



OLD WHITGIFTIAN ASSOCIATION

# Annual Report & Accounts 2010



**Ian Flanagan OBE**  
*President 2010-2011*



**Pip Burley**  
*President Designate 2011-2012*

## NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the Association will be held in  
**THE BRODIE MEMORIAL PAVILION (The Clubhouse)**

**Croham Manor Road, South Croydon, CR2 7BG**

**ON SATURDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2011 AT 11.00AM**

The President, Ian Flanagan, will take the Chair

### AGENDA

- |  |  |                |              |                |            |                  |                  |  |           |  |               |  |           |          |     |        |           |        |            |        |                 |        |             |        |                |   |
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| <p>1. Apologies for Absence.</p> <p>2. To confirm the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 3rd July 2010</p> <p>3. To consider matters arising.</p> <p>4. To receive and adopt the Chairman's Report.</p> <p>5. To receive and approve the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st August 2010.</p> <p>6. To approve the subscription rates for 2011-2012.</p> <p>7. To elect the President for the ensuing year. The Committee will propose that Pip Burley be elected.</p> <p>8. To elect the Senior Vice-President for the ensuing year. The Committee will propose that TBA be elected.</p> <p>9. To elect Vice Presidents for the ensuing year. The Committee will propose that the existing Vice-Presidents be re-elected and that Nick Somers be elected.</p> <p>10. To elect the Chairman for the ensuing year. The Committee will propose that Alan Cowing be elected.</p> <p>11. To elect the Deputy Chairman for the ensuing</p> | <p>year. The Committee will propose that TBA be elected.</p> <p>12. To elect the remaining Officers and other Members of the Main Committee for the ensuing year. The Committee will propose that the following be elected:-</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Hon. Secretary</td> <td>David Pearce</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Hon. Treasurer</td> <td>John Straw</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Elected Members:</td> <td>Richard Blundell</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Sam Barke</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Keith Hopkins</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>John Pitt</td> </tr> </table> <p>13. To elect the Bar Committee for the ensuing year. The Committee will propose that the following be elected:-</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Chairman</td> <td>TBA</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Member</td> <td>Rob Gould</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Member</td> <td>Stan Muzel</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Member</td> <td>Richard Woodall</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Member</td> <td>Katie Lloyd</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Member</td> <td>Mark Barriball</td> </tr> </table> <p>14. To appoint the Auditors. The Committee will propose that McCays be re-elected.</p> | Hon. Secretary | David Pearce | Hon. Treasurer | John Straw | Elected Members: | Richard Blundell |  | Sam Barke |  | Keith Hopkins |  | John Pitt | Chairman | TBA | Member | Rob Gould | Member | Stan Muzel | Member | Richard Woodall | Member | Katie Lloyd | Member | Mark Barriball | <p>15. To resolve that an EGM be held at a date to be agreed but within six months of this AGM to discuss changes to the Constitution and structure of the OWA which reflect the proposals set out in a Strategy Paper which has been unanimously approved by The Committee as a 'road-map' to a vibrant OWA for future generations of Whitgiftians.</p> <p>The Committee is charged to produce and circulate to Members an explanatory paper detailing its proposals not less than two weeks before the date of the EGM.</p> <p>16. To resolve that because of the Constitutional implications of Resolution 15 and to ensure that consultation and resultant decisions are fully democratic, it is open to any Full, Registered, Magazine or Honorary Member to register his/her vote on this matter at the EGM either in person, or by post or electronically.</p> <p>17. To consider any other business. Any matters of substance should be submitted in writing to the secretary two weeks before the AGM.</p> |
| Hon. Secretary   | David Pearce   |                |              |                |            |                  |                  |  |           |  |               |  |           |          |     |        |           |        |            |        |                 |        |             |        |                |   |
| Hon. Treasurer   | John Straw   |                |              |                |            |                  |                  |  |           |  |               |  |           |          |     |        |           |        |            |        |                 |        |             |        |                |   |
| Elected Members:   | Richard Blundell   |                |              |                |            |                  |                  |  |           |  |               |  |           |          |     |        |           |        |            |        |                 |        |             |        |                |   |
|  | Sam Barke  |                |              |                |            |                  |                  |  |           |  |               |  |           |          |     |        |           |        |            |        |                 |        |             |        |                |   |
|  | Keith Hopkins  |                |              |                |            |                  |                  |  |           |  |               |  |           |          |     |        |           |        |            |        |                 |        |             |        |                |   |
|  | John Pitt  |                |              |                |            |                  |                  |  |           |  |               |  |           |          |     |        |           |        |            |        |                 |        |             |        |                |   |
| Chairman   | TBA  |                |              |                |            |                  |                  |  |           |  |               |  |           |          |     |        |           |        |            |        |                 |        |             |        |                |   |
| Member   | Rob Gould  |                |              |                |            |                  |                  |  |           |  |               |  |           |          |     |        |           |        |            |        |                 |        |             |        |                |   |
| Member   | Stan Muzel   |                |              |                |            |                  |                  |  |           |  |               |  |           |          |     |        |           |        |            |        |                 |        |             |        |                |   |
| Member   | Richard Woodall  |                |              |                |            |                  |                  |  |           |  |               |  |           |          |     |        |           |        |            |        |                 |        |             |        |                |   |
| Member   | Katie Lloyd  |                |              |                |            |                  |                  |  |           |  |               |  |           |          |     |        |           |        |            |        |                 |        |             |        |                |   |
| Member   | Mark Barriball   |                |              |                |            |                  |                  |  |           |  |               |  |           |          |     |        |           |        |            |        |                 |        |             |        |                |   |

### PRESIDENT'S RECEPTION

Saturday 9th July 2011

All OWs and their wives/partners are invited to join the President for a drinks reception (complimentary wine and soft drinks) at the OW Clubhouse, Croham Manor Road, South Croydon at 12 noon.

Followed by a buffet lunch (cost £15.00 per head)

Please let us know if you will be attending and book your lunch through the OWA office, tel - 020 8686 2127, or email to [clubhouse@owa.org](mailto:clubhouse@owa.org) by 28th June 2011.

There is a 1st X1 cricket match versus Pyrford scheduled for the afternoon.

## OUR PRESIDENT DESIGNATE - PIP BURLEY

Pip Burley was born in Croydon and left Whittgift in 1962. Although he studied science and maths at school and was set to attend Bristol University to study engineering, he had a late change of heart, embarking instead upon a career spanning music, marketing, advertising, publishing and broadcasting. He has founded three companies including most recently Excelsior, best known for its television dramas The Darling Buds Of May and A Touch Of Frost starring David Jason and My Uncle Silas with Albert Finney. As writer, director and producer he has remained active in the theatre, particularly as Festival Director for the National Trust at Polesden Lacey, and has produced at the Edinburgh Festival. He has written and directed four plays as well as the much-performed stage adaptation of The

Slipper and the Rose. In 1992 he composed the music for The Darling Buds Of May for which he received an Ivor Novello Award. He has been an active supporter of the OWA both as a playing member of the Cricket Club and also producing and performing in shows at Croham Road including the notorious Il Lavatore written with Ken Rokison and The Monte Carlo Telegram with Grant Eustace. Pip has been on the Crew of Variety Club since 1995, is a keen member of the Variety Club Golf Society and was Chief Barker in 1999, the charity's 50th Anniversary year. He captained the Old Whitgiftian Golfing Society in 2006-7 and is currently Chair of Governors at the Quest Academy in Selsdon, a project he has been involved in since its inception three years ago. Pip is married with three daughters and four grandchildren.



### OLD WHITGIFTIAN ASSOCIATION

Function Rooms and Grounds for Hire

The perfect location for your

Birthday Party

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Wedding Reception

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Company Meeting or Conference

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Sporting Occasion

All including high class catering by Richard Woodall of FunctionFood

For further information about our facilities please contact:

The Clubhouse on  
020 8686 2127

Email [clubhouse@owa.org](mailto:clubhouse@owa.org)  
Web site [www.owa.org](http://www.owa.org)

Old Whitgiftian Association, The Clubhouse,  
Croham Manor Road, South Croydon, Surrey. CR2 7BG

## SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR 2011-2012

Membership Category	Standard Rate	Annual DD (20% discount)	Monthly DD (15% discount)
	£	£	£
<b>OWA</b>			
(a) Full Member: - Living under 20 miles from Croydon	75.00	60.00	
(b) Concessionary Member: - Under 24/ University/ Services/School Staff Or Living more than 20 miles from Croydon	40.00	32.00	
(c) Former Advanced Member Under 28	25.00	20.00	
(d) Junior Sports Parent	30.00	-	
(e) Hard Copy Supplement	5.00	4.00	
(f) Non-playing Member Supplement (per playing section)	10.00	-	
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<b>The Whitgiftian</b> (also includes annual OW News)			
(a) Living in UK	10.00		
(b) Living outside UK	15.00		
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<b>Playing Sections</b> (includes OWA subscriptions)			
<b>Cricket, Football, Hockey and Rugby</b> (per section)*			
Full	225.00	180.00	15.94 (191.25 p.a.)
Concessionary	190.00	152.00	13.46 (161.50 p.a.)
Veteran Rugby Players over 35	150.00	120.00	10.63 (127.50 p.a.)
Under 24	115.00	92.00	8.15 (97.75 p.a.)
<b>Squash</b>			
Full	115.00	92.00	-
Concessionary	80.00	64.00	-
Under 24	65.00	52.00	-
<b>Swimming (Water Polo)</b>			
Full	159.00	127.20	-
Concessionary	124.00	99.20	-
Under 24	90.00	72.00	-
<b>Swimming (Wallowers)</b>			
Full	135.00	127.20	-
Concessionary	100.00	80.00	-
Under 24	88.00	70.40	-

With the exception of the rate for Full Wallowers and the Whitgiftian magazine, the Standard subscription rates are not being increased this year. The rate for Wallowers will rise from £127 to £135 to more closely reflect the costs incurred by the OWA in hiring the school swimming pool. The rate for the Whitgiftian magazine will rise from £8 to £10 (£10 to £15 Overseas) to more closely reflect the costs incurred by the OWA in acquiring copies from the School, packing, labelling and posting. The last time the Whitgiftian price increased was in 1994 (UK) and 2002 (Overseas).

However, it is deemed necessary to generate some additional income, so the discount for paying by annual direct debit will be reduced from 25% to 20% and that for monthly payments from 20% to 15%. To cover the much increased costs for printing, packing, labelling and posting hard copies of this Annual Report, OW News and the OWA Newsletter, it is proposed to charge an annual supplement of £5 (£4 by DD) to those members who prefer to continue to receive OWA publications in printed form.

This supplement will not apply to members paying for the Whitgiftian.

### NOTES

*Ages are taken as at 1st September.*

*The Standard Rate applies if a Direct Debit is not in place.*

*If more than one sport is played, only one OWA subscription is payable.*

*\* If paid by Direct Debit, these subscriptions can be spread over 12 months with a 15% discount on the standard rate. This facility is only available to Cricket, Football, Hockey and Rugby players.*

*All cheques (payable to OWA) and/or Direct Debit mandates should be sent to OWA Clubhouse, Croham Manor Road, SOUTH CROYDON, CR2 7BG.*

Whilst Croham Road remains the spiritual home for members, I am pleased to note that there is a growing social calendar of events for Old Whitgiftians which do not require a presence at the Clubhouse. The latter part of 2010 saw a Sussex Dinner and the East Anglia branch met in Cambridge. We have an ever growing number joining our online groups as well ([www.linkedin.com](http://www.linkedin.com) - Whitgift School Alumni & [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com) - Old Whitgiftian Association). Please let the Clubhouse know of any others.

We plan to build on our online presence to communicate with our members far more efficiently in both terms of speed and cost and therefore rely far less on costly postage and printing expenses. Your assistance in reviewing the accuracy of the data we hold

on our register is most welcome.

The OWA continues to work with and support the School at every opportunity. We are delighted to once again host some of their home rugby matches on Saturday mornings and I would encourage those living nearby with an interest in high quality schoolboy rugby (perhaps the purest form of the game? - discuss) to see the talent displayed. We also plan to build on the support given by OWs for the Careers Evening by offering the boys mentoring and, through your firms, employment opportunities whenever possible.

Turning back to the Clubhouse, Richard Anstey, Facilities Manager, leaves us after 15 years, of loyal service and we wish him well for his future. Also David Pearce, Clubhouse

Manager for 4 years, has decided he can no longer delay retirement. Many of you will recall from last year's AGM that David announced he would retire and we thank him for not just his efforts over the years, but also for accommodating us whilst we sought a successor.

Finally, I can report to you that we have a flourishing operation at the Clubhouse. We have junior rugby and cricket on Sundays; shooting and rugby training on Tuesdays; football training and swimming on Wednesdays; hockey training on Thursdays and a full Clubhouse on Saturdays. We are open 7 days a week and have a growing number of external lettings which help subsidise our running costs as we seek to meet the needs of current and future members.



## OWA ANNUAL DINNER FRIDAY 17th JUNE 2011



This year's OWA Annual Dinner will be held on Friday 17th June 2010 at Whitgift School, Haling Park, South Croydon, CR2 6YT.

The President Ian Flanagan asks you all to join him at this important and enjoyable event.

The cost will be £50 (under 30's - £30) including a Champagne reception followed by a 3 course

meal, wine and coffee. Reception from 7.00pm for 7.45pm. Post dinner drinks will be available until 11.30pm.

The principal aim of the evening is to meet friends so there will be a time limit put on speeches – even your President will restrain himself. Dress - Black Tie.

**OLD WHITGIFTIAN ASSOCIATION  
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st AUGUST, 2010**

	2010 £	2009 £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>		
Freehold sports ground and pavilion at cost	200,874	200,874
Less		
Loan from Whitgift Foundation (Secured) (Note 1)	20,000	20,000
Loan from Whitgift Foundation (Secured) (Note 2)	15,000	20,000
	35,000	40,000
	165,874	160,874
Leasehold property at cost less depreciation (Note 3)	25,348	25,348
Furniture and equipment at cost less depreciation (Note 4)	5,832	8,772
	197,054	194,994
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
Stocks – at cost	5,551	5,335
Debtors	6,927	13,054
Bank deposit accounts and cash	5,134	12,340
	17,612	30,729
Less		
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>	26,583	43,908
	-8,971	-13,179
	188,083	181,815
Financed by:		
<b>RESERVES</b>		
Balance at 1 September 2009	11,013	1,462
Surplus for the year	4,868	12,475
	15,881	11,013
ADVANCE MEMBERSHIP SCHEME (Note 5)	168,422	167,022
ARCHIVE FUND (Note 6)	3,780	3,780
	188,083	181,815
Approved by the Main Committee 25 January 2010 N Somers (Chairman), J S Straw (Honorary Treasurer)		

**AUDITORS' REPORT  
TO THE MEMBERS OF THE OLD WHITGIFTIAN ASSOCIATION**

We have audited the financial statements on pages 4 and 5, which have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

**RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION AND AUDITORS**

The Association's officers are required to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of the affairs of the Association and of the surplus or deficit of the Association for that period. In preparing those financial statements the officers are required to:-

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is

inappropriate to presume that the Association will continue in business.

The officers are responsible for keeping proper accounting records, which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Association. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Association and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

As described above the officers are responsible for the preparation of financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view. Our responsibility is to audit the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland).

**BASIS OF OPINION**

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland) issued by the Auditing Practices Board. An audit includes examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgements made by members of the Committee of the Association in the preparation of the financial statements, and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the Association's circumstances, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

We planned and performed our audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations which we considered necessary in order to provide us with sufficient evidence to give reasonable

assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or other irregularity or error. In forming our opinion we also evaluated the overall adequacy of the preparation of information in the financial statements.

**OPINION**

In our opinion the financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of the Association's affairs at 31 August 2010 and of its surplus for the year then ended.

**J.B. McCay**  
Senior Statutory Auditor  
for and on behalf of:  
The McCay Partnership  
Statutory Auditor  
Financial House  
14 Barclay Road  
Croydon  
Surrey CR0 1JN  
Date: 25 January 2011

**OLD WHITGIFTIAN ASSOCIATION**  
**INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT – YEAR ENDED 31st AUGUST, 2010**

	2010 £	2009 £
<b>INCOME</b>		
Subscriptions	94,341	90,276
Donations	8,567	205
Bar profit	45,078	54,552
Lettings	37,385	44,314
Catering and entertainment	15,716	10,823
500 Club	1,422	1,055
Interest received	527	741
<b>TOTAL NET INCOME</b>	<b>203,036</b>	<b>201,966</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
Wages and National Insurance	79,623	79,769
Rates	2,038	2,162
Insurance	4,295	4,722
Ground and playing costs	41,231	36,201
Clubhouse maintenance and running costs	22,760	19,432
Sundry expenses	4,449	1,140
Cleaning	9,399	9,325
Light, heat and water	10,588	12,192
Postage, telephone, printing and stationery	6,746	7,243
Advertising	908	905
Newsletter	4,807	4,677
The Whitgiftian	2,966	2,274
Annual Circular	1,337	1,498
Annual dinner and guests – profit	-122	-735
OWA Day	0	638
Corp of Drums	150	450
Audit and accountancy	700	700
Bank charges	856	1,099
Interest paid	2,497	2,859
Depreciation	2,940	2,940
<b>TOTAL COSTS</b>	<b>198,168</b>	<b>189,491</b>
<b>SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR BEFORE AND AFTER CORPORATION TAX CARRIED TO ACCUMULATION ACCOUNT</b>	<b>4,868</b>	<b>12,475</b>

**OLD WHITGIFTIAN ASSOCIATION**  
**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS AS AT 31st AUGUST, 2010**

<p><b>1 Loan from Whitgift Foundation</b>            Loan taken out on 2 May 1963            The Association has a loan of £20,000 which has no fixed repayment terms and bears interest at a fixed annual rate of 7%</p>	<p>£ 20,000</p>	<p>Association being credited to the scheme and subsequently taken to subscription income over the period for which membership has been secured.            Movements in the fund for the year ended 31 August 2010 were as follows:</p>	<table border="0"> <tr> <td></td> <td style="text-align: right;">2010</td> <td style="text-align: right;">2009</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Balance as at 1 September 2009</td> <td style="text-align: right;">167,022</td> <td style="text-align: right;">167,022</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Receipts in respect of present Whitgiftians</td> <td style="text-align: right;">46,480</td> <td style="text-align: right;">42,373</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Transfer to income and expenditure account in respect of eligible members</td> <td style="text-align: right;">(45,080)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">(42,373)</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Balance as at 31 August 2010</b></td> <td style="text-align: right; border-top: 1px solid black;"><b>168,422</b></td> <td style="text-align: right; border-top: 1px solid black;"><b>167,022</b></td> </tr> </table>		2010	2009	Balance as at 1 September 2009	167,022	167,022	Receipts in respect of present Whitgiftians	46,480	42,373	Transfer to income and expenditure account in respect of eligible members	(45,080)	(42,373)	<b>Balance as at 31 August 2010</b>	<b>168,422</b>	<b>167,022</b>
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<p><b>2 Loan from Whitgift Foundation</b>            Loan as at 31 August 2010            The Association has a loan of £15,000 repayable in 3 equal annual instalments the next due 31 August 2011 and bears interest at a rate of 1% pa above Bank of England base rate with minimum of 5%</p>	<p>15,000</p> <p style="border-top: 1px solid black; border-bottom: 3px double black;">35,000</p>	<p>Balance as at 1 September 2009</p> <p>Receipts in respect of present Whitgiftians</p> <p>Transfer to income and expenditure account in respect of eligible members</p>	<p>167,022</p> <p>42,373</p> <p>(42,373)</p>															
<p><b>3 Leasehold Property</b>            Cost less accumulated depreciation as at 1 September 2009 and 31 August 2010</p>	<p>25,348</p> <p style="border-top: 1px solid black; border-bottom: 3px double black;">25,348</p>	<p><b>6 Archive Fund</b>            The Archive Fund was set up with an anonymous donation to which have been added further amounts received from OWs. The purpose of the Fund is to acquire items of Whitgift memorabilia for the School and the OWA and recognises and celebrates the dedication to the School and OWA of Freddie Percy and, in particular, his role as historian and archivist over a period of some sixty years.  <b>No donations were received nor expenditure incurred during the year.</b></p>	<p style="border-top: 1px solid black; border-bottom: 3px double black;">3,780</p>															
<p><b>4 Furniture and Equipment</b>            Cost less depreciation as at 1 September 2009            Less depreciation during the year ended 31 August 2010 with further depreciation over the next 2 years at £2,916 per annum</p>	<p>8,772</p> <p>2,940</p> <p style="border-top: 1px solid black; border-bottom: 3px double black;">5,832</p>	<p><b>7 Capital Commitments</b>            As at 31 August 2010 there were no Capital Commitments (2009 - £nil).</p>																
<p><b>5 Advance Membership Scheme</b>            The Advance Membership Scheme enables present Whitgiftians to obtain membership of the Association for seven years after leaving school by payment in advance at reduced rates. Fifteen termly payments are made over a period of five years by parents taking advantage of the scheme, the amounts received by the</p>		<p><b>8 Corporation Tax</b>            Corporation tax is paid by the Association on the excess of interest received over interest paid. Since interest paid exceeded interest received in the year ended 31 August 2010 no liability to corporation tax arises.</p>																

**REUNION DINNERS HELD DURING 2010**

**Reunion Lunch for Former, Retired and Current Masters**

Held at Whitgift School on Sunday 16th May 2010

**Reunion Lunch for 1957-1966 Leavers**

Held at Whitgift School on Thursday 11th November 2010 with 130 attendees

**FORTHCOMING REUNIONS**

**Reunion Dinner for 1977 – 1986 Leavers**

Dinner to be held at the OWA Clubhouse on Friday 4th November 2011 from 7pm

**EAST ANGLIA BRANCH**

The annual dinner was held at Peterhouse, Cambridge and attended by 23 members and their partners, including the President, Chairman and 3 Past Presidents. Prior to the dinner, we were invited into the Master's lodge to view John Whitgift's portrait, our founder being a fellow at Peterhouse. The Master informed us of details of Whitgift's life from his student days to notable events when he was Archbishop of Canterbury.

The dinner took place in the magnificent candlelit setting of the Upper Hall. Chairman, Nick Somers, spoke about the current scene at Croham Road and referred to the need to use modern communications, including networking websites. Our President gave us further insight into Whitgift's life, using Freddie Percy's book as his source of information. He also outlined how the Association may develop to take into account the changing needs of the School and pupils. The toast was to Whitgift School and the OWA and was followed by Carmen sung with gusto.

The location and date for the 2011 dinner will be announced in the Newsletter.

**ADDRESS CHANGES**

Each year when the Annual Report & Accounts are sent out, many are returned Gone Away and of our 8508 members, 1776 are currently "lost". If we do not know your address, we cannot invite you to Reunions or keep you in touch with other news and events, so when you move house, please do remember to let us know. You can update your contact details online by logging on to your account at [www.owa.org](http://www.owa.org), by writing to or telephoning the Clubhouse, or by sending an e-mail to [membership@owa.org](mailto:membership@owa.org).

A full list of lost OWs is available in the Alumni section of the website. Please e-mail [membership@owa.org](mailto:membership@owa.org) if you know the whereabouts of any of those listed.

**STANDING ORDERS**

Some members still have standing orders in force in respect of their Whitgiftian magazine subscription. In many cases these have not been updated to reflect current subscription rates. In accordance with the Constitution, any member who has paid only a part of a subscription due from him shall only be entitled to such reduced rights as the Committee may determine. Standing orders have to be identified individually from the OWA bank statement and entered manually into our computer system. Direct debits are processed automatically and save the OWA both time and bank charges. Please make the move this year from standing order to direct debit. If you have an antipathy to direct debits, at least please ensure your SO is updated to reflect current subscription rates (see page 2). If you want to receive the Whitgiftian, you must pay at least £10 (£15 overseas). DD forms may be obtained from the Alumni/Publications section of the website or in printed form from the Clubhouse.

**DATA PROTECTION ACT 1998**

As we maintain personal records of members on a computer database, we have to comply with the rules of the Act, although we are exempt from "Notification".

However, we do need to advise you that we have entered into an arrangement with MBNA Bank to offer an OWA affinity credit card, which involves the OWA occasionally providing MBNA with names and addresses of OWA members. If you do not wish your name to be passed to MBNA, please write to the OWA Membership Secretary accordingly. We do not have plans to pass members' names to any other commercial organisation.

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- Mr K H Allen (26-33) in Jan 2011 aged 94
- Mr R A Bacon (40-47) in July 2008
- Mr M P Beek in Feb 2010 aged 82
- Mr A M Bowden (53-62) on 07/04/11 aged 67
- Cannon J C Blair Fish (32-39) on 08/09/10 aged 90
- Dr P Brenchley (46-54) on 24/03/11 aged 74
- Mr F W J Clark (26-31) Date unknown
- Mr A F Coatman (75-81) in April aged 45
- Mr E J Dearsley-Hitchcock (83-89) in Oct 2010 aged 38
- Air V Marshall JCT Downey on 14/02/10
- Mr C C Edge (63-71) on 21/12/10 aged 58
- Mr J M A Evans (46-53) on 12/12/10 aged 76
- Mr P G Evans on 29/01/10 aged 78
- Mr J Fall (35-42) in Sep 2009 aged 85
- Mr R Fallas (46-51) in Jan 2011
- Mr J Frank (45-50) in 2009
- Mr J A Giles (42-48) on 11/11/10 aged 78
- Mr K W Giles (40-48) on 10/11/2010 aged 80
- Mr P W Harrison (32-38) on 29/12/2010 aged 90
- Mr H J Halestrap (27-34) in 2009 aged aged 92
- Mr J F Hawes (42-46) on 25/08/10 aged 81
- Mr J Head (54-61) in 2004 aged 60
- Mr S A Hogg (55-62) date unknown aged 66
- Mr B G Holliday (32-38) in 2007
- Mr J K Horne MBA (52-58) on 25/06/10
- Mr G B C Hughes (35-39) in Jan 2011 aged 87
- Mr J A Kooyman (43-48) date unknown
- Mr J P S Lindsey (57-63) date unknown aged 64
- Mr D B S Manktelow on 04/07/10 aged 80
- Mr R V Martin (41-46) in Dec 2010 aged 71
- Mr M J McRobert (41-48) Date unknown
- Mr J D Mellor (27-36) on 23/10/10 aged 93
- Mr J R T Miller (59-66) in Oct 2010 aged 63
- Rear Admrl A J Monk CBE (39-48)05/07/10 aged 86
- Mr M J Morden (44-52) in 2005
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- Mr J Mortleman (36-43) in April 2009
- Mr G F Morton (31-36) in May 2010 aged 90
- Mr J D Noble (98-05) on 29/04/2010 aged 23
- Mrs M Percy on 13/02/2011 aged 94
- Mr W F Perry (72-79) Date Unknown
- Mr R I Porter (37-48) date unknown
- Mr R A Polastro (90-01) in Feb 2011 aged 64
- Mr H C Osborne (41-46) in 2009 aged 81
- Mr C A Reader (40-45) on 22/01/2011
- Mr A K L Ryde (37-42) on 11/06/2010 aged 83
- Lt Col R Schlaefli (31-38) on 18/05/2010 aged 89
- Mr G Simpson (31-38) in Dec 2010 aged 88
- Mr D P Squibb (46-53) on 21/04/2010 aged 74
- Mr R J Stephens (38-45) 02/09/2010 aged 82
- Mr P T M With (30-39) on 18/03/2010 aged 89
- Mr J D Wood TD (20-27) on 23/05/10 aged 99

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The Benevolent Society's AGM will be at the Brodie Memorial Pavilion, Croham Manor Road, South Croydon on Saturday 9th July 2011, starting about 2.45pm. We ask all Old Whitgiftians to consider a legacy to the Society, as we continue to strive to help the less fortunate in the wider Whitgift family. I do urge ALL Old Whitgiftians to contact me c/o the OW Clubhouse if they hear of or suspect that an Old Whitgiftian could be in need of help.

**Richard Martin – Chairman – Benevolent Society**

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I used the term “extraordinary” in last year’s article to describe events at Haling Park but the word is equally applicable to recent achievements at Whitgift.

Academically, A Level and IB results once again reached the 90% A\*-B rate with an impressive number of grades being awarded the new A\* grade. Two pupils achieved the rare feat of 45 points, which is full marks, in the IB Diploma. This academic year, 22 places at Oxford and Cambridge have been achieved which ranks Whitgift with the very best academic schools in the country.

In drama and music, there have been some exceptional events and shows such as the powerful Jesus Christ Superstar and, most recently, the extraordinary talent of Sixth Form pupil Grig Cuciu playing Tchaikovsky’s fiendishly difficult Violin Concerto. This performance was part of the inaugural concert of the Whitgift Chamber Orchestra and the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra at Cadogan Hall. The School also hosted the BBC’s Big Band which recorded its Christmas show at the School and invited two of Whitgift’s finest musicians to participate. The ever popular Autumn Collection concert in the Fairfield Halls included a morning concert playing to over 400 local primary school children. With a stage production of Captain Stirrck in the Lent Term and the musical Beauty and the Beast rehearsing for the final production of the Trinity term, music and drama have enjoyed an excellent year.

In sport, the School received the prestigious title of Daily Telegraph Sports School of the Year in December and has experienced another exceptional period since, with national titles achieved in a wide range of sports. Whitgift’s Under 12 football side began the year in South Africa by representing England in the Danone 2010 Nations Cup in Pretoria, an honour bestowed upon them for winning the National Cup. This season the Under 13 and Under 15 teams won the Independent Schools Football Association National Cups. Whitgift also reached the Semi-Finals in the England Schools Football Association competition in three age groups. In a competition which includes over 800 schools, most of which would consider football to be their main sport, this is a remarkable achievement. The current Under 12 side will defend the title when they play in the Final at Fulham Football Club in May.

When it comes to defending national titles, it does not get much bigger than reaching the Twickenham Final of the Under 18 Daily Mail/RBS National Rugby Cup, a remarkable achievement for the 1st XV. The whole school will be looking forward to the trip on 6th April and, regardless of the result, it has been an incredible story for a side which has worked extremely hard to match the success of last year’s team which won the Cup. If there had been a few more minutes on the clock, Whitgift might have recorded a historic double by having two teams at Twickenham, but the Under 15 side lost out by one point in their Semi-Final. The Under 13 Sevens side, likewise, came very close to winning the Rosslyn Park Sevens national tournament, narrowly missing out in the Final.

Whitgift hockey players were not to be outdone either. This must have been the most successful hockey season in Whitgift’s history. The signs were ominous for anyone who wished to challenge the suggestion that Whitgift is now the number one hockey school in the country, when both the Under 18 and Under 16 sides won the National Indoor Finals, held in the sports hall at Whitgift. The Under 16 side has now won this competition for three years in a row. Outdoors, all three

eligible sides have reached the National Finals in May as well as being Divisional champions. With five England players across the age ranges in school, Whitgift hopes to maintain its place at the top in hockey for the foreseeable future.

Cricket enjoyed its own achievements including the Under 11 ESCA / Bunbury Hardball title last July and we look forward to further success in the season now approaching. The Under 13 side departs for their pre-season tour to Dubai shortly and we hope that volcanic ash does not delay their return as it did last year!

The School welcomed Jonathan Edwards to Whitgift in September for an Olympics preparation event and we were able to demonstrate the School’s interest in Olympic sports and in becoming a training venue for the 2012 Olympics. Lawrence Okoye, Great Britain Under 20 Discus thrower, participated in the Question and Answer session and Whitgift’s Olympic hopefuls had the opportunity to meet Edwards, the Olympic triple jumper and world record holder. One to watch for the future is Joseph Choong who became the first ever British athlete to win a Gold medal at the Under 16 European Modern Triathlon Championships. Choong then went on to compete for the Great Britain squad of five (three of whom were Whitgift boys) in the Berlin Cup and won the event, with his brother, Henry, achieving the Silver medal. With talent of this calibre, Whitgift’s Modern Pentathlon squad is becoming stronger every year and there is bound to be an Olympian before long.

Other sports which have seen considerable success this year include golf, fencing, swimming and athletics. The diversity of opportunity and achievement has been exceptional and reflects the commitment of staff and the determination of the pupils. At the same time, the School has continued to develop its fixture lists for all age ranges and abilities across the sports and an innovative Sports Development Programme encourages those pupils not selected for a school team, to work on their skills on a Saturday in the hope of representing the School in due course. With so many children keen to experience sport at a high level, the future is very bright indeed.

The CCF has certainly enjoyed a high profile year with one of our cadets being asked to represent the whole London Cadet Movement at the Field of Remembrance, Westminster Abbey, where he was inspected by HRH Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh. Similarly, staff and pupils from Whitgift’s Naval section were presented to Her Majesty The Queen on HMS Ark Royal in November. The CCF continues to thrive and is embarking upon a week’s camp to Longmoor as I write this, together with two groups of Cadets from Whitgift CCF partnership state schools.

The Outdoor Pursuits department has had an exciting year with an expansion of the Duke of Edinburgh programme, entry into the Inter-School Ski and Snowboard Championships, expeditions and an eagerly anticipated Gold Duke of Edinburgh trip to Corsica. Many pupils and staff once again participated in the Tough Guy competition, despite the snow on the ground, and Mr Andy Sims, Physics Teacher and Head of Cross Country at Whitgift, came second in the entire event, losing out narrowly to a professional athlete. An ambitious combined Outdoor Pursuits, Charities and CCF expedition to Tibet is planned for over 60 boys this year.

The School has welcomed a number of distinguished visitors including Derren Brown (OW) who revisited his time at the School as part of a television documentary. A number of Ambassadors have also visited and a Conference was held at Whitgift in conjunction with the German Embassy last summer at which the author John le Carré gave the keynote address. Most recently, the School’s patron, HRH The Duke of York, visited Whitgift and seemed to enjoy the opportunity to talk to a large number of staff and pupils. He was particularly interested in the Primary School Project and delighted the visiting Year 6 children from local schools by taking time to look through their work and discuss with them their participation in this unique Whitgift scheme.

The School continues to look to enhance its provision and a new purpose built boarding house on site is currently at the planning application stage. This will provide a superb facility for flexi, weekly and full boarding. This exciting development will give our current and future pupils the opportunity to enjoy their time at the School still further without the commute home during the week. The aim is to open the boarding house in time for September 2013 and OWs might be pleased to hear that, in the future, they could send their children and grandchildren to the School, regardless of where they live.

Another first at the School, and for Croydon, is the staging of a T20 County match at Whitgift in July this year. As before, Whitgift is hosting the Surrey Cricket Festival from 18th – 22nd May when Surrey take on first Essex in the four day format, followed by Hampshire in the 40 over game on Northfield. In addition, Surrey will play Sussex on 4th July in the ‘twenty-twenty’ version of the game, televised live on Sky Sports. A large crowd is expected and it is hoped that some of the England Ashes winning squad will be taking part. The event should be very exciting and inspiring for our own young cricketers.

Alongside celebration and success sometimes sits tragedy and the School community was recently shaken by the death of one of our current pupils, Tobi Adeyemi. It is easy to believe that so much success is proof of character at the School, but real character is shown in adversity. Witnessing the support for Tobi’s family and for one another from the pupils and staff demonstrates what a school such as Whitgift is really all about. It is this togetherness and looking out for one another which would have been recognised and applauded by the wonderful Molly Percy, whom we also bade farewell to this year and who will be missed by the entire Whitgift community.

The School year should come to a fitting climax as the OWA Annual Dinner comes to Big School on 17th June and, on the following evening, OWs and parents may wish to put on their dancing shoes for the WSA Midsummer Ball. A week later the Upper Sixth Form enjoys Graduation and their Leavers’ Ball. It is wonderful to see the Whitgift community, both young and old, current pupils, parents and former pupils as well as friends and the local community all working together and continuing to enjoy all that the School offers.