



# The Wycliffian Society Times

2019





## Welcome

2019 has been another busy year for The Wycliffian Society (TWS). We have hosted a variety of events, trialled new ways of doing things and welcomed back a good number of you to the College.

In the office, **Matt Bishop**, joined us in early January and brings a wealth of solid administration experience.

We are delighted to be receiving more news from you. It is always good to report on the happy events and achievements of you all but there will inevitably be loss to report as well. Sadly Hon OW **David King**, who taught at the Prep School from 1954 to 1991, died recently and we received many tributes from you which are on the 'Announcements' section of the website.

### How you hear from us

We ask you to please update us with your contact details if they change, especially your email address. You can do so by visiting our website and going to the 'About You' section. You will then receive our termly e-newsletter and invitations to events. From 2020 postal invitations will cease due to the very high cost of postage.

Please do visit our website at [www.wycliffe.co.uk/the-wycliffian-society](http://www.wycliffe.co.uk/the-wycliffian-society) for announcements, news, photographs and event updates.

The TWS Management Committee are: **John Hughes** (J H 1961) President of the Wycliffian Society and Chair, **Stephanie Wynn** (was Bagnall, C L 2016) and **Vicki Watson** (HE 1991), **Tom Woods** (Former Wycliffe Parent) and ex-officio roles: Mr **Nick Gregory** (Head of Wycliffe College), **Tom Wood** (Director of Finance and Operations Wycliffe College) and **Victoria Vicary** (TWS Manager).

We wish you a very happy New Year and look forward to catching up with you at events in 2020.

**John Hughes** (J H 1961)  
President of The Wycliffian Society

# Marking the anniversary of Wycliffe's evacuation



B David Webber, Keith Pearson, F Michael Harvey, Nick Clack, Michael Hawkins, Mrs June Everett née Dixon

September 2019 marked a special anniversary in Wycliffe's history - 80 years since Wycliffe College pupils were evacuated to Lampeter in Wales.

It was at the outbreak of the Second World War that a number of the Wycliffe College buildings were requisitioned by the Meteorological branch of the Air Ministry, including Ryeford and School House and Wycliffe College moved to its temporary home of St David's College, Lampeter.

The Headmaster of the day, W A Sibly, received a confidential letter of warning on Christmas Eve 1938 that, in the event of a war, Wycliffe's buildings had been earmarked for government use and of course this situation came to pass.

Lampeter House owes its name to this historical link. On Remembrance Sunday Lampeter Old Wycliffians were invited back for the service in Wycliffe Chapel and a celebratory lunch.

At the service Lampeter OWs received a special mention. The TWS wreath was laid this year by OW **Brigadier Richard Clements** (P W 1989), who is also a current parent.

The lunch was attended by five Lampeter OWs and Mrs **June Everett** (née Dixon) and

their families. Photographs of the day and a pictorial history of the time at Lampeter are available on the website.

This year also marked the 75th anniversary of the D-Day landings and TWS marked this by publishing a collection of letters from OWs who had written in *The Star* at the time. Included is one OW's vivid account of flying in one of the six gliders in the pre-D-Day invasion as part of Operation Tonga as well as OW **David Paine's** (S 1932) account of the start of the land invasion. These can be viewed on the website in the 'Reflections' section.



Rev David Prescott and Brigadier Richard Clements (P W 1989)

# TWS Awards continue to transform lives

The Wycliffian Society Award, in just three years, has already had a huge impact on lives. Open to any Year 13 pupil, the award takes the form of a grant that gives £9,000 over three years to a pupil going to university who may not otherwise be able to afford to study in full-time higher education.

A panel of TWS Management Committee review the applications and applicants present to the panel on how the grant will help them at university and what they would hope to give back to the Wycliffian Society in terms of support and participation in events.

This year, both **Stephanie Wynn** (was Bagnall C L 2016) and **Max Edgson** (P R L 2018) have been back to school to share their experience with Year 12 pupils on the Life Skills Programme, (See our OWs Give Back section).



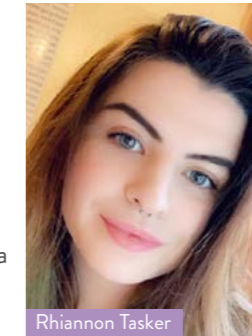
Stephanie Wynn (pictured right)

**Stephanie Wynn** finished her BA in English and Drama at Royal Holloway earlier this year and has moved to Fitzrovia, London and started her MSc degree in Art, Law and Business with Christies Education.

"It is a privilege to be able to study my passion and work alongside like-minded people on the subject of beautiful artworks. The feeling of 'hard work paying off' has really begun to pay dividends. Every day is exciting, fascinating and totally captivating," says Stephanie.

"In the next few months my class and I will travel to Venice, Los Angeles and Basel as part of our art market practice. After the course is complete in mid 2020, I will be taking part in their work placement scheme, hopefully securing a placement with the auction house itself which is where I hope to begin my professional career."

**Rhiannon Tasker** (P I G L 2017) received the award in 2017. She is studying a joint Law and Criminology degree at Swansea University.



Rhiannon Tasker

"My first year was a big learning curve, trying to figure out the work/play balance was a challenge but university has helped me grow in my independence and I have met some wonderful people," said Rhiannon.

"I am very lucky that the degree I have chosen, though it is challenging, is also very interesting. Overall, the best part about university for me, is the independence it gives you - it's a freedom that prepares you for the future."

Our 2018 winner, **Max Edgson** (P R L 2018) started at Warwick University in September 2018 studying Politics, Philosophy and Law.



Max Edgson

"The Wycliffian Society has been indispensable to me in my efforts to secure a Training Contract when I graduate," says Max. "After my work experience in London at public relations firm Freuds over the summer, I reverted back to my original plan of pursuing a career in law.

"**Victoria Vicary**, TWS Manager, mentioned to me that **Sarah Pugh**, an OW and Family Law solicitor, had recently given a talk at Wycliffe Prep School, so I got in touch and she kindly offered me work experience at

Sewell Mullings Logie LLP in Cirencester.

"The experience has also aided my application to the SEO Corporate Law Programme, which I secured after an assessment."

**Sophia Rai** (P HE 2019) is this year's TWS Award winner 2019. She began studying Biomedicine at the University of Worcester in September.

"It is an honour to be given TWS Award. Although the Biomedicine course is demanding - with lectures (16 hours a week), workshops and laboratory practicals (18 hours a week) - it's very much a lifestyle," says Sophia.

"I have joined the Biomedical Society; meeting students with similar interests and I'm also an ambassador for Project Abroad. This includes travelling to schools and presenting opportunities to travel abroad for students who would like to volunteer in developing countries, potentially enhancing their skills.

"I miss Wycliffe, as I called it home for 11 years and made such unforgettable memories with close friends and we continue to stay in touch."



Sophia Rai



# OWs give back to Wycliffe

We have been hugely grateful over the years for the help and assistance our alumni have given to support our current pupils. We would now like to develop this to ensure that not only our pupils but also our alumni have access to a network of contacts across the globe.

Please let us know if you feel able to help with:

- TWS stand at Wycliffe Futures Fair - an event attended by in excess of 30 UK university and 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 or CV Review;
- Short Careers talk to Sixth Form;
- Wycliffe Aspire Presentations - Year 12 pupils prepare and give a presentation on their chosen career (February);
- Internships, work shadowing or small group visits.

## Do you need careers help or guidance?

Why not tap into the alumni knowledge pool. It may be that you are seeking some help and advice, looking for your first job opportunity, or perhaps you are just moving to a new city or country. Please join our LinkedIn Group: The Wycliffians or contact us and we will endeavour to connect you with fellow alumni who could offer help or experience. Within The Wycliffians LinkedIn group you can also post jobs so if you think the network would be interested in a role you are hiring for, please go ahead and post.



John May, Tristram Southgate, Rob Lister, Richard Chatham

## This year we welcomed back:

### Richard H Chatham (P J H 1963)

Richard, after spotting a request from Wycliffe, offered his services in helping to assess Year 12 pupils in their Aspire programme. This involved the pupils choosing a career which they considered would be suited to their abilities and interests and making a presentation about the career.

"Over the last 50 years or so since I left Wycliffe, the world of commerce, manufacturing and industry has changed dramatically and we may never guess at what our children and grandchildren will face during their working careers," said Richard. "However, one thing that is certain, they will need to present themselves well. I regularly train individuals and groups and judge county and area competitions for debating, public speaking, situation vacant applications and other similar events. I found it rewarding to be able, in some small way, to use the skills I have learned to help the pupils at Wycliffe."

### John May (W 1982), Tristram Southgate (J SH 1982) Rob Lister (P H 1986), John Duncan (J H 1976) and Richard Chatham (P J H 1963)

The five gentlemen came to Wycliffe to share their expertise with some Year 12 pupils who are honing their career presentation skills during the Aspire event.

### Ollie Hart (P H 1993) and Jenny Wicks (P SH 1998)

Ollie and Jenny came back in March to help man The Wycliffian Society stand at the Futures Fair. Ollie now works for Cisco UK and has 20 years plus experience in the IT industry; including cyber security, while Jenny Wicks is Deputy Theatre Manager for the Cheltenham Everyman and owner of Gloucestershire-based Jenny Wren Productions.



Jenny Wicks



Ollie Hart

### Greg Mason (R 2011), Stephanie Wynn (was Bagnall C L 2016), Max Edgson (P R L 2018) and Joe Dunne (C 2014)



Greg Mason

Head of Sixth Form, Major **Matt Archer**, invited recent OW leavers to deliver some sessions on their university experience and early career as part of the Year 12 Life Skills Programme. The sessions were positively received and as a result, TWS has had a request to run similar talks on other career areas, including the Armed Forces.

First up was **Greg Mason**, a former Head of School and squash scholar. On leaving Wycliffe in 2011, Greg went to University College London (UCL) to study LLB Law with Hispanic Law, spending his third year in Madrid. Greg then completed the Legal Practice Course with an MSc in Law, Business and Management and started his training contract with DLA Piper during which, he spent time with the Premier League and Heineken UK on client secondment. On qualification as a solicitor in September 2018, Greg joined Wiggin LLP in Cheltenham. Since coming in to School in May, Greg has been appointed to the Wycliffe College Council of Trustees in September.

Next up were **Stephanie Wynn** and **Max Edgson**, both TWS Award winners. Stephanie has just completed her final year at Royal Holloway, University of London, studying English and Drama. She is currently working towards a career in the Art Law and Business industry. Max had just come to the end of his first year at the University of Warwick where he is studying Politics, Philosophy and Law and was able to give the very recent perspective of first-year challenges.

The Year 13s received a more serious



Joe Dunne

message in their Life Skills session on Consent run by **Joe Dunne** (C 2014), another former Head of School. Joe left Wycliffe in 2014 and went to SOAS (University of London) where he studied International Relations with a specialism in Middle Eastern politics. Joe now works for The Social Change Agency.

### Patrick Price (P C 2014), Sarah Pugh (née Wicks P C 2008) and Ollie Hart (P H 1993)

The three were among the speakers at the Year 8 Careers Opportunity Day which inspires pupils in Year 8 to begin considering their future career paths.

**Patrick Price** works in Commercial Property in London, **Sarah Pugh** is a solicitor with Sewell Mullings Logie LLP in Cirencester and **Ollie Hart** works in the IT industry for Cisco UK and explained the murky world of cyber crime.

Sarah, Patrick and Ollie have very different days in their working lives and the pupils were quite surprised to hear that 25 days

holiday a year is standard. Patrick's role involves early starts in the office from 7am and he usually finishes around 7pm. He enjoys the challenging role and tackling new problems, travelling with work and "generally working hard and playing hard".

He said that although he is quite severely dyslexic, he got great support while he was a pupil at Wycliffe and, combined with a good university degree, that has given him the skills and confidence to succeed in the workplace. His message was that with hard work and determination, you can achieve!

Sarah meanwhile made the choice to work for a smaller local law firm. She advised the pupils to get plenty of work experience. She says "It's just as important to get work experience and then be able to rule out something that you don't want to do. A GAP year was good fun and a way to grow and learn independence."

She thought with writing skills she would enjoy journalism but it turned out that after some work experience on a magazine she realised that was definitely not what she wanted to do or would find rewarding.

Since this event, Sarah has provided work experience for fellow OW, **Max Edgson**. Sarah said "It was nice to hear from Max, a fellow OW...Although our firm has a very popular work experience placement, I was able to fit Max in as I was impressed with his direct approach. It was great that he felt able to approach me because of the Wycliffe connection.

"He had a real interest in the type of work we do and really got stuck in when he came into the department. Max was diligent and friendly; I wish him the best of luck in his future studies and career."



Sarah Pugh & Patrick Price



# TWS Carol Service, The Chapel

December 2019 with guest of honour OW John Duncan OBE (J H 1976)



# The Alma Tavern & Theatre, Bristol

November 2019



Rob Tyler, Michael Williams, Graham Fraser-Pye, Nick Smith, John Tovey, Paul Spencer



James Sparks, Luke Smolinski, guest, Mitch Crawford, guest



John Tovey, Mark Stockland

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# Leavers' Ball

July 2019

Welcome to The Wycliffian Society, Class of 2019.



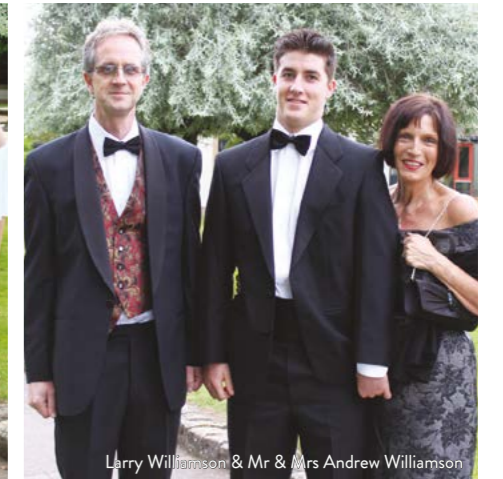
Mary Evans & Mr & Mrs Philip Evans



Noah Murray, Charlie Leach, Jacob Palmer



Aimee Bach, Ollie Soanes, Ella Kitching & Jess Taylor



Larry Williamson & Mr & Mrs Andrew Williamson



Tillie Graham & Iona Lundie



Maryna Pavlyuk, Victoria Bogachenkova



Class of 2019

# Pimm's in the Pavilion, Wycliffe College

June 2019

A celebration event where staff were welcomed in to The Wycliffian Society as Honorary or Life Members meaning that they have dedicated 10 or 20 years respectively to Wycliffe. We would like to thank them sincerely for their continued support and tireless work. New Honorary Members: **Alison Barnes, Betty Field,**



**Andrew Golightly, Nicola Golightly, Louise Knighton-Callister, Kelly Luff, Susan Matthews, Cass Moran, Hilary Phelps, Caroline Ractliffe, Elizabeth Shearer,**

**Tracey Waite, Lisa Wisbey, Joanne Wright.** New Life Members: **Linda Wong, Susan Moore, Jacqueline Plume, Mark Williams, Steve Arman.**

# Browns Covent Garden, London - May 2019



1. Annie Rees, Francis Friend, Kirsty Turbott, Max Glynn, Guest, Stephanie Wynn  
2. Jeremy Stephenson, Jeremy Gahagan, Tony Millard, Chris Dickin  
3. Simon Hentschel, Kirstina Zienko, Rob Tetley



# Wycliffe news round-up

## Global citizens

Wycliffe's strong sense of service and community goes well beyond the school gates. Throughout the year pupils donate hundreds of hours and raise thousands to make a difference.

More than 270 Senior pupils from Years 9, 10, 12 and Development Year were involved in Wycliffe's second Make a Difference Day. The event encourages pupils to think globally and act locally by supporting the community Wycliffe is very much a part of. They did volunteer work at a range of places.

One group worked to prepare Stonehouse for the upcoming 'Heart of England in Bloom' competition. Stonehouse won a Gold award and also the award for 'Best Small Town'.



In 2020 Make a Difference Day will be rebranded as Global Citizenship Day to encourage pupils to "Think globally; act locally." If you know of a group or organisation that might like

us to work with them on Friday 26th June 2020, please get in touch with the School Chaplain, David Prescott (david.prescott@wycliffe.co.uk), who is organising the day.

## Kirby Challenge

The Year 8 pupils take part in the annual Kirby Challenge which sees them planning and completing tasks that take them out of their comfort zone, lead to self development and enrich the school community and the community at large.

Their challenges were as unique as the pupils who thought them up, from giving up electronics for a month and raising money for MIND, the mental health charity to walking to school whilst carrying two litres of water on their shoulder to demonstrate what children have to do every day to collect water that is often dirty and filled with bacteria and raise money for WaterAid.

## Well done Brendan

**Brendan Ind** (Year 11) is the first Wycliffe pupil in more than a



decade – and just the fourth in 30 years – to be awarded an Arkwright Engineering Scholarship.

An Arkwright Engineering Scholarship is the most prestigious scholarship of its type in the UK to inspire and nurture school-age students to be the country's future leaders of the Engineering Profession.

## Business award

Tube Fairy, one of two Young Enterprise companies, won two awards in the Gloucestershire Young Enterprise finals. They won the award for Best Teamwork - their team of 14 was the largest at the event - and best stage presentation.

## VOX honours



Wycliffe's choir, VOX, were honoured to perform as the guest choir at a Gloucestershire Citizenship Ceremony in Gloucester. This was a very special ceremony, attended by the Chairman of the Gloucestershire County Council and Colonel **Michael E Bennett OBE**, the Deputy Lord-Lieutenant representing Her Majesty the Queen. During the ceremony, a group of people are made citizens of the United Kingdom.

## STEM Day 2019



Hundreds of Gloucestershire children investigated the science of slime and welded with chocolate as they took part in this year's STEM Day at Wycliffe College.

On offer were a range of workshops, many run by Wycliffe Sixth Formers, and talks by wildlife biologist, naturalist and filmmaker **Lizzie Daly** and Bloodhound STEM communicator **Mike Ford**.

More than 425 children from eight primary schools took part in the day's activities.

**Matt Archer**, Head of Sixth Form, said the day also enabled Sixth Formers to give back to the community and to share their love of STEM subjects.

"There is nothing as satisfying as seeing a young pupil's face light up when they have discovered the mystery of welding with chocolate or creating a primitive tool from a piece of flint," he said.

## Royal appointment

Six Senior pupils attended Buckingham

Palace to collect their Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Awards. They formed part of the youngest and largest Wycliffe group ever to achieve this level.

Each said the hardest part of the awards was the expedition during Storm Brian in October 2017.

**Kate Elliott**, DofE co-ordinator at Wycliffe, said: "We expected some pupils to give up after a day of driving rain in which they were obliged to wade thigh-high through rivers of water and mud and slide down cascading torrents which had appeared on the hillsides overnight. Instead they gritted their teeth and got on with the business of setting up camp, cold, and in their sodden wet clothes and boots. It was an impressive sight."

## Nova Academy

Wycliffe is now hosting one of eight Severn Stars Under 17 Netball 'Nova' Academies in the West Midlands and South West Regions.

The Academy runs in partnership with Severn Stars Netball Super League Franchise which is jointly owned by the University of Gloucestershire and the University of Worcester. It extends the provision of regular, high-level performance training to the next generation of potential Netball stars.

The Nova Academies is the next step for players as part of the England Netball and Severn Stars Performance Pathway, as they move on from County Academies.

## World champion

**Hannah Shakir-Apps** won a global language competition, beating 17,000 competitors. The Year 11 pupil scored 39,854 points



and answered a staggering 58,890 questions in the Language Perfect World Championships.

The Championships is a global competition that ran for one week and encourages pupils to earn points by correctly translating between their target language and English. The points earned enabled pupils to qualify for certificates, awards and prizes.

Wycliffe was one of the top five schools in the competition with an average score of 1,895 points per pupil and the top school in the 1-50 pupils category.

## Forest School

Learning for the Lower Prep children has become wild and wonderful with the launch of our Forest School last year. Children from Reception to Year 2 pull on their waterproofs and boots to enjoy the Forest School for two hours every other week as part of their school day.

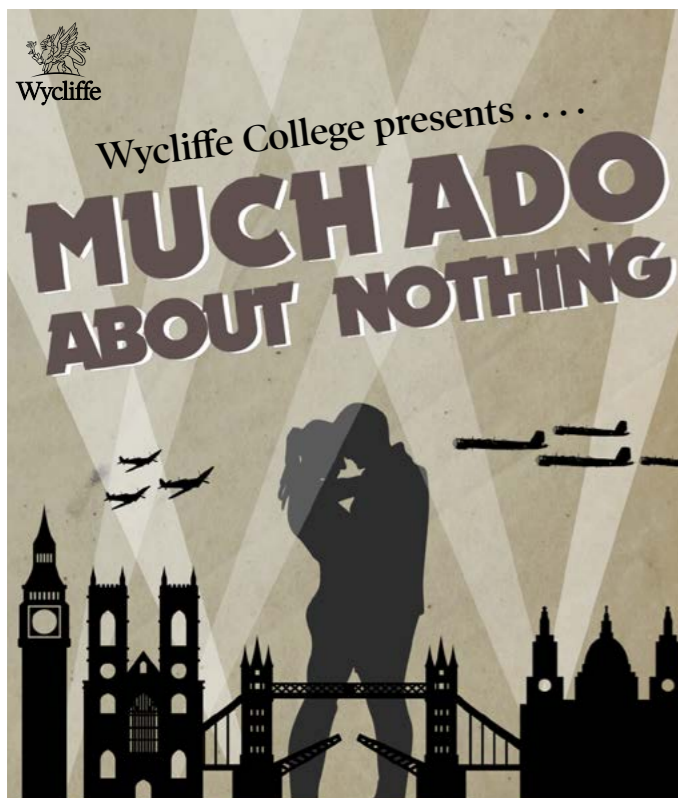
Forest School is an educational concept where children go to the same natural space on a regular basis to play and learn.

## Easy as Pi

Year 5 pupil **Charley Thomas** got a standing ovation at assembly when he recited the number pi to a massive 220 decimal places.

Pi is the number you get when you divide a circle's circumference by its diameter. Extending the known sequence of digits in pi is very difficult because the number follows no set pattern.

Charley received national media attention for his achievements with reports in The Daily Telegraph and a live appearance on ITV's Good Morning Britain.



Weds 22nd - Fri 24th January 2020  
7.30pm • Sibly Hall

To buy tickets, visit  
<https://events.wycliffe.co.uk>



# What a great Wycliffian Day



Will Clapham, Mrs Miranda Holden



Rob Pavis, Heather Pavis and Mr Peter Woolley



Gavin Bridges-Sparkes and Frank Smith

70 OWs, a number of Hon OWs and guests enjoyed a wonderful sunny Wycliffian Day, held on Saturday 4th May.

The new Prefect team gave tours around the Campus; including the new Ward's-ly Grove House. OWs were amazed at the new boarding facilities and delighted to see such a lively and welcoming Campus in full swing.

The Wycliffian Society AGM was held in the morning, where President, and newly-appointed interim Chairman, **John Hughes**, presented a Management Report which highlighted the progress TWS has made over the past few years. We also welcome

two new Committee members: **Stephanie Wynn** (was Bagnall C L 2016) and **Victoria Watson** (HE 1991).

A buffet lunch was served in the marquee. Among the guests were several former members of long-serving staff; including **Frank Smith**, **Michael Squance**, **Reg Helson**, **Roger Kirby** and **Phil Hale**. **Rob Pavis**, a former Housemaster of Robinson attended with his wife, **Heather**, and some current Hon OW staff; including Mr **Peter Woolley**, joined us too.

The Head, Mr **Nick Gregory**, gave a short welcoming speech about College life including some of the latest developments. We thank the Head and his staff for the hospitality of the day.

There was plenty of sport action. An OW versus 1st XI cricket match was played and it was an OW win by 13 runs, not that we're competitive!

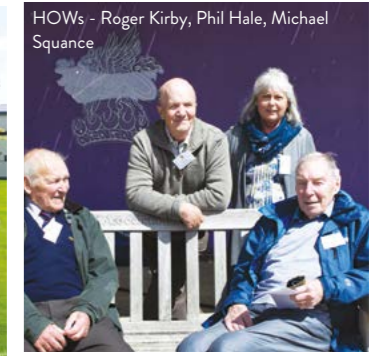
On Ward's Courts, OW versus Under 18A Boys' Tennis matches were played with a



Henry Rivers, Simon Coombs, Mrs Chatham, Richard Chatham, Tony Fastnedge, Peter Caruthers-Little, Peter Daniels



Chris Turk, Jonathan Young



HOWs - Roger Kirby, Phil Hale, Michael Squance



Willie Weir, Simon Coombs, John Walker, Michael Hine, Tony Fastnedge, Reg Helson, Frank Smith, Richard Chatham, Chris Turk



Rachel Morris (née Jackson), Jonathan Rennicks



OW Golf Cotswold Edge



Mr Martyn Kimber, John News

College win overall. Everyone enjoyed the opportunity to have a game; including OWs **Simon Holloway** (W 1968) and **Robert Longman** (SH 1969) who had been doubles partners whilst at Wycliffe. Thank you to Mr **Martyn Kimber** and Mr **James Lunch** for organising the matches.

In the Chapel there was a display of Wycliffe Archive materials and **David Parrott** (P J SH 1954) gave a talk on the rebuilding of the Wycliffe Chapel by the

pupils and the work his father, **P J Parrott**, did to lead the restoration in the 1950s.

After afternoon tea, we went to The Bear of Rodborough for drinks – a perfect end to the day – to catch up with those who had played on the OW cricket team.

The following day about 12 OWs played an informal game of golf at Cotswold Edge, they had a good afternoon.



Adrian Bradshaw-Jones, Margie Coombs, Roger, Chuck Berry, Nick Cotton



Jenny Paxton, E Paxton, Richard Auld

## Primitivo – Bar & Eatery, Birmingham – March 2019



1. David Derrington, John Mayell & Peter Derrington



2. Jane Naylor (née Mason) & Max Edgson



3. Simon Croft, Mrs Hill, Andrew Hill, Simon Lloyd

## Reunions/Friendships

**Roy Bazzard** (SH 1967) and **Peter Richards** (SH 1966) were reunited after 52 years when they met in Little Missenden, Buckinghamshire on 1st April.



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## The IOD, London – October 2019



Guest, Joe Keefe, Louise Keefe, Guest, Matt Lewis, Matthew Gillett, Will Clapham



Munsi Shakantu, Mr Nick Gregory, T J Bagnall, Hammond Ozakpolor



Iona Lundie, Mary Evans, Max Edgson, Laura Salmon



Philip Bell, Mary Jane Isaac, John Duncan



# OWs in Charity



**Seb Poccard** (C 2012) ran the London Marathon in April this year to raise money for fellow OW **Rob Camm** (C 2012) who was involved in a life-changing accident in 2013 that left him tetraplegic and dependent on a ventilator to breathe.

Following on from this, Rob and a team of supporters climbed Snowdon this autumn to raise funds for the Spinal Injuries

Association (SIA). The SIA provided invaluable peer support and practical assistance following Rob's accident and helped him to adjust to his new life. With this climb, Rob and his team have so far raised in excess of a massive £8500 for SIA.

If you would like to support Rob's fundraising, please visit [www.justgiving.com/fundraising/camm](http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/camm).

com/fundraising/camm. Conquering Snowdon was no mean feat and required significant determination and courage.

To read more about Rob's story visit [www.campaign4rob.co.uk/](http://www.campaign4rob.co.uk/) Rob, congratulations on your trainee solicitor contract with Osborne Clarke which started in September.

**Barnaby Hudson** (C 2017) and **Henry Hudson** (C 2016) are leaping from a plane in April 2020 with other family and close friends doing a charity skydive to raise money to recondition two patient rooms at Southampton General Hospital. This in memory of their aunt who died of leukaemia and spent time being nursed at Southampton and their grandfather who died of bowel cancer last year. By raising money to recondition two patient rooms they hope to make someone else's cancer journey a bit more comfortable. If you would like to support them, please visit their justgiving page: <https://bit.ly/2kBGVZn>.



At the age of 85 veteran reservist Colonel **Bob Purvis** TD (SH 1951) is learning to fly a helicopter as a means of coping with the challenge of incurable cancer. He already has a gliding licence gained over 68 years ago when he went solo whilst at Wycliffe in the Air Cadets.

Bob is now learning to fly the Robinson 22 Helicopter with Flying Instructor Captain Alan Ramsden, who is Chairman and the owner of Tiger Helicopters, near Leominster.

He has another 44 hours to accomplish, of which 10 hours has to be solo so that he can achieve his



Helicopter Licence. Bob is raising funds for St Michael's Hospice near Hereford. Please call Chris Smart 01432 852 631 if you wish to make a donation by cheque or bank card - 100% of funds will go to the hospice - Registered Charity No. 511179

# John has a head for heights



**John Cleare** (P J S 1945 - 1954) reveals how a love of mountains and the outdoors, which was nurtured at Wycliffe, has led to an amazing career as a climbing cameraman and photographer.



I arrived at Wycliffe, aged nine, five weeks after the war ended. Life at The Grove involved tree climbing, den building and outdoor activities.

At Sherwell, my inspirational housemaster was the mountaineer A.A. 'Bertie' Robertson and in two years I'd devoured every mountaineering book in his library. He took us caving in the Mendips where tight squeezes, rope ladders and underground rivers were ultimate adventures for a 12-year-old.

In 1950 I joined Springfield. T S Dixon was my housemaster, whose charming wife and beautiful daughters enlivened house morale. I became a Prefect, Captain of Boats and played in the 2nd XV.

We'd escaped to Snowdonia during the London Blitz and I longed to climb the mountains I'd seen, then in 1951 Bertie Robertson invited five school boys to come climbing in Wales. I showed some ability on steep rock and soon espoused every aspect of mountaineering, thereafter every holiday was spent in the mountains of Wales, the Lakes or Scotland.

Determined to enjoy National Service, I grew up, gained a commission, travelled abroad, climbed in the Alps and learnt responsibility commanding my troop of soldiers. I became enthralled with photography, subsequently spending three years at Guildford School of Photography. In

1961, I was headhunted to photograph a book of British Gardens and I turned freelance. By now my pictures were becoming 'known', *Rock Climbers in Action* in Snowdonia, published in 1966, (republished 2016) became a cult book in Britain and America and as a member of the BBC 'Climbing Circus', I shot live TV broadcasts from the Matterhorn, the Old Man of Hoy and elsewhere.

After making several mountaineering movies in Britain and the Alps I was invited to join the 1971 attempt on Everest's Southwest Face as climbing cameraman. It led to Clint Eastwood recruiting me to work on his 1974 movie *Eiger Sanction*.

I returned to the Himalaya over 12 times and led three expeditions to large peaks. I was almost 50 when I discovered ski-mountaineering, since when I've ski-toured all over the Alps and climbed major peaks in India, New Zealand and Xinjiang on ski.

Alas, pedalling my mountain bike over the Wessex Downs must now suffice, and while I can still drive a camera I can't complain.

Read the full version of John's reflections on our website: <https://www.wycliffe.co.uk/the-wycliffian-society/reflections/>



## Ryan Coombs (P R 2017)

I attended Wycliffe from Year 7 to Year 13. One of the main reasons I joined was the sporting opportunities.

I was part of Scott at the Prep School and Robinson in the Senior School. I was Prefect at the Prep School and Deputy Head in the Senior School.

I played Football to a high academy level and also played my fair share of Rugby and Cricket. I also received a Sports Scholarship for Sixth Form. I represented Wycliffe in many cross-country races and swimming galas and took part in biathles in which I came third in the county. The school gave me so many opportunities I will always be grateful for instilling the love of sport.

During my final year at Wycliffe I sustained a concussion injury. As a result, my A Levels did not go to plan which resulted in me taking a gap year to recover. About 18 months ago, I started to increase my working hours and I am now a trainee accountant at Smith Heath Accountants in Cheltenham. Alongside this I have discovered a love for triathlon. I completed Ironman Wales (2.4 mile swim, 112 mile cycle, 26.2 mile run) in September 2019 with a time of 12h 24s and came 6th in my age group.

During this year I have started to compete in many events and am climbing up the results boards. This included a qualifying event for 2020 European Standard Distance Triathlon Championships in Tartu, Estonia which will allow me to race for Team GB.

If you would like to follow my journey please follow my blog, [www.ryancoombstriathlon.com](http://www.ryancoombstriathlon.com), Facebook: [ryancoombstriathlon](https://www.facebook.com/ryancoombstriathlon) Instagram: [ryancoombstriathlon](https://www.instagram.com/ryancoombstriathlon)

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## Victoria Watson (HE 1991)



I have been an event producer for the past 20 years. I have worked full time for companies and also as a freelancer with jobs taking me all over Europe and the UK. These have varied from private dinners/parties, charity galas, historic events, product launches, awards ceremonies, festivals and sporting events. I am now working as a freelancer again having recently completed a contract based at Historic Royal Palaces.

I boarded at Haywardsend and studied English, History and Art. My two years at Wycliffe were fantastic where I made lifelong friends. The opportunity it gave me not only to experience a multitude of things, but also the first time to live away from home and be responsible for myself in many ways.

One of my most inspirational teachers (though she didn't actually teach me) was **Mrs Roberts** who was my Housemistress. When she made me Head of House she said it was liking making the poacher the gamekeeper.

After finishing university I worked for a film company creating the covers for their films, after this I spent two years in Australia. On returning to the UK I worked for a PR company which started to do their own events for clients and from here I began my career in events.

I would be more than happy to help/advise anyone interested in this field of work. The best way is to get experience, offer your help at anything event related, get a feel for the job and an understanding as it is long hours and can often be physical...but it is also one of the best jobs you can do.



# One person can change the world



John Duncan OBE (J H 1969 - 1976) has had a distinguished career in the Diplomatic Service holding key roles in the Foreign and Commonwealth Office and in NATO. He writes about how Wycliffe prepared him for that career, after coming in to hear Year 12 Aspire presentations.

which make amusing reading. Wycliffe was something of a culture shock for me as I grew up in Kenya. Also I was dyslexic, but not diagnosed until my 50s so spent my school years yo-yoing between the fast stream and the normal stream and between the top five in class to the bottom three.

I was frequently found on the naughty step outside during prep and was always up to pranks including chaining the school gates together early one summer morning.

But my teachers must have seen something as I was eventually made a school Prefect.

**Philip Després** was a huge influence. He taught English as though it was a mix of Sociology and Psychology. I loved it and it proved a huge boon during my later career. **David King** (Prep School) gave me such a solid grounding in French that I was able to get into the Sorbonne after leaving Wycliffe.

As to my life after Wycliffe 38 years in the Diplomatic Service (I originally wanted to join the Army and was passionate about the CCF) it has been the most extraordinary experience. It has taken me from the deserts of the Sahara and the Amazonian jungles, to the mountains of Albania and Kosovo; a journey from "An office next to the toilet in the French embassy in Tirana" as the

Telegraph put it) to the council chambers of multilateral diplomacy in Brussels, Geneva and New York, from being Charges d'Affaires "en pied"! to Ambassador and Governor.

For me, diplomacy has always been about people and trying to make the world a better place, while defending the interests of one's country. It has been an immense privilege to have been able to live that vision, to meet and frequently spend time with world leaders from monarchs and princes to presidents, from the head of the Catholic Church to Balkan warlords.

From them I have learnt the importance of the individual. One person can change the world for better or worse and that person can be you, whether it is by planting an idea, winning an argument or leading a negotiation.

I have also learnt that all success depends on the team and I have had some extraordinary colleagues, both inside and outside the Service.

There have also been the scary moments and at least two where I didn't think I would escape alive, but the journey has also been huge fun. Unleashing the creativity and natural enthusiasm of British Diplomats completely confounds the public's stereotype of what we are capable of.

## Charlie Richards (C 2016)



I was at Wycliffe from 2011-2016. I was part of Collingwood house and if you look carefully you will find my name on the head of house board above the stairs. I was lucky to play in the 1st XV Rugby team and I won the national school Squash championship with the squash team. I was the sixth man in a five-man team but I have a medal and that's what counts, right?

I took a gap year and in September 2017, started studying Sport and Exercise Science at Swansea University. I play Rugby League and love it! After my first year, I was voted in as Vice Captain for the 2018-2019 season and I am hoping to become captain next year.

In summer 2018, I was asked to join the Great British and Irish Pioneers for their 2018 tour of Turkey. The Great British and Irish Pioneers is a Rugby League squad made predominantly from students. Each year, the 'Pioneers' travel to new up and coming countries to help in their development of Rugby League.

The aim of last year's tour was to help pioneer Rugby League in Turkey and teach the locals how to play, which I do believe we achieved. The total cost of the tour was £800 and The Wycliffian Society kindly offered to fund a part of the amount. I would like to thank everyone at Wycliffe, from all the coaching staff to TWS, for helping me to get to a point where I can experience things like this tour and for helping to fund me. I would not have been able to go to Turkey without it.

# I never dreamed of playing for my country



**Charlotte Lewis** (P HE 1994 - 1998), who has represented her country in two different Sports, says she owes it all to Wycliffe.

I was at Wycliffe College for four years, starting at the Prep School and progressing on to the Senior before having to leave as my dad was due to leave the Armed Forces.

I loved being at Wycliffe and really did not want to leave. I always enjoyed my time at school because I love to learn and although I may not always have found it easy, I enjoyed the challenge.

I was a full boarder and thrived on the independence it gave me from a young age and believe it gave me a great standing for my future life as an adult. Being part of a small community and living with your mates in a house was great fun and they were my extended family. I have some great friends with whom I am still in touch.

I was driven to achieve. At Wycliffe I had a dream to play Hockey for England. I ended up being capped for Scotland at Rugby and Great Britain with American Football. My playing career in Sports gave me a solid grounding and an understanding of how to achieve my goals. Without being at Wycliffe

I don't think I would have ever thought or dreamed of playing for my country in any sports. There were so many great teachers at Wycliffe - both in the Prep school and in the Senior - many inspiring me in all different ways. However, I was very sport orientated and I was encouraged most by my Sports/PE teachers - **Mrs Warden** and **Mr News**. They were always helping me to push my boundaries and I was also inspired by fellow older pupils; seeing what they were achieving and wanting to almost do the same.

Wycliffe taught me to 'work hard, play hard' - work hard in training, play hard in a game and enjoy the moment. The same works in my career, I work hard at that and enjoy the success that comes with it.

I do not have a normal 9-5 job, I like a bit of variety and that is fantastic for me. I am now self-employed in a few roles; a rugby coach, personal trainer, stand up paddle board instructor and I also have my own business which brings my love of adventure and dogs together.

To read more OW Reflections, please visit:  
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# We bid a fond farewell to staff

Summer 2019 saw us bid farewell to a number of long-serving members of the school staff and we wish them well in the future.

## Mrs Jan Allen (Hon OW 1990 – 2019)

Mrs Allen was a member of the school Housekeeping staff for nearly 30 years and there will be very few parts of the site that she will not have covered, at one time or another, for the benefit of Wycliffe's staff and pupils. We wish her well in her retirement.

## Mrs Liz Buckley (Hon OW 1994 – 2019)

Mrs Buckley arrived at Wycliffe in 1994 with her husband, **Gerry**, embarking on being simultaneously Director of Sport, Head of PE and Housemaster of Ward's with their then two-year-old son, Steven, who joined the Nursery at Wycliffe Prep School. She has been – at one time or another – Head of Girls' Games, Child Protection Officer, Housemistress of Loosley, Head of Welfare, Designated Safeguarding Lead, Director of Pastoral Care and finally Deputy Head (Pastoral) which was her de facto role for the past 12 years. There can be no single figure who has done as much as Mrs Buckley to earn the school its long-standing reputation for outstanding pastoral care. Mrs Buckley is looking forward to travelling and advancing her interests in ballet and the



Liz Buckley

scale musicals such as *Les Misérables* and *Made in Dagenham* and there have been overseas drama tours to the Czech Republic and visits to Edinburgh Fringe Festival. He ensured a smooth transition for pupils from the old to the new Ward's boarding house and created a home away from home.

He is now Head of Creative Arts at The Oporto British School (OBS) in Porto, Portugal and is enjoying the new challenge.

## Mrs Nicola Golightly (Hon OW 2010 – 2019)

Ablly assisting Mr Golightly throughout much of his time at Wycliffe was his wife, Mrs Golightly and pupils and staff alike affectionately referred to them as Mr and Mrs G. She

began as a temporary teacher of drama but her evident skills and creative flair ensured she soon became a permanent fixture for which we are very grateful. She also took on the additional responsibility as Head of Life Skills and provided support in Ward's. She is enjoying semi-retirement, running some extra curricular activities, doing some supply and invigilation at OBS and tutoring English.

## Mrs Margaret Hardwick (Hon OW 1986 – 2007, 2011 – 2019)

Photo From Wycliffe update – autumn 1991, No 10

**Mrs Hardwick** began teaching French and English at Wycliffe in 1986 and, for all but

four years, taught here ever since, as well as undertaking a wide range of leadership and management roles during that period: Head of Fifth Form, Head of Lower School, Senior Mistress and more recently Head of Languages. Furthermore, she knows all that there is to know about Ivy Grove's history as a Girls' Boarding House, as she was Wycliffe's first female house assistant. Some OWs may remember her as Miss Jaap as she was when she arrived; meeting Jonathan Hardwick (former Head of Sixth Form, Careers and Economics/Business Studies) while at Wycliffe. Mrs Hardwick is enjoying her retirement travelling and spending time with family.

Of her time here she says "The Wycliffe I joined in 1986 was very different from today's. No computers and I taught 17th century French tragedy rather than 21st century film. My first year was the last year of O levels. Reports were hand written, parents' meetings were on Sundays after compulsory chapel, and female teachers (there were only three of us) were not allowed to wear trousers to school. With no girls below the Sixth Form, I would take the Upper Fifth boys to socialise at discos in local girls' schools, then spend the evening trying to police their socialising.

Six Heads and two Acting Heads later, things have moved on – the staff common room is no longer a fug of pipe smoke, we have iPads and smartboards, but what hasn't changed is the staff and students, who made working here such a joy."



Margaret Hardwick, 1991

## Mrs Allyson Wilkes (Hon OW 2000 – 2019)

Mrs Wilkes retired as Senior Science Technician in November after 19 years' service. We wish her well in her retirement.

## Golf



Spring meet

We had the perfect day for the Spring Meet. 16 OWs and three guests gave battle on this tricky course at Weston-Super-Mare. Continuing his winning streak from the Autumn Meet in 2018, **Matt Morris** (J W 1992) was the winner of The Watts Trophy on 41 points, 2nd was **Phil Hale** (Hon OW 1980 – 2010) on 41 points, 3rd **Nigel Lougher** (P S 1977) on 34 points.

For the Autumn Meet there were 20 members and guests at The Monmouthshire Golf Club and it was great to welcome some new players along. OW winner of the Charles Trump salver was **Martin Davies** (Hon OW 1989 – 2001) on 26 points, 2nd again this year was **Robert Pakeman** (P H 1969) on 26 points and 3rd was **Robert Rennicks** (Hon OW 1980 – 2011) on 25 points.

## Cricket and Tennis



These sports were included as part of Wycliffian Day. Cricket saw an OW victory with 132 runs all out versus College 1st XI 120 all out. The OW Tennis versus College conversely was a win for the College.

Pictured above are the Tennis team (from left) **Bob Longman**, **Ollie H** (pupil), **Alex Seymour**, **Matt Harris** and **Simon Holloway**.

Pictured below are the OW Cricket team **John Newns**, **Nick Powell**, **Rob Fisher**, **Will Clapham**, **Hedley Garrett**, **Chris Williams**, **Jonathan Rennicks**, **Greg Mason**, **Nick Morris**, **Tomos Wyn-Jones**, **Lewis McKissick** and **Innes Pierce**.



## Rowing

By Trevor Jones (Hon OW, Former Head of Rowing 1975 – 2004)



The Wycliffe Watermen exist to support the Wycliffe Boat Club. Our main role is to organise the two Heads that are run from the boathouse.

The Small Boats Head, run in December, which is largely the same as it has been for the past 40 years with a race from Parkend Bridge to the boathouse and the Big Head which is a relatively new event for fours and eights and is held in early February; racing from Shepherds Patch to Frampton.

These Heads take a lot of organising and any help would be appreciated. In 2018-2019, funds raised by these events were used towards buying two new boats and refurbishing others for the boat club.

Despite a difficult start to the year with snowfall forcing the cancellation of The Wycliffe Big Head, rowing at Wycliffe is looking good.

A new longer 24-year lease was signed on the Boathouse with the Canal and Rivers Trust which will enable long term plans to be made.

A number of OW Watermen and guests



attended Henley this year and enjoyed a lunch kindly hosted by Wycliffe Rowing. Pictured above, **Isobel Gelder**, widow of **Nick Gelder** (W 1963), along with her family, presented a cup in memory of her husband to current pupil **Jacques Taylor** for Most Improved Rower. This will be an annual cup awarded at Henley.

I would like to thank **Mark Pollard** (J S 1982) and Mr **Greg Flower**, Wycliffe College Director of Rowing, for the excellent newsletter that was circulated in the summer. Going forward, we aim to produce two newsletters a year and these will be available on the Wycliffian Society website and sent via email. The next AGM of the Wycliffe Watermen will be Monday 21st September 2020 at 7pm.

## Football



It was a match well played as OWs took on Wycliffe pupils with a score of 4-0.

Pictured are the team: back row (from left) **Seni Oyewumi**, **James Elliot**, **Seb Pender**, **Seb Barnett**, **Greg Mason**, **Sam Dunne** (Captain), **Seun Somoye**, **Louis Garbett**, **Oscar Routleff-Jones**, **Seyifunmi Adenugba**. Front row (from left) **Isaac Fearnley**, **Harvey Abbot**, **Hammond Ozakpolor**, **Henry Pritchard**, **Tom Stanley**.

## Netball

OWs gave it their best in a Netball match against Wycliffe pupils. The score was 34-17.

Pictured are the team: back row (from left) **Izzy Garbett**, **Natalie Newport**, **Lily Reeder**, **Georgie Febery**, **Holly Tyler** (Captain), **Daisy Bing**. Front row: (from left) **Martha Burgess**, **Elena Azcona**, **Lucy Haynes**.





# Announcements

## New Chaplain



In the Summer Term we welcomed a new Chaplain to Wycliffe, Reverend **David Prescott**. He was licensed by the Bishop of Gloucester, The Rt Revd Rachel Treweek, in September (see photo above). David joins us from Warminster School and some of you will hopefully have had a chance to meet him at the TWS Carol Service in December.

## Newly appointed Trustees

In September, OWs **Greg Mason** (R 2011) and **Alison Kerr** (P HE 2011) were appointed to the Council of Trustees for Wycliffe College. On leaving Wycliffe, Alison studied English Literature and Drama at University in Cardiff. Since graduating, Alison has found her niche in marketing product management and has worked in a variety of industries from hospitality to Healthcare & Pharmaceutical. Outside of work Alison is a keen Netball player, playing at both fun league and club level.



Following Wycliffe, Greg went on to study Law with Hispanic Law at University College London, spending his third year at Universidad Carlos III de Madrid. Following graduation, Greg completed the Legal Practice Course with an MSc in Law, Business and Management and started his training contract with DLA Piper, during which he spent time with the Premier League and Heineken UK on client secondment.

Greg qualified as a solicitor in September 2018 and joined the digital entertainment team at Wiggin LLP, where he provides commercial and regulatory advice to a range of media, sport and technology clients.

Greg is a keen golfer and Squash player, as well as a long-suffering Cardiff City supporter.

## Congratulations to all from The Wycliffian Society

### Births



**Kate Rennicks** (P S H 1987 – 1997) and her partner, Carl Jacklin, celebrated the birth of Alfred (Alfie) Ryan Jacklin. He arrived on 29

November 2018 at Gloucestershire Royal weighing 8lb 1oz.



OW **Mr Jonny Harford** (S R M 2001) Wycliffe College Director of Squash and his wife, Sarah, celebrated the birth of their twins Oscar and Alfie in October 2019.



**Helen Vieira** (P L 2004) and her husband, David, were delighted to welcome baby Sebastian Nicholas Samuel to the family in March, a little brother to Benedict.

All doing well and settling into life as a family of four. Sebastian was christened in Wycliffe Chapel in October.

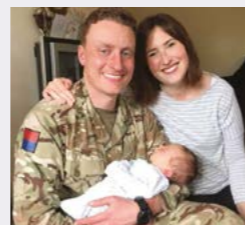
**Teri Clarke** (née Butcher) (HE 2015) and her husband, Elliot, celebrated the birth of their daughter Esmae Elizabeth-Lousia on 29th March 2019 weighing 5lb 14oz.

### Deaths

This year we have sadly said goodbye to:

**Anthony Talbot-Williams** (J SH 1933 – 1942), **Ronald Hodge** (J S H 1937 – 1943) died May 2018, **Robert Protherough** (J SH 1937 – 1944) **M. Jim Dickenson** (H 1943 – 1945) **Philip Henry Evans** (H 1943 – 1946) **Michael A. Willson-Lloyd** (SH 1942 – 1947) **Richard G. Perry** (P J S 1938 – 1947) **Clive L. Mort** (H 1940 – 1948) **John Martin** (S

**James Brackley** (P C 2007) and his wife Megan, celebrated the birth of their first child, Oskar.



Hon OW **Lisa Wisbey** (2009 to present) and her husband, Jonathan, celebrated the birth of Emilia June in March, weighing 7lbs 6oz.



Hon OW **Joanne Wright** (2009 to present) and her husband, Mark, celebrated the birth of Mia Linda Gertrude Wright born on 1st July weighing 7lbs 2oz, a beautiful sister to Jack.

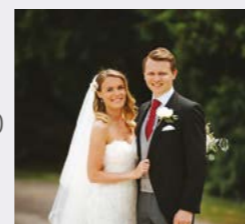


### Marriages

**Sarah Morris** (P C 2006) married Mr **Tom Holroyde**, Head of Science Wycliffe Prep School in December 2018.



**Nick Morris** (P C 2010) and **Rachel Jackson** (P C 2011) were married on 27th July 2019 at Grittleton House, Wiltshire. There were many OWs in attendance and it was a great reunion!



1947 - 1949) **Tony H. Morris** (P H 1943 – 1949) **Adam S. Page** (P J S 1945 – 1953) **John E. Davies** (J 1950 – 1955), (**William Ian Andrews** (W 1953 – 1956) died March 2018, **Richard T. Welch** (H 1962 – 1965) **J. Lindsay Whitfield** (J W 1958 – 1969) **Andrew D. Smith** (SH 1972 – 1977) **David King** (Hon. OW Former Staff 1954 – 1991), **Ed Evans** (P H 1984 – 1994) **Chun-Lung (Brian) Mok** (R 2002 – 2005)

To read any obituaries visit: [www.wycliffe.co.uk/the-wycliffian-society/announcements/](http://www.wycliffe.co.uk/the-wycliffian-society/announcements/)

# OWs Achieve



**Helena Sherwood** (current staff and P IG 1994 – 2003) was named National Pony Club Coach of the Year at the Pony Club Coaching Conference 2019. Miss Sherwood is from Minchinhampton Pony Club. The nomination form to the Pony Club said: “Helena is a motivational coach who always gets the best from her pupils, she is always smiling and cheerful and is able to get her pupils to respond and improve by having a positive and encouraging approach.”

Prof **Christopher Bunker** (SH 1974) was awarded the lifetime achievement Sir Archibald Gray Medal of the British Association of Dermatologists (BAD). This is BAD’s ultimate accolade for outstanding contribution to British dermatology. Chris went to Cambridge to read Medicine; qualifying in 1981. He is a Dermatologist at University College London Hospitals and has a personal Chair at Imperial College (2005) and UCL (2011).



**Jamie Davies** (P H 2018) has been competing in Europe representing GB in the Target Sprint. At the end of May, in Italy, their team set the 2nd best GB record in the relay. He wrote to **Major Matt Archer** (Wycliffe College CCF Contingent Commander and Head of Sixth Form) afterwards to thank the staff at Wycliffe for introducing him to Target Sprint.



**Emma Livingstone** (P IG 2019) represented GB earlier in the summer. She travelled to Budapest at the start of September to compete in the world laser run championships in the Junior Women’s category. She, along with two fellow GB athletes won silver in the team event.



This Autumn both **Philip Pritchard** (H 1976) and **Ryan Coombs** (P R 2017) completed Ironman triathlon competitions – an event that involves a 2.4 mile swim, a 112 mile bike ride and a marathon to finish!

Philip, aged 62, former Gloucester RFC player and President of the Amateur Jockeys Association, competed in Barcelona and finished with a time of 13h 53m and was 6th UK competitor to finish in his age group. He admitted to being more nervous before the race than before playing in the 1981 John Player Cup final at Twickenham for Gloucester, or riding over the Grand National fences at Aintree. The eight months of training made the actual race a real joy to do.



Ryan completed Ironman Wales in September in 12h 24s finishing a fantastic 6th overall in his age group! To read more about Ryan’s story, please read page 13. Ryan is looking for triathlon sponsors so, please get in touch with him here: <https://ryancoombstriathlon.com/>

Please let us know of any announcements for The Wycliffian Society Times 2020 issue and Wycliffe Times. Please contact [TWS@wycliffe.co.uk](mailto:TWS@wycliffe.co.uk)



# The Wycliffian Society Year 2020

## JANUARY

- Wed 22nd,** Wycliffe College presents  
**Thu 23rd,** Much Ado About Nothing.  
**Fri 24th** Book tickets on  
<https://events.wycliffe.co.uk>

## FEBRUARY

- Sat 1st** Wycliffe Big Boats Head,  
volunteers needed to help  
run the event.

## MARCH

- Thu 5th** TWS Drinks, Swansea, under  
25s, location TBC

- Thu 19th** TWS Drinks, Birmingham  
6:30pm – 8:30pm  
Primitivo Bar & Eatery, 10  
Barwick Street, B3 2NT

- Sat 21st** TWS Sports  
2:00pm OW Football v Wycliffe 1st  
XI, The Berryfield
- 2:30pm OW Netball v Wycliffe 1st  
VII, Sports Hall  
Match tea afterwards in the  
Pavilion, spectators welcome

## APRIL

- Fri 24th** OW Lodge meeting, Stroud  
5:30pm

## MAY

- TBC** TWS Golf Society Spring  
Meet, location TBC

## JUNE

- Fri 5th** TWS Drinks,  
6:30pm – 8:30pm  
Gloucestershire, The Old  
Lodge, Minchinhampton

## JULY

- Fri 10th** OW Lodge meeting, Stroud  
5:30pm

## SEPTEMBER

- Sat 12th** Wycliffian Day  
10:30am Registration  
11:00am Tours around campus  
(morning only)  
12:00pm Drinks Reception & AGM in  
the Chapel  
1:00pm Lunch in Wycliffe Hall  
Afternoon Watch College play Hockey  
and Rugby  
Chapel open with archive  
displays for VE Day 75th  
Anniversary  
4:00pm Afternoon tea in Wycliffe  
Hall  
5:00pm Finish

## OCTOBER

- Fri 2nd** OW Lodge Meeting, Stroud  
5:30pm

- Fri 2nd** The Edward Harris Cup,  
Royal Porthcawl Golf Club

- Thu 8th** TWS Drinks Reception, The  
6:30pm – 8:30pm  
RAC Club, 89 Pall Mall,  
St James's, London, SW1Y  
5HS

- Sun 25th** Dean Close Sixes, Ladies'  
Hockey event

## NOVEMBER

- Sat 7th** Armed Forces Dinner -  
ticketed event for Armed  
Forces - OWs and Current  
Parents

- Sun 8th** Wycliffe College Service  
of Remembrance, Wycliffe  
Chapel

## DECEMBER

- Sat 5th** Wycliffe Small Boats Head,  
volunteers needed to help  
run the event

- Sat 5th** TWS Traditional Carol  
6:30pm  
Service, Wycliffe Chapel

- Sat 12th** OW Lodge Installation  
5:00pm  
Meeting, Stroud

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

Please get in touch with [TWS@wycliffe.co.uk](mailto:TWS@wycliffe.co.uk) or call us on **01453 820439**. We are busy planning an Armed Forces dinner for Saturday 7th November 2020 and want to ensure all those OWs who are connected with the armed forces receive an invitation.

More details to follow nearer the time but please save the date.

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OW Lodge:  
Contact Phil Clements on **01453 732035**.

TWS Golf:  
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For more information and to RSVP for each event please contact the office on [TWS@wycliffe.co.uk](mailto:TWS@wycliffe.co.uk) or phone **01453 820439**. (Numbers are required for catering)

See the Events section of The Wycliffian Society website for new events and updates throughout the year  
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