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A GREAT FOUNDATION

SPRING 2012

VINCIT PERSEVERANTIA

Founder's Day 2012 promises to be a very special occasion at LWC, when pupils, Sternians, parents and staff join together to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Lord Wandsworth's bequest, which led to the establishment of our Foundation and College. All members of our community are invited to join the celebrations which take place on Saturday 26 May.

The Latin motto, Vincit Perseverantia, (Perseverance Conquers) is taken from Lord Wandsworth's personal coat of arms, which is now the College crest.



THE IRON LADIES OF HAYGATE



One dark Friday night in February, when many others were slumped on a sofa at the end of a hard working week, the girls of Haygate decided to do something amazing – they completed an entire IronMan triathlon at LWC. Together, 40 girls swam 2.5 miles (that's 154 lengths of the pool), cycled 112 miles on four static bikes, and ran a full 26.4 mile marathon on the treadmills. Exhausted but triumphant at 10.30pm, the girls had raised over £1000 in sponsorship for Cancer Research.

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POOL OF LIGHT

Swimmers from far and near who use the LWC pool are enjoying a much improved environment following the installation of a new roof, with improved lighting, heating and humidity control. The LWC pool is one of the largest in the local area and is regularly used by pupils and outside clubs for swimming, scuba diving and canoeing training.

The original pool on the site was dug by pick and shovel (and wheelbarrow) by the first pupils in the 1920s, albeit as part of their detention punishment, hacking through several feet of solid chalk in their keenness to create a place to swim. Early morning swims in the unheated pool were encouraged by Scout Leader Brown, who had been known to break ice on the surface before diving in. Today's pupils at LWC are lucky indeed!



PARENT STUDIES

Parents at LWC have been joining in with lessons of a different kind when Psychologist Jackie Cox gave a series of lectures entitled "Surviving the Teenage Years". The popular lectures were thought-provoking yet practical and addressed the issues that many parents of teens find most challenging.

SEVENS VICTORY

The LWC Senior Sevens team won memorable victories at Embley Park and the Hampshire President's Sevens tournaments in March.

Having beaten Marlborough and Hampton, LWC overcame local rivals Churcher's in the semis to set up a great final encounter. One parent enthused, 'They were magnificent, particularly in the final when they were on their knees and came from behind to win.'



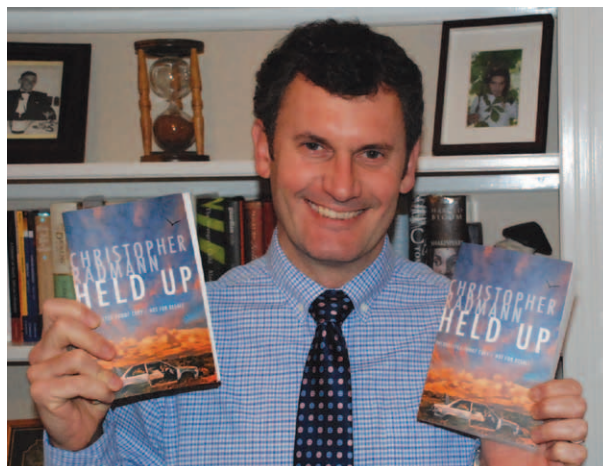
INTER-HOUSE TALENT

LWC's inter-house challenge 2012 has expanded its horizons to encompass more of the performing arts which are thriving at the College with the opening of the new dance studio in the Prideaux Building last September.

The hugely popular inter-house dance competition was won this year by Haygate with Sutton winning the inter-house singing. The Improvisation Night was followed by a Talent Show fundraiser featuring an unforgettable routine from two boys in leotards performing their own version of *Blades of Glory*.

JUNIOR HOCKEY FESTIVAL

Junior girls from 18 schools and clubs braved spring blizzards to enjoy a Sunday hockey festival and a special masterclass on skills from GB Olympic hockey player Alex Danson and our own Olympian Soma Singh. With more than 100 visiting players and their parents as well as four LWC girls' teams on site, the festival was a great success for all involved, and even the biting winds, snow and rain did not cool their enthusiasm.



RADDERS' NOVEL WAY TO HELP THE FOUNDATION

LWC's Head of Sixth Form and Head of English, Chris Radmann, is immensely proud to see his first novel published this summer by Headline Review. *HELD UP* is set in South Africa and is described as a tense crime thriller centred on a father whose young child is kidnapped and the transformation he undergoes when facing the raw emotions of fatherhood. His publishers have described the author and 3rd XV rugby coach as a "brilliantly talented new writer".

Signed copies are available from the end of June through the LWC Development Office (hardbacks £16.99, trade paperbacks £11) and a donation from each sale will be given to the Lord Wandsworth Foundation. Please make cheques payable to Lord Wandsworth Foundation and pass on your details to the LWC Development Office.

PHONE FOR FERTILISER

For many years LWC's farm led the way in developing agricultural science and its practical applications. This spring has brought the latest technology to the fields with the use of an i-phone app to calculate the amount of fertiliser needed for the oilseed rape crop. LWC's Farm Manager Paul Sigley simply had to take photographs of each field which are then used by the phone to calculate the corresponding amount of nitrogen already in the leaves and from this work out how much fertiliser we need to apply. But, as he points out, "There still isn't an app available which can be used to make it rain just at the right time, make the sun shine during harvest, or stop pigeons from eating the crop in the first place."



STAFF FOOTBALL

Those staff who are not exhausted by a six-day weekly teaching timetable with additional sports coaching and boarding house duties on top, look forward to a bracing Friday night of football on the LWC Astro. The team, which spans four decades, recently toured the Far East (Norwich) and the Common Room's star players are now awaiting the England call up.



MY SUTTON VALENTINE

Sutton House Lower 6th Valentines again set out this year to raise money for charity. After the fire which destroyed the clubhouse of the Odiham & Greywell Cricket Club, the boys decided that all profit generated by their chocolates and flowers deliveries should help rebuild the cricket club at the heart of our local community.

U15 NETBALL – THE TEAM TO WATCH

LWC's 4th form netballers continue to dominate local opposition and recently celebrated victory at the HCS tournament. With almost a clean sheet of wins for a whole season, the team is looking forward to a national tournament at Brean Sands in the Summer Term.



“EGGY NIGHT” AT HAZELVEARE

Hazelveare boys across the year groups recently hosted a quiz with a twist when they competed to win points to protect an egg. Based around the distinctive “well” at the centre of the House, the quiz points were used to purchase protective materials to prevent the egg smashing when dropped from the top of the well. Other house socials have included the Lower 6th Asian themed sumo wrestling night and a very competitive 5-a-side football evening which identified some previously undiscovered talents in the 3rd form.



RIVETING DRAMA

"The best piece of school drama I have seen in over 40 years"; "This production could grace any stage" "Riveting" – just a few comments following LWC's senior production of 'Columbinus'.

Head of Performing Arts, Vic Allan took the brave decision to stage a production of The United States Theatre Project's dramatisation of the assault by two pupils on the Columbine High School. This thought-provoking play features two teenage boys who shot their teachers and fellow pupils but also explores today's teen culture, the influence of film and internet images.

Understandably the cast found it challenging but their performances were outstanding and audiences were overwhelmed and emotionally moved by the experience. Mrs Allan said, "It has been hugely rewarding to work with such a mature group of young actors who have embraced the play and engaged with its discussion".



FOUNDER'S DAY ART EXHIBITION

On Founder's Day the Prideaux Gallery plays host to a unique art exhibition and sale with pieces of work donated by current and former pupils and staff. To mark the centenary year, all profits from the sale will be given to the Foundation with the aim of establishing a fund to support a Foundation pupil with strong links to the Art School.

LWC's Head of Art, Graham Mobbs has a special request. "This is an invitation to all artists in the LWC community, whether former pupils, staff or family members, to submit items of their work for inclusion in the exhibition." Please contact LWC's Art School for more information.



FAIR TUCK

To mark Fairtrade Fortnight, the Geography Department hosted a Fairtrade Tuck Shop for all pupils. With raisins, wine gums, toffees and chocolates on offer, pupils raised £145 for the Fairtrade Foundation, while their lessons covered the diamond trade and the Fairtrade coffee business.



LEGACIES – MAKE IT 100

The Lord Wandsworth Foundation has recently benefitted from three significant residuary bequests left by former pupils who had themselves been supported by the original bequest left by our Founder. As we celebrate the centenary of this bequest, we are looking for more individuals to join the 1912 Society by pledging to leave a gift of any size to the Foundation in their wills.

We currently know of 52 members who have told us of their intentions. We hope to mark the 100th year of the bequest by reaching 100 members of the 1912 Society.

Please make your pledge to support the Lord Wandsworth Foundation; more information is available from Mrs Kate Chernyshov in the LWC Development Office on 01256 860243.

Development@lordwandsworth.org.

AN INVITATION TO THE OPERA

On Saturday 22 September, the Lord Wandsworth Foundation returns to the stunning venue of the Long Room at Lord's to enjoy a Dinner at the Opera. With optional tours of the Pavilion and museum, a chance perhaps to step on the hallowed turf, with singers Gudrun Livingstone, Emma Ventris and Mark Holland to entertain diners between courses, this promises to be a unique opportunity to support the Foundation as we launch a new "Sponsor a Foundationer" Appeal in our centenary year. Tickets will be limited, so please book early to ensure your place.



MUSIC AND A PINT AT ROYAL BERKSHIRE COUNTY SHOW

LWC's musicians will be entertaining Berkshire's agricultural community at the Newbury Showground on Sunday 16th September 2012, when Sternian Tom Copas hosts the Harvest Festival Service as President of The Newbury & District Agricultural Society. LWC is delighted to offer a free pint of beer to any Sternian who can remember their school number – find us with a Sternian umbrella or 1st XV rugby top at the main bar.

STERNIAN VS LWC GOLF DAY

The 2012 Golf Day takes place on Sunday 27 May at Oak Park in Crondall. This year, the annual contest between pupils and Sternians is open to parents and staff too and is being organised by Mr Walker with the help of Sternian golf pro Simon Foster.

Tickets are priced at £40 and include 18 holes of golf, bacon sandwiches and a barbeque lunch, with plenty of prizes and even some top technique tips from Simon. Contact Gill Kelly in the Sternian Office, for more information.



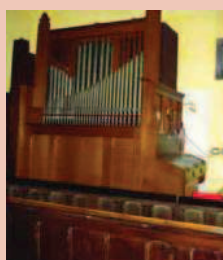
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STERNIAN MEDICS WIN RUGBY CUP

Congratulations to Sternian medical students Adam Marshall (Sutton 04) and Luki Rehnberg (Summerfield 05) who regularly play for Barts 1st XV and recently helped the team lift the United Hospitals Cup for the first time in 25 years.

LONG SUTTON CHURCH ORGAN APPEAL



The Long Sutton PCC is looking for donors to support its £25,000 programme to restore the church organ. Please send donations to Long Sutton PCC c/o the LWC Development Office, or email the churchwarden.

colin.cohen@btinternet.com

STERNIANS AGM

A copy of the agenda is on the Sternians website and is available from the Sternians' Office on request.

LOST AND FOUND

Thirty years after they left Long Sutton, 35 boys from the year of '83 reunited at LWC in November, re-kindling old friendships and stirring nostalgic memories.

The group gathered for lunch at The Four Horseshoes, took a tour of the LWC grounds, watched the rugby and enjoyed match tea afterwards. Former teachers, R T Davies and Robin & Anne Craig joined the group for dinner and an inter-house nostalgia quiz, followed by a very late evening at a local hotel. Many of the group agreed that LWC somehow seemed slightly smaller despite all the new buildings around the campus but few had appreciated as teenagers just how beautiful the grounds are.

"That was brilliant. Best thing I've done for years. I feel like I've got back something I'd lost and it made me whole again."

"Awesome, just awesome. I honestly can't believe it has taken an event like this to see all my 'brothers' who grew up with me."

Visit www.lwc8183, set up by reunion organiser Tim Hunt, for more pictures and nostalgia.

STERNIAN AT THE SOUTH POLE

Sternian Matt Elliott (Sutton, 2000) recently completed a heroic challenge to become the first Sternian on the South Pole when he undertook a 550 mile race across ice and snow and dangerous crevasses. Matt is a keen adventurer, having already completed the Marathon des Sables, and spent two years preparing for the race, during which he endured temperatures of -45 degrees and 80 kph winds.



Through the wonders of technology, Matt was able to keep in touch with daily radio messages shared with LWC pupils and staff, who sent their own encouraging replies from Long Sutton to the South Pole.

Matt's second but no lesser claim to fame is as the instigator of Sutton House's charity Valentine's Day deliveries.

REUNIONS – YEAR OF 92 AND YEAR OF 2002

David Gibson and Jamie Courtney are organising a 20 year reunion of the Sternians of '92 in London on Saturday 16th June, venue to be confirmed. Find them on facebook or contact David at david.gibson@gleeds.co.uk. To date, David and Jamie have contacted 40 people with 22 confirmed attendees.



The boys and girls of 2002 are also getting together this year, with a reunion in the Hoddington Arms at Upton Grey on Saturday 26 May, after Founder's Day. Please contact Charlie Cripps on charlie_cripps@yahoo.co.uk.



DIARY DATES 2012

All events are held at LWC unless shown otherwise

Founder's Day

(including Sternian Reunion and AGM)
Saturday 26 May 2012 from 11am
Dress code: blazers and frocks please!

LWC Golf Day

Sunday 27 May 2012
Oak Park, Crondall
£40 for 18 holes, bacon butties, BBQ lunch, prizes

London Drinks

Wednesday 13 June 2012
Central Bar, Royal Festival Hall
£10 for wine and nibbles by the Thames

Music Scholars' Concert

Thursday 14 June 2012 7.30 pm
All Saints Church, Odiham

Junior Production: Whispers in the Graveyard

Wednesday 20 – Friday 22 June

3rd and 4th Form Production: Romeo and Juliet

Wednesday 27- Friday 29 June

Sternians vs LWC Cricket Match

Sunday 1 July 2012

A Level Results Day Breakfast

Thursday 16 August 2012
For new Sternians and their parents

Sternian Rugby Sevens & Netball Tournament

Sunday 9 September 2012

Lord's Dinner and Opera

Saturday 22 September 7pm
The Long Room, Lord's

Sternians Mountaineering Club

Friday 28 September – 1 October 2012
East Barn, Malham
Contact David Minnikin 01768 779164
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For information about any of the events, please contact the school office on 01256 862201 info@lordwandsworth.org.

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