physicists were let out of the labs for two days to visit the home of the Large Hadron Collider at CERN in Switzerland. The hugely impressive project employing thousands of physicists from across the world was an inspiration to pupils and staff who met professional scientists carrying out research into subatomic particles and searching for the elusive Higgs Boson.



Development

Chancellor sets a 10% target for legacy giving



New regulations introduced in the budget will bring down levels of inheritance tax from 40% to 36% to legators who leave more than 10% of their estate to charity.

"I want to make giving 10% of your legacy to charity the new norm in this country," stated Chancellor George Osborne.

With LWC's legacy group, the 1912 Society, now approaching 50 members, legacy giving is becoming a more popular and tax-effective way of supporting the education of future Foundationers.

Another new regulation will mean that small donations and collections in aid of the Foundation will automatically be eligible for gift aid. Last year, the Foundation claimed £21,000 in gift aid from HMRC.

Mugging

LWC mugs in the College colours are now available for only £5. Contact the Development Office 01256 860243 if you'd like to make your cup of tea more LWC. Our thanks to Rolo from the Dogvelopment Office for modelling the mug.



Great Western Reunion

LWC made a welcome return to the west country recently, when 25 Sternians and spouses gathered for a regional reunion in Tormarton, Somerset.



In LWC's earliest days there were strong links between the Foundation and County Education Officers in Gloucestershire, Devon and Cornwall, stemming from the days of Col Julian, the first Warden, who would make regular trips to the area to recruit Foundation pupils who had lost one or both parents. The College's strong agricultural ethos ensured that many of the boys and girls

came from farming families and returned to the area once their education was complete. The reunion brought back memories of the Woodhouse brothers in Gloucestershire who hosted Sternian reunions on their farm for many years.

Summer at Shepewood

The Headmaster's house, Shepewood, will be the beautiful backdrop to two special events this summer.

Performances of the Junior House play, Alice's Adventures in Wonderland, will take place from Monday 20th - Thursday 23rd June.

On Saturday 16th July Gudrun Livingstone is hosting an evening of light opera, entitled "Music for a Summer's Evening". The audience is encouraged to bring a picnic and a rug while enjoying the views and the music.



Simon cycles the Sierra Nevada

Sternian Simon Foster will be pedalling through the Sierra Nevada on the "No Limits" cycle challenge on 9th July.

To find out more, email:

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Simon (Hazelveare 1995), now works as a golf professional in Spain and runs his own luxury golf holiday business; he is hoping to find a handful of Sternians to join him on the 157km bike ride. "It's just stunning cycling in summer sunshine along roads banked by snow walls with views across Granada, the Med and Africa."



Booth and Walters declare with a joint innings of 66



Two of LWC's best loved teachers, pictured then and now, are retiring from LWC this summer after a combined teaching career of 66 years.

Bob Walters, Head of Biology, joined LWC back in 1977, and spent hundreds of years as a tutor in Junior and head of the LWC Young Farmers Club. His knowledge of Puddex is unsurpassed and he has coached many of the younger cricket teams to future glory.



Peter Booth, Head of History, will also retire to a quieter life, having spent time as Housemaster of Sutton, coach of countless hockey, rugby and tennis teams and even the LWC equestrian team and more recently as the Sternians' Liaison in the Common Room. We are delighted that Emma Booth will stay on as matron at Gosden for the foreseeable future.

Sternians of all ages are welcome to join us at the reunion on Saturday 18th June to bid farewell to these two extraordinarily loyal servants of LWC.

Sternians hockey

Congratulations and thanks to the Sternian girls hockey team, captained by Kate Lloyd (Haygate, 2006), who triumphed over the LWC girls' team early in the year.



A new view at www.sternians.org.uk

The Sternians website has recently undergone a transformation with an updated layout and design from Chris Huffam's company Creative Images. It's full of interesting and useful stuff, including a business directory, personal anecdotes of past times at LWC and a roll of honour.

"We've added new features, such as Farm

News and we've re-vamped the Sternians Overseas section, which is now more useful for students planning their gap years," says Sternians Administrator Gill Kelly.

The Sternians Association would like to thank volunteer Webmaster Graham Barnes for his many years of hard work on the Sternians website.

Diary Dates

London Drinks

Wednesday 18th May 2011
Central Bar, Royal Festival Hall 6pm-8pm
Former parents, former pupils and staff welcome. Join us for a drink before commuting home.

Sternian Reunion

Saturday 18th June 2011
LWC, 10am to 5pm
Tours of school, buffet lunch, tennis, cricket, and tea. Year group reunions for the boys of '76 and '86.

Sternian vs LWC Cricket

Sunday 26th June 2011
Twenty 20 matches against the College and visiting teams, followed by a barbeque.

Results Brunch

Thursday 18th August 2011
Collect your A Level results and celebrate with your first Sternian event.

Sternian Rugby Sevens and Netball

Sunday 11th September 2011
If you can still play, we'll find you a team.

Year of '91 reunion

Saturday 17th September 2011
LWC from 2pm - watch the rugby action, followed by match tea. Regrouping at the Chequers at Well from 7pm.

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





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View of a room in miniature



The first form have been thinking 'Inside the box' this term making creative room designs, selecting images, fabrics and colours to decorate them. They are so good there is no room for improvement!

Golfing facilities upgraded at LWC

Golf facilities at LWC are benefitting from a makeover under the appreciative eye of the Headmaster (a keen golfer who declines to reveal his handicap!). A new putting green will emerge on the corner of the pitches outside the Gavin Hall which should encourage keen golfers on summer evenings after tea.

In addition, the Sutton field will have a chipping green with two bunkers and, in the summer time, a practice ground with yardages to a fixed target marked out. If you would like to take advantage of these facilities on your next visit or even



challenge the Headmaster to a round of golf, please contact the LWC Development Office.

Boys of 76 and 86 recreate glory days



Two reunions take place this summer for those who left school in 1976 and 1986.

The 76ers (see left) will be meeting at the George in Odiham on Friday 17th June, returning to LWC for the College reunion on Saturday. Contact Geoff White for details: gwhite@simmonsandsons.com

The boys of 86, following their memorable reunion five years ago, are getting back together on Friday 17th June at a location yet to be decided. Simon Heath is in charge: simon.heath@europe.saatchi.com



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