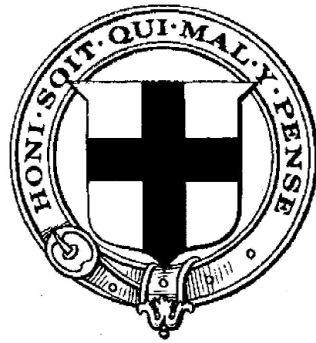


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Welcome to another edition of the Chronicle which this year may well have reached you in electronic form either as an e-mail or via the school's website. This is a departure which is not without the potential for controversy, but it is hoped that the fact that there will still be a physical copy available on request will mollify those who view this change to the pattern of things as troubling.

It has been a busy year in the life of the school and we hope in future issues to be able to bring you more news about the events forming the memories of tomorrow's members. For a summary of recent news, please see the Head Master's report to the 2014 AGM starting on page 26. For the moment, however, to keep abreast of things happening in the school one can now follow its output on Twitter <https://twitter.com/stgwindsor> as well as by visiting the website <http://www.stgwindsor.co.uk/>.

We hope that you will enjoy reading about the news that members have sent in and that has been harvested from myriad sources by virtue of some of the more eagle-eyed amongst our number and, for those of you who were at St George's twenty-five or fifty years ago, simply reminiscing. As ever, the Chronicle relies on your support, and a quick e-mail with news will help it immeasurably; we positively encourage parents to help by informing on their children!

Obituaries

I have first to announce the obituaries that I have received.

Patrick Reginald Redland Clarke (1931–1934) born 16/04/1921, died 27/02/2015. After graduation Patrick worked as a neurosurgeon in Middlesbrough from 1957 to 1986 when he retired. He had very fond memories of his school-days.

John Terence Patrick Crowe (known as Terry) (1947–1952) born 1939, died 23/10/2014 after a long battle with leukaemia. He worked as a Quantity Surveyor and was a very keen village cricketer and follower of international cricket, a love he developed at St George's.

John Victor Evered (1935–1939) died on 29th March 2013.

Luc Henry Ferrand (1982–1986) born 27/12/1972, died 03/01/2014. A service of Thanksgiving was held on 1 March 2014 at St James's Church, Piccadilly.

Allan Kendall (Lay Clerk and Staff until 1975) born 1939, died 18/11/2014. After reading theology and King's College Cambridge, where he held a choral scholarship, Allan spent four years in Paris in the publishing trade before returning to England and taking up an appointment at St George's Chapel. He combined this role with publishing books on a variety of musical topics and teaching. After his time at the school he worked at King's College School in Wimbledon and Emmanuel School, Wandsworth. Later in life he became heavily involved in local politics and at the time of his death was Mayor of Bracknell Forest Council. He died of pancreatic cancer following a short illness.

I. McIntyre (1949–1953) died on 29 March 2015.

A. E. J. Peterson (1962–1966) born 1954, died 06/05/2014. Tony was often to be seen at reunion day accompanying his father Richard Peterson (1931–1937): St George's clearly had much significance to him. Whilst at St George's and under Bill Cleave's tutelage, Tony developed the practical skills which made him an effective communicator of professional architectural requirements to skilled tradesmen during his career as a chartered surveyor. He had a long and successful career based in Winchester running his own company specialising in the surveying and restoration of listed and period buildings. From 1993 to 1994 he was chairman of the Winchester Chamber of Commerce and he also worked with the Diocese of Winchester Youth Offices on projects in Kenya, Uganda and the Philippines. His charitable work was wide-ranging and included working with the Samaritans, Winchester's Night Shelter scheme and the Sunday Lunch project for the homeless in Southampton. A service of thanksgiving was held in Romsey Abbey on 23 June 2104 attended by his mother, Margaret, sister, Ann, brother, John (1961–1966) and partner Dave.

R. H. Raynes (1940–1946) died on 3rd January 2014.

John Ross-Ross (staff) died on 28 March 2015. A funeral service was held in Chichester Cathedral on 17 April.

C. P. A. Stericker (1962–1966) died in 2013.

A. M. Williams (1941–1945) died on 23rd October 2013 aged 80.

A plea renewed

The Editor would be grateful for news about any other members of the Association who have died so that we can mark their passing and amend the records.

New Members 2014

Lou Arrouays (2009–2014) Charters.

Amelie Abass (2006–2014) Bishopsgate; Supers' Choir; Grade 2 Singing with distinction; Piano Grade 4; Clarinet Grade 3 with distinction.

Ben Andrews (2004–2014) Hampton School; Hampton English Common Entrance Prize; Chorister; National Youth Choir; Assistant Prefect; History Prize; Science Prize; Grade 5 piano; 1st XV Rugby; 2nd XI Football and cricket; Rowing Spurs: 26th nationally in 3 minute row.

Lucas Basford (2004–2014) Holyport College; Revenge House Captain; 1st XI Football; 2nd XV Rugby (captain); 1st XI Cricket captain.

Georgia Basham (2007–2014) Wellington College; Rodney House Captain; French Prize; Head of Supers' Choir; A teams in Netball, Rounders, Hockey and Swimming.

Michael Bovingdon (2004–2014) Holyport College; Ward Trophy; 1st XV Rugby; 1st XI Cricket; Rowing Team — national finals; Shooting, National Team.

Tom Breedon (2012–2014) Reading Blue Coat School, Music Scholarship; Chorister; Saxophone Grade 5 with merit; Piano Grade 4 with merit; Colts A Cricket, Rugby & Football (with spurs); 1st in Cross Country.

Emily Brown (2006–2014) Burnham Grammar; Year 6 Academic Prize; Piano Grade 4; Netball A team, 4th in nationals; Rounders A team.

Sam Brudney (2005–2014) Eton College; Physical Education Cup; Assistant Prefect; Piano Grade 3; 1st XI Cricket captain; 1st XV Rugby; 1st XI Football; Swimming (colours): IAPS national finalist.

Olivia Burr (2007–2014) Marist; Sports Scholarship; Flute Grade 2; U11 As Rounders & Netball; IAPS swimming and netball tournaments.

Andrea Casale (2006–2014) Lady Eleanor Holles; Year 6 Academic Prize; Flute Grade 3 with merit; IAPS Netball: 4th nationally.

Oliver Casale (2006–2014) Hampton School; Assistant Prefect; Hitchcock Cup for ICT; 2nd XV Rugby; 3rd XI Football captain.

Shayli Chandarana (2013–2014) relocated to Dubai; French Journal Prize; Piano Grade 2.

Sebastian Clare-Panton (2004–2014) Windsor Boys' School; Chorister; Piano Grade 3; Violin Grade 2; 3rd Teams for Cricket, Rugby & Football.

Maisie Day (2009–2014) Burnham Grammar; Year 6 Progress Prize; Year 5 Form Prize; Netball U11 As; IAPS Netball: 4th nationally.

Thomas Dowse (2004–2014) Holyport College; Assistant Prefect; 2nd XI Cricket; 2nd XV Rugby; 3rd XI Football.

Lorenzo Durigon Richardson (2005–2008; 2010–2014) Wellington College; Rugby Player of the Year 2014; 1st XI Cricket; 1st XV Rugby captain (colours); 1st XI Football; Swimming Team.

Jessica Ellis (2006–2014) Burnham Grammar; Piano Grade 1; Rounders U11 As.

Connor Foligno (2009–2014) Windsor Boys' School; Assistant Prefect; Performing Arts Cup; Musical Theatre Grade 5 with distinction; 3rd XI Cricket; 1st XV Rugby; 2nd XI Football; lead role in Joseph.

Rose Grundon (2006–2014) Cheltenham Ladies' College; Year 6 Good Conduct Prize; Singing Grade 1; LAMDA Grade 1; U11 As Netball; IAPS Netball: 4th nationally.

Christina Hamilton-Foster (2012–2014) Bradfield College; Head Boarder; Outstanding Academic Achievement Prize; Harvey Memorial Prize for Religious Studies; Singing Grade 6; Piano Grade 4; Theory Grade 3; Rounders Senior team captain; Netball A team; Tennis 1st Team.

Henry Hampshire (2010–2014) King Edward's School, Witley, Music Scholarship; Deputy-Head Chorister; Assistant Prefect; Chorister Progress Prize; Piano Grade 5; Theory Grade 5; 2nd XI Cricket; 1st XV Rugby; 2nd XI Football.

Sam Heavey (2004–2014) Wellington College; Judo Trophy; 1st XI Cricket; 1st XV Rugby; 1st XI Football.

Warren Hunter (2004–2014) Stowe School; 2nd XV Rugby; 2nd XI Football; Tennis team.

Chester Johnson (2005–2014) Holyport College; 1st XI Football.

Alexandra King (2004–2014) Stowe College; Assistant Prefect; Derek Stanesby Design Technology Prize, Singing Grade 4; LAMDA Grade 4; Senior A teams in Netball & Rounders.

Eliot Laver (2010–2014) St Edward's Royal Free School, Windsor; Junior Maths Challenge Gold; Piano Grade 1 with distinction; 1st XV Rugby.

Jessica Lee (2006–2014) Burnham Grammar; Piano Grade 4; U11 As Netball; IAPS Netball: 4th nationally.

Sasha Lemon (2010–2014) St George's Ascot, English Exhibition; Ballet Grade 5; Singing Grade 4; Violin Grade 4;

B team Rounders and Netball.

Maria Maier (2006–2014) St Bernard’s School; Singing Grade 3; U11 As Rounders; U11 As Netball with Spurs; IAPS Netball: 4th nationally.

Miriam Masood (2006–2014) Abbey School, Reading; Ballet Grade 5; Singing Grade 2.

Amy McArthur (2008–2014) The Marist School, Sports Scholarship; U11 As Netball; IAPS Netball: 4th nationally.

Oliver McArthur (2004–2014) Windsor Boys’ School; Assistant Prefect; Latin Prize; Sportsman of the Year; Cricket 1st XI; Rugby 1st XV; Football 1st XI captain; Gothia World Youth Cup; IAPS National Finalist 1500m.

Charlotte McCombe (2004–2014) Wellington College, Exhibition; Head Girl; Balmer Cup; Rice Cup for English; Sportswoman of the Year; Piano Grade 2; Ballet Grade 5; LAMDA Grade 4 with distinction; Senior A teams for Rounders, Netball (captain), Tennis, Athletics & Swimming.

Niamh McKenna (2006—2014) Queen Anne’s Caversham; Year 6 Good Conduct Prize; Harp Grade 4; U11B Netball; U11 B Rounders.

James McLean (2009—2014) Eton College, Music Exhibition; Head Chorister; Assistant Prefect; Scholarship Prize for Music; Hymn Writing Prize; Percussion Grade 2 with distinction; Tenor Horn Grade 3; Trombone, Grade 5; Theory Grade 5 with merit; Piano Grade 6; 2nd XI Cricket; 3rd XV Rugby; 3rd XI Football.

Jasper Newbold (2004–2014) Hampton School, Academic & All Round Scholarships; Deputy Head Chorister; Assistant Prefect; Workman Mathematics Prize; Piano Grade 6; Clarinet Grade 5; 3rd XI Cricket; 1st XV Rugby; 2nd XI Football.

Annabel Nicholls (2006–2014) Sir William Perkins; Singing Grade 3; U11 A Swimming; B teams for Rounders and Netball.

Katelyn O’Hara (2013–2014) St George’s, Weybridge; U11 A Swimming; U11 A Biathlon.

Lewis Quinn-Bower (2004–2007; 2010-2014) Holyport College; Head Boy; Balmer Cup; Rugby 1st XV with Colours; 1st XI Football.

Mehdiya Rehman (2011–2014) The Queen’s School, Chester; Piano Grade 3; Singing Grade 3; Ballet Grade 4; LAMDA Grade 1; Netball U11 B Team.

Zaina Rehman (2011–2014) The Queen’s School, Chester; Year 7 Academic Prize; Piano Grade 4; UK Junior Maths Challenge, Gold.

William Renwick (2009–2014) Uppingham; Chorister; Geography Prize; Cello Grade 7; Piano Grade 4; 2nd XI Cricket; 2nd XV Rugby; 2nd XI Football.

Isabella Ricketts (2012–2014) St Mary’s, Ascot ; Supers’ Choir; Piano Grade 3.

Imogen Rodger (2007–2014) St George’s, Ascot; U11 As Netball; IAPS Netball: 4th nationally.

Arjun Samra (2010–2014) Hampton School; Year 6 Academic Prize; Piano Grade 3; Colts A Cricket, Rugby & Football.

Joe Stobbs (2005–2014) Leighton Park; Bassoon Grade 1 with merit; 1st XV Rugby.

Max Ticehurst (2006–2014) Holyport College; Chorister; Assistant Prefect; Art Prize; Piano & Flute, Theory Grade 5; 1st XV Rugby; 2nd XI Football captain.

Max Timms (2008–2014) Licensed Victuallers’ School; Vindictive House Captain; Cameron Cup; 2nd XI Cricket; 2nd XV Rugby; 1st XI Football.

Jessica Wade (2006–2014) Licensed Victuallers’ School, Ascot ; Supers’ Choir; Judo Green Belt.

Bertie Wilson (2008–2014) Holyport College; Victory House Captain; 1st XI Cricket; 1st XV Rugby; 2nd XI Football.

Molly Wilson-Khanna (2012–2014) Licensed Victuallers’ School; Senior A Teams Rounders and Netball.

News from and about Association Members

Ben Andrews (2004–2014) has successfully made his way into the Under 14A crew at Hampton School and won gold medals at the Junior Sculling Head and Birmingham Regattas. Unsurprisingly given his chorister background, Ben has also found time to join the nationally acclaimed Voices of Lions choir which will be performing at the Edinburgh Fringe this summer. It will be a busy summer as the Hampton Choir will be on tour in Italy, singing in St Mark’s Square in Venice among other places.

Gerald Barry (2008–2013) is enjoying Harrow where he is completing his second year as a Music Scholar. Word reaches us that Harrow suits Gerald very well. In his first year he received a Headmaster’s award for music, and that he sang the solo at the end of Harrow speech day in the famous song ‘Five Hundred Faces’. The song is renowned as being able to tug at the heart-strings, and true to form Gerald’s stunning rendition reduced several mothers to tears. Readers of The Spectator magazine may well have paused for a moment over an article entitled *Why choirgirls are a bad idea* penned by **Edward Bell** (1994–2001) and **Camilla Swift** (1996–2001). Sporting the sub-heading

“Sometimes being excluded means you gain more”, it was formed of two parts, the one entitled “Boys” by Edward arguing that encouraging girls albeit not necessarily in a mixed voice choir is the right way forward, the other “Girls” by Camilla arguing that a by-product of being excluded from the ranks of the Chapel Choir was that she able to take part in more activities and build the musical base in the Supers’ Choir that served her right up to Grade VIII singing. She didn’t feel that being prevented from auditioning meant she was left out, and whilst not ‘gender equal’, this was not necessarily a bad thing. It makes interesting reading and can be found on the internet at <http://www.spectator.co.uk/spectator-schools/spectator-schools-features/9463762/why-choirgirls-are-a-bad-idea/>.

Julia Bourne (née Cleave) (1953–1955) writes: It is now forty-four years since we were married in St George’s Chapel, and we now have three daughters and six grand-children. Our eldest daughter is married to Alexander Gillington, whose father **Rodney Gillington** (1951–1956) was in the school at the same time as me — incidentally, we were both born on the same day. Still in Winchfield after thirty-eight years in the same house. Things have changed at St George’s now —my bedroom is now a classroom!

Oliver Casale (2006–2014) has also made a successful start to his Hampton career, and has made waves in the boat club coxing his various crews to victory. He has also been heavily involved in the Drama department helping with lighting, sound and backstage management for the recent Junior Drama play *Bugsy Malone*.

Several of our members, having moved on to The Windsor Boys’ School, have had their names spied in the Press of late, all in relation to their rowing prowess.

Will Jacobs (left 2012) led the way at the National Schools Regatta at Holme Point in Nottingham this spring fighting through three rounds to win the Marlow Bowl in the J16 Double Sculling category. In the J14 B quad event **Sebastian Clare-Panton** (2004–2014) coxed **Ollie McArthur** (2007–2014) and three friends to a silver medal in the Nautics Cup. Not long after, Ollie and Seb were again in winning form at the Blenheim Palace Junior Regatta at the beginning of June winning gold in the 500m event, this despite carrying extra weight as Seb’s arm was in plaster following a break the previous day! In a parallel event, **Connor Foligno** (2010–2014) was part of another victorious quad crew. Bringing this item full circle, **Will Jacobs** and his partner Tom Smith won the final of the J16 double by some two lengths. Hearty congratulations to all concerned: St George’s seems to be turning out rowers of distinction in large numbers!

It is unusual to be able to give an update on so many under one paragraph, but thanks to an efficient member of the family I am able to report that **Neil Colquhoun** (1954–1960) retired from teaching ten years ago and is currently running Greshornish House Hotel on the Isle of Skye although looking to enjoy a quieter retirement soon. **Will Colquhoun** (1984–1990) is a Major in the Royal Regiment of Scotland, currently working in Glasgow and renovating his new family home in the highlands. **Nick Colquhoun** (1986–1992) is also a Major in the Royal Regiment of Scotland, currently commanding a company in Northern Ireland: he was amongst the first soldiers to deploy to Sierra Leone in response to the Ebola Crisis last year but is safely back with his family now! **Rob Colquhoun** (1990–1996) is a Captain in the Royal Regiment of Scotland having just finished working as an Assistant to the Commander Land Forces. He will shortly promote to Major (on 31 Jul 2015) and undertake Staff College in Shrivenham before returning to the Army Headquarters in Andover in May 2016. **Hamish Colquhoun** (1992–1997) is an economist specialising in education development projects in central Africa, currently living in Kinshasa in the Democratic Republic of Congo, but his work takes him through South Sudan, Nigeria, Rwanda, Mozambique and beyond.

Paul Churchouse (Staff 2000–2013) writes:

I left St G’s only nine months ago (but no, didn’t leave for that reason!), and much has happened. I officially retired in my 61st year as deputy head [a good innings! Ed.], and had this grand idea that amongst all the other things I would do, I would learn the vagaries of the game of golf. The staff very kindly gave me several gifts, one of which was cash that was specifically intended to go towards a golfing trolley. So I bought one, and membership of a local course (Hazlemere Golf Club, Bucks — quite near to where I live), and hey presto, away I went. I am now a member of the ‘roll-up’ group that plays twice a week, and I thought I was set up. Out of the blue, Jan my wife needed a hip replacement (the other side this time) and I found myself teaching her PSHCE (personal, social, health citizenship education) classes at Davenies School in Beaconsfield. Having done that, I found myself teaching the middle and lower Year 8 sets Religious Studies for their CE course (I was covering some maternity leave) and some piano lessons (I trained as a musician). Somehow I found my way through that, and am now contemplating two days’ piano teaching next year. Such is teaching, and I wonder what else next year holds!

I have very fond memories of St George’s, and was there when some fundamental changes took place. The year before I left, pupil numbers including the nursery stood at 403. We all worked enormously hard, and the SMT (Senior Management Team) seemed forever creating and editing reams of policies and other paper work for the numerous inspections we experienced. I often wondered whether some of the fun went out of teaching at those times, but on the other hand it was a wonderful feeling when all the parts of the school synchronised — a bit like a rowing eight, when everyone does what they are supposed to do! I was involved with games, PSHCE, Maths, RS and Geography teaching latterly, so saw much that was going on. That is the main difference these days — schools work in teams, not as groups of individuals.

I have been in touch with Roger Jones (former Head Master), Richard Pepys (former head of Boarding), Mrs Emmerson-Smith (IT), Mrs Cheesewright (Art) and Mrs Barlow (Girls’ Games) since leaving, and it is always good to hear news of the school. I am always keen to hear other people’s news and welcome the chance of a get-together with anyone who wishes.

Martin Denny (1981–1986) and Harriet were delighted at the arrival of their first child, Imogen Alexandra Mary, who was born on 24th April 2014 and who the Hon. Sec. can report is most decidedly bonny and now on the move to boot!

Anne Eggar (elected 2002, Daughter of Sir William Harris) is sorry not to be able to attend reunion day but sends best wishes to the present school and in particular to any VERY Old Boys!

Roland Gardner (1968–1973) writes:

‘I live in Highclere (a.k.a. Downton Abbey) with my wife and we have four children who are fast fleeing the nest. I am Chief Executive of Newbury Building Society, a post to which I was appointed in 2007, a few months before the Northern Rock collapsed — so it has been interesting times! I still play Cricket and Golf, games I started at St George’s. Please send best wishes to all who remember me.’

Tom Gorsuch (1984–1989) is now a consultant chest physician in Manchester. He is married and second daughter, Clara Elizabeth, was born on 1 May 2014. His older daughter, Cecily Mary, is not quite three, and so Tom and his wife are very busy at home!

Richard Halsey (1954–1959) sends his greetings to those who may remember him and are present at Reunion Day. [On behalf of the Head Master and children of St George’s the editor wishes to record our thanks for the generous cheque which will be put to good use on the playing fields].

Sarah Heyworth (née Russell) (1974–1975) writes to update us with news of her father **Richard Russell** CVO (Staff 1965–1971, Head Master 1971–1983) who has moved into a home in Abingdon. Whilst suffering from the ravages of time, he is still keen to hear from anyone who knows him. He remembers his time as Head Master at St George’s with great fondness. Please do contact the Association for details of his address at association@stgwindsor.co.uk.

Sue Hill (Staff 1983–1992) was awarded a British Empire Medal in January 2015 for ‘services to children and families in Hurstpierpoint’. Our congratulations to Sue on this honour that reflects the same indefatigable spirit which gave so much to the children of St George’s during George’s tenure as Head Master.

J. A. Jones OBE (1930–1935) writes: ‘Alas! Housebound, and aged nearly 93, I will not be able to visit the school again, but it remains, live, in my memory. Love and best wishes to you all — staff & pupils.’

Roger Jones LVO (Staff 1983–1988 & Head Master 2000–2011) and **Sue Jones** (Staff 2000–2011) have not managed retirement for very long having spent the past year minding the ship at Dean Close Preparatory School in Gloucestershire! The School hosts the Choristers of Tewkesbury Abbey and Roger and Sue accompanied them to Windsor recently as the Schola Cantorum of Tewkesbury Abbey sang Evensong. It was wonderful to see them looking so well and we hope to see them again soon!

Having recently retired from the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, **Maurice Kenwick-Piercy** (1957–1961) is now a volunteer and for the Friends of Cathedral Music and its Director of Future Resources. He has set up the new Diamond Fund for Choristers which, starting in the charity’s jubilee year in 2016, is aiming to raise £10m for choristers and cathedrals across the country by 2020. It is an ambitious target, but one which will do much to secure the choral tradition which means so much to former choristers of St George’s. The Friends of Cathedral Music is a charity well worth investigating: although a charity of only some 3,800 members, it has made grants totalling £2.8m to Cathedrals and choirs throughout over the past six decades and has recently made a substantial donation to The Queen’s Choral Foundation here at St George’s. Further details may be found at www.fcm.org.uk/. [Don’t miss off the .uk or you will be redirected to the Fellowship of Christian Magicians of Canada and the USA! Ed.]

Morgan Lake (2007–2008) has had another successful year’s athletics breaking the world youth record in the heptathlon before winning two gold medals at the world junior athletics championships in Oregon with a personal best 6,148 points in the heptathlon and in the high jump. Her performance was all the more impressive for including a new British junior high jump record (1.94m) and new personal bests in the javelin (41.66m) and 800m (2m 21.06s). So notable are Morgan’s achievements that she won SportsAid’s coveted One-to-Watch award last December beating off competition from more than 1300 emerging stars of British sport from over 60 disciplines.

Explaining that the Editor was mistaken in thinking that he had spotted him in the audience whilst singing a concert in Windsor, **John Lavender** (Director of Music 1969–1981) reported that he had in fact been at a concert in St Mary’s Perivale listening to **Francis Grier** (1963–1968) and his brilliant daughters. He was pleased to note that they were, “all staggeringly good.”

Allan Ledger (1952–1957) has written a new book. *A Spencer Love Affair: Eighteen Century Theatricals at Blenheim Palace* is the true story of the love affair and marriage between the 4th Duke of Marlborough’s favourite daughter Lady Charlotte Spencer and an Oxford Vicar, the Reverend Edward Nares. After their marriage in 1795 Lady Charlotte was banished from Blenheim Palace by her parents, never to return home. The affair stemmed from their acting together in the private theatricals performed at Blenheim’s newly-created private theatre during 1785–1789, the year of the French Revolution.

The fashion for creating private theatres originated in France with Voltaire. In England it became fashionable amongst the aristocracy, gentry and clergy in the second half of the eighteenth century. This included the Austen family at Steventon Vicarage where Jane Austen’s family created their own private theatre, not in a palace but a barn. Later in life, Jane Austen was to include her childhood memories of these theatricals in her novel *Mansfield Park*. It was, as Austen described, that these private theatricals led to dangerous intimacies amongst the actors, and this certainly seems to have been the case in the love affair between the Revd Edward Nares and Lady Charlotte Spencer.

Much of the research for the book was undertaken at Merton College, Oxford, for His Grace the Duke of Marlborough, and whilst writing the author was often reminded of some of the Bridge plays set in the Napoleonic era that he was involved in as a boy in the 1950s. Allan was unable to attend Reunion Day in 2014 but had a good excuse, it being his wedding anniversary! Copies of the book can be purchased from the publisher Fonthill Media at <http://fonthillmedia.com/A-Spencer-Love-Affair>.

Sean-Paul Mackenzie (2000–2009) is studying Electrical Engineering at Warwick University having excelled in his International Baccalaureate exams at Wellington College.

A. Jeremy Martin (1980–1985) writes:

After heading to Tonbridge School, I studied Physics with Astrophysics at Birmingham. I then did several jobs as a Technical Sales/Applications Engineer. Some years ago I headed round the world, paying my way with teaching jobs. I finished in November 2013 and am now working in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, as a Mathematics Instructor.

Sebastian Mills (1961–1966) was sorry again to be away at Reunion time due to work commitments overseas. He was able to report that Rosamond Elliott who was under-Matron for a great many years from 1960 to 1980 — at the same time as Brenda Halsey — died in 2013 at the pretty good age of 95. He writes:

She was a great friend of our family and kept up her connections with St George's until reasonably recently I think. Sadly all her contemporaries are now dead!

I'm still in the oil and gas business; travelling the world. My children are now all post university and all working I'm glad to say. My eldest daughter Harriet is getting married this autumn to her Chilean boyfriend and will continue living there after her marriage this September in the UK. It's a great place to go to during the long damp Cornish winters.

Andy McCullough (1949–1953) reports:

We have now lived in South Walsham, Norfolk, for twelve years opposite a beautiful church (The St Lawrence Centre) where concerts take place. I play my clarinet each morning and go sailing in our Westerley 22 whenever possible. We keep her on South Walsham Broad.

We have a large beautiful garden, and I play tennis twice a week in the village of Acle, nearby. We have eight grandchildren (five with Music Scholarships to Radley and Uppingham and another grandson who sings in the choir of Jesus College, Cambridge). It was wonderful to see so many old choristers who sang in the Coronation in 1953 and our reunion last summer in Westminster Abbey was a great success.

Allan McDowall, Capt. M.N. (1947–1952) has written summarising a most interesting and remarkable career which started straight after St George's when he was a cadet aboard HMS Worcester the name given to successive ships which housed the Incorporated Thames Nautical Training College. From 1952–1959 he worked for the Clan Line before moving to P&O in 1959 serving there until 1962. During this period he married his first wife, Sue, with whom he had three sons, Giles, Jeremy and Edward. From 1962 to 1975 he worked in Mechanical Engineering as the Drawing Officer to the Chief Design Engineer and then as Assistant Works Engineer at Avon Rubber. He returned to sea when Avon closed down and completed his career there from 1975–2002, serving the final 21 years as Master. He and Sue parted in 1980 and in 1982 Allan married Mo enjoying 28 years together before Mo's death in 2010. Still singing, he met Helen in his choir and they married on 7th May 2011. Association Day 2014 was immensely enlivened by Allan's presence: weather never could stop the cricket and in the impromptu game of pairs cricket in the gym, Allan gave a bravura performance making several of his juniors pause for thought!

Chris Norton (1996–2002) was unable to attend last year's reunion because he was fulfilling a long-held ambition: having left the UK on Easter Monday, he headed for Istanbul where he began the long trip along The Silk Route to Beijing and thence to Indonesia. We look forward to hearing Traveller's Tales in due course!

Bob Parvin (1944–1947) was delighted to have made it to 80 last April — he never thought he would after a multitude of heart problems. He is still singing (St Paul's Church Choir Canterbury and Canterbury Singers) and was asked to sing the solos in the Canterbury Singers' performance of Mozart's Coronation Mass last June.

The Editor was touched to have received a letter accompanying **Skye Reid-Smith's** [widow of Sidney Reid-Smith (Staff 1959–1972)] reply card for this year's reunion. Whilst Sidney's association with the school began in 1959, Skye's goes back even further:

I think that my parents first met the Cleaves in about 1950 and my brothers were pupils from about 1956 I would think! What a long time ago!

Sidney and I had our Wedding Reception in the School Dining Room, so I have very fond memories of St George's for very many reasons.

I shall pray for you all to have a wonderful day in sunshine!

Cameron Richards (2002–2009) is completing his gap year having gained A and A* grades in his RS, English and Politics A levels at Wellington College and should be attending King's College London in September to read English unless his film career has taken off in the interim!

Peter Roberts (1981–1986) finds himself in the rather surreal position of sending news to himself for inclusion in the Chronicle having followed his son Zachary, a current chorister, back to St George's in order to teach. There are now three Roberts boys in the School again as his younger son Cedric has joined the Pre-Prep. He hopes he will manage more than five years this time round!

Ernest M. W. Robinson (1943–1947), on reading the last chronicle, is prompted to write: ‘I loved the pictures. My memories of the George V and the Valley Forge are mostly of the latter and my ice cream courtesy the U.S. Navy! I recall being Crucifer for a period at Chapel, and fond memories of watching Doc “H” in the organ loft.’

Word reaches St George’s that **Pip Trowbridge** (2001–2011) has enjoyed great success in her GCSE and examinations last summer harvesting a healthy crop of As and A* grades alongside seven top grades in her MYP exams.

Max Ticehurst (2006–2014) has used his chorister training to good effect and, with no sign of nerves, played the flute to HM The Queen at the opening of Holyport College earlier this year. He has also added another Royal Peculiar to his collection, singing tenor at Evensong in Westminster Abbey as part of a visiting choir run by his grandfather. Sport continues to play an important part in his busy schedule, particularly rugby: he was named his age group’s Player of the Year by Windsor Rugby Club this season. He hopes to see many of his contemporaries at Association Day.

James Wallace (1980–1986) is enjoying life in Aberfeldy with his wife and two girls (aged 6 & 4). He often wonders what his contemporaries are up to and has seen a few of them on-line. He’d be happy for them to contact him if ever they are in Scotland as he would love to catch up with them all. [Please e-mail the Association and we can put you in touch.]

Anna White (2004–2009) has enjoyed a gap year after a most successful career at Wellington College where she was Head of College, received A*, A*, A, A grades in her final exams for English, R.S., Spanish and Classics, and where her presence is sorely missed.

James Wilson (1980–1984) writes informing us that he is now a Captain with a jet aircraft manufacturer taking new passenger jet aircraft for the purpose of demonstration at airshows and to prospective buyers. He has ‘been’ everywhere.

50 Years Ago

The editorial of the School Magazine for the Christmas Term of 1964 makes interesting reading, especially to those former pupils currently engaged in the teaching of Mathematics! Mr Cleave writes:

The discussion of Christmas presents for boys this year has revealed one fact, namely that puzzles of every kind seem to be right out. There has evidently been a great decline in their popularity over the years and an attempt to buy puzzles for young friends proved quite a struggle. It is interesting to speculate if there is any connection between this change in fashion and the fact that boys on the whole show less ability than they used to when faced with problems. As the emphasis, particularly in mathematics and to a lesser extent in languages, shifts more and more between problems and the needs for intelligent guessing, it seems a great pity that more time is not spent doing puzzles of one kind or another. Plans are afoot to put this right here and we shall see if any improvement is shown in boys' ability to tackle intellectual puzzles.

Although somewhat down the track, it is pleasing to be able to report that in the Michaelmas and Lent terms this year, Chess Club has swelled in size to some 20 pupils and that other intellectual puzzles are making a return!

It was a busy year with certain excitements for staff and boy alike. The School was given a grand piano which was used for teaching in the Music Room, the old grand piano having been moved to the Jervis Bay.

The plans for the Science building received a serious set-back as test holes dug in the Memorial Garden revealed the fact that there was a network of cellars just where it was intended to build. This would have necessitated covering the site with a concrete raft and the extra expense precluded continuing at that stage. The solution was to be found in Old Bank House: The Chapter acquired it making one floor available to the School for masters' flats along with its yard, adjacent to the playground, which was to house the Science room. It was noted that this was an expensive venture but one of tremendous benefit to the School and one that, had the Chapter not been able to undertake might have led to all sorts of developments which could have had a very great nuisance value. It is interesting to note that following only a relatively few years at the School's disposal and then many years rented out for other purposes, Old Bank House has since 1997 housed the Middle School at St George's!

Progress came to St George's in the form of Mr Wridgway's engineering expertise: he installed telephones in the Study, the Library and the Workshop and the new system saved a great deal of time and walking. The Christmas term also saw the end of Mr Wridgway's first spell at St George's; it was hoped that despite going to teach in Croydon he would be a frequent visitor!

The weather in the Autumn of 1965 was unusually mild making it possible for boys to get some golf tuition; some boys were able to practise golf on one or more afternoons in the week. It was therefore hoped that it might be possible to get the game going on a more official basis in the future and a committee of boys was formed to organise it. A challenge to a golf match in the Lent term was promptly issued by Woodcote House...

Nowadays there are after-school clubs but previously it was a case of societies. Societies come and go but 1965 saw the arrival of Fishing Club which proved very popular, despite not markedly reducing the fish population of the Thames. The members professed themselves extremely grateful to the various members of the staff who spent rather cold afternoons by the river. One wonders whether it might make a comeback!

For the first time for many years, the Court was at Windsor at Christmas. The Queen and Prince Philip, Prince Charles, Princess Anne, Prince Andrew and Prince Edward were joined by the Queen Mother, Princess Margaret and Lord Snowdon, the Duke and Duchess of Gloucester, Prince William and Prince Richard, Princess Marina, the Duke and Duchess of Kent and their children, Prince Michael and Princess Alexandra and Mr. Angus Ogilvie and their son.

The Easter Term was marked by ill-health much like its successor half a century later:

'we have had a lot of minor illness. We have never had more than three or four boys in the sick room but an awful lot of boys have spent a day or two there, and work has been much interrupted.'

There was excitement at more change to the fabric. The big bell which Admiral Evershed promised the School when the cupola was built now arrived and it was hoped that it would be hung during the summer term.

Returning to the topic of Societies, the Easter term saw the rebirth of the Railway Club and was notable for a vast number of various competitions which went on during the term. Your temporary editor remembers the Club's re-birth in the early 1980s as well...

There was recorded a brief lament that little golf was played, 'but for this we have only the weather during the early part of the term to thank.' As if to underline the point, the following item recorded that, 'A large aquarium was built during the term by a group of enthusiasts and, somewhat to our surprise, it proved leak-free. It is hoped to keep the aquarium stocked during the summer term.'

A more momentous event for the nation than the death of Sir Winston Churchill would have been hard to imagine and the boys of St George's followed the events keenly. The Diary entries are informative:

Sunday, 31st January: The School learned with sorrow of the death of Sir Winston Churchill.

Wednesday, 3rd February. Through the kindness of the Bishop of Chester the members of the Howe were able to go to the Lying in State of Sir Winston Churchill and to make a tour of the Houses of Parliament.

Saturday, 6th February, the whole school watched Sir Winston's funeral on a large television set, lent to the School for the occasion by Messrs Multi-Broadcasts.

As a result of a collection in the School, were able to send the sum of £12 18s. 0d. to the Winston Churchill Memorial Fund.

The Confirmation Service was held on March 27th. The Bishop of Oxford confirmed the following boys : M. H. B. Bowditch, E. M. Brooke, A. C. B. D'Janoeff, M. E. Ellis, J. R. Fanshawe, J. P. Harris, S. H. Lacey, J. Leigh.

The Summer Term appears to have been a quiet one. Common Entrance results were satisfactory and four new entries were made to the Honours Board. M. F. L. Hayes and R. W. J. Parry were placed 10th and 16th respectively in the Eton Election and J. P. Harris on won a Scholarship to Westminster and E. J. B. Porter an Exhibition to Repton.

In true British fashion the weather was the main topic of the School Magazine's Editorial. 'Climatically, the term has been most disappointing and swimming has suffered to some extent. We have never had a day on which we could have luncheon in the garden and on very few Sunday afternoons has it been possible to rest out of doors.'

Unlike the preceding summer, however, the real import of the term was handicapped and whilst the cricket side was, 'better than we had dared hope but one match had to be scratched altogether and several others were played under perfectly beastly conditions.'

Some interesting historical footnotes are recorded:-

'Many Old Boys will be sorry to learn of the retirement of Mr. J. B. Burrows who has been teaching at Sunningdale since 1915 and was a very frequent visitor to St. George's with soccer sides.

Mr Neighbour who has been the Lodge Keeper at the Town Gate for some fifteen years has recently retired and is living at Old Windsor. Mr Neighbour has been employed in the Private Park since the reign of Queen Victoria. He can remember seeing her breakfasting on the Lawn at Frogmore with a piper marching slowly up and down. He can also remember unloading ice into the ice pits under the North terrace and being paid extra for this chilly job.'

25 Years Ago

The Editorial of the School Magazine of 1989–1990 has a somewhat familiar tone:

'There remains a dearth of contributors to the magazine, particularly from members of staff, despite several impassioned pleas from the editor who feels, now, more like an author. So now, a general plea to all subscribers: if you are proud of your work, on whichever side of the teacher's desk it may be, please write and tell us about it.

I am not an educationalist or a sociologist, so I feel unable to say whether our school is a microcosm of the world outside the school gates. Numbers seem to have been immune from fluctuations in the birth rate or the recession. Our fees, so I'm told, appear to keep pace with inflation. Are our young citizens, the boys, as well humoured and well behaved as in former years? Certainly, in my six years at the school I have noticed a change, particularly at the top. These boys are very different creatures from their equivalents of my generation. They are much better informed, but not necessarily wiser and they are subject to many more attractions, distractions and temptations than ever before. It must be a good thing that children have longer consciously to prepare for the increasingly complex world beyond school and college. Nevertheless, some of these attractions sound alarm bells in those of us interested in providing not only an academic but a cultural education. The Walkman, Nintendo and fantasy game generation is here, a generation of potential school-boy zombies. These instant comforts surely compromise cultural and imaginative development producing a sub-culture which in turn leads to an iconoclasm or even an inverted snobbery towards traditional forms of entertainment which is so much more objectionable to snobbery of the original kind. These games and toys are to quality entertainment and education what fast food — with all its additives to make it more tasty, desirable and addictive — is to haute cuisine.'

Exhortations to former pupils, some of whom the very people to whom those words were addressed 25 years ago, to have another go and to provide information to this publication may be in vain but are nonetheless heartfelt than when written by my predecessor...

Musically, it was a busy year. The records show that 45 children passed Associated Board examinations in 53 separate disciplines, this at a time when the school roll hovered around the hundred mark. It is interesting to see that out of the ten candidates for Grades 5 and above, two boys achieved Grade 5 violin (Rupert Beale and Richard Chalwin), two Grade 6 violin (Peter Davies with distinction and Robert Woodford with merit), and one Grade 7 violin (Jonathan Davies with a very high distinction — 143; apparently after the exam he commented to Mr Judd that he didn't think he had played very well!). One wonders why so few St George's parents and children nowadays seem interested in following in their footsteps; perhaps the editorial's somewhat bleak warning merits closer examination.

There were many highlights to the School's musical life. In September the Windsor Festival was treated to an Evensong comprising music by John Tavener, a foretaste of the focus to be given to that composer's work during the year in advance of the very fine recording made in summer of 1990 [it's still available if you don't have a copy — http://www.hyperion-records.co.uk/dc.asp?dc=D_CDH55414, not that I would like to be seen to be plugging the company with whom I spent four very happy years!]. The music for several major services was chosen from his oeuvre, not least the BBC broadcast of Choral Evensong in late November.

The year was punctuated, at regular intervals, by visits to the Royal Opera House as a succession of extremely lucky

boys were treated to performances of *Peter Grimes* (Philip Langridge in the title role) *Swan Lake*, the controversial production of Cherubini's *Medea* (for reasons unclear, strangely set in the French Revolution) and Janacek's *Cunning Little Vixen*.

December started with the arrival of a new Dean of Windsor, the Very Reverend Patrick Mitchell, previously the Dean of Wells Cathedral. Coming from a cathedral which has its own School, he was well acquainted with the musical aspects of education, not least because he was once a Lay Clerk at Wells too. The records show that Her Majesty The Queen was not able to attend the Installation Service because of the 'flu. The music missed was rousing: Walton's *Coronation Te Deum* and Elgar's *The Spirit of the Lord*.

The Choir was extremely busy with two London performances of *Messiah* in mid-December before they jetted off to Spain to give performances in Madrid and Málaga. Or so they thought... Southern Spain was in the grip of disastrous floods and the second concert was cancelled resulting in a hastily arranged second concert in Madrid being put on. Somewhat cryptically, the Magazine records that: 'the uncomfortable flight back to Gatwick is best forgotten.'

Surely someone would like to write in to enlighten those of us lucky enough to avoid the misfortunes of that flight as to quite how memorable it in fact was?

Things sporting were doubtless the subject of keen excitement at the time, but alas the Magazine merely records in relation to the Christmas Term:

Unfortunately, a report of the football season was unavailable at the time of going to press.

Anyone who would like to make a report a quarter of a century later is welcome to write in: it will be interesting to see from the hopefully several accounts that we receive whether the mists of time allow exaggeration to provide St George's with one of those rare unbeaten teams!

The Easter Term brought with it great success musically if not in things sporting. Five music awards were won (H Briggs, Schol to Eton; J Davies, Schol to Trinity, Croydon; R Woodford, Schol to Hurtpierpoint; N Quarrie, Exhib to Eton; J Boyd, Exhib to St Edward's, Oxford).

Similarly, the school production of Lionel Bart's *Oliver!* received glowing reviews, extracts from which include:

Christopher Rees, as Oliver, was a huge success and the arrogance, greed and venom of Mr Bumble were well portrayed by Rupert Beale.

Throughout the performance, the main characters, Rollo Burgess as Fagin, Robert Woodford as the Artful Dodger, James Boyd as Bill Sykes and Jonathan Davies as Nancy, all gave good interpretations of their characters and included something of their own styles and personalities.

Much credit must be given to the stage-hands under the direction of Mr Chapman, whose efficiency was such that after a lengthy spell on stage, they too received a round of applause — to say nothing of the extra dialogue which was heard when Mr Chapman stubbed his toe behind the bar of The Three Cripples.

Other memorable instances were Rupert Beale's portrayal of the disastrous nature of his marriage to Edmund Jupp (Bumble v. Corney) and Stuart Way's interpretation of the death of Old Sally — such instant death I have never witnessed before (but he/she did look very pale and extremely ill). The music department was very ably administered by Messrs. Judd, Wickens and Oxley.

If things musical were in fine fettle, it is perhaps inevitable that something had to give. One wonders whether a report on the efforts of children on the rugby pitches could be written in such engaging and honest terms nowadays. For this reason I have included the report on the one victory and four losses in its entirety, not least as an invitation to my colleagues to be bold in their reporting style.

It has been said of this term's rugby that the best performances were given by James Boyd, closely followed by the Game One scrum machine! Whilst this is, no doubt, an exaggeration, the 'Firsts' have had a mixed season for several reasons: Firstly, the level of commitment shown during training throughout the season did not continue into matches — never more so than during the 8-4 defeat by Sunningdale, where defeat was snatched from the jaws of victory by a series of minor blunders, petty squabbings among the backs and avoidable penalties.

Secondly, the pack failed to capitalise on their weight advantage and were a second slower around the field than everyone else's pack, thus ensuring their backs got very little ball.

Thirdly, the tackling in all the matches was dreadfully inadequate (except during the 40-0 whitewash of Lambrook, where the opposition players were uniformly dwarf-like and thin) with only half-a-dozen of the St George's players pulling their weight.

The second half of the season was characterised by a long injury list and a desperate re-shuffling of the forward line in order to win some ball — but all was to no avail. The most winnable match of this half was against Trevelyan, where we won more scrummage ball than in the whole of the rest of the season, but the psychological blow of losing boys within four minutes of the start proved too much, and the players lost heart.

The second XV it seems had a more successful season winning half of their matches. Then again, they did only play two!

A strong Sunningdale XV predictably beat us by 28 points, but a good 8-4 win was achieved over

Lambrook at home, despite the refereeing, with Beale taking all the honours leading from the front.

Dare one ask who the referee was? Answers on a postcard, please.

The Summer term was busy indeed, but seems to have taxed staff to the extent that save for a full report on matters musical and a list of fixtures and their results there is little recorded in the Magazine.

In May the Choir went West to sing at the Sherborne Festival. The concert was in the wonderful Abbey and was a performance of *The Creation* by Haydn with the Thames Chamber Orchestra. The audience was very large and appreciative. By June the Solemnity of St George had come round again, and the 18th was a wet (!) Garter Day (the first in nearly twenty years). The music was by Elgar (*Te Deum*) and Parry (*Hear my words*).

The leavers' concert was a great success. Every leaver who played an instrument played in the concert and it was all very well presented. Highlights? The whole of the Rimsky-Korsakov Trombone Concerto (Nicholas Quarrie) a Handel Violin Sonata (Edward Pugh), *Chanson du Matin* by Elgar (Robert Woodford accompanied by Harry Briggs), Schubert's Sonatina in G minor for violin (Peter Davies) a whole Beethoven Piano Sonata (Harry Briggs), and the first movement of the Spring Sonata for violin and piano by Beethoven (Jonathan Davies accompanied by Harry Briggs).

The strength of things musical was highlighted yet again in July at the Orchestral and Choral Concert: the School orchestra and the Supers' Choir were able to put on an entire concert. The Supers' Choir sang the delightful and amusing *Captain Noah and his Floating Zoo*. This gave many members of the Choir solo opportunities, notably Thomas Adams (*The Lord*), Edmund Jupp (*Captain Noah*) and Duncan Crawford (*The Narrator*). The Orchestra played pieces by Verdi, Mendelssohn and Bizet, and most remarkably accompanied two movements of an early piano concerto by Mozart, and Peter and Jonathan Davies took a movement each of a Haydn Violin concerto.

July saw the Choir head off to Gospel Oak to record the disc of Tavener referred to above, but also say Roger Judd head off after five years leading the School's music. From the paragraphs above it can be seen quite what an effect he had on the music in the school. In his words:

It has been a great privilege to have spent twenty-three years working with young musicians. Few people can have been as fortunate as I have been — I have been richly blessed.

As it can be seen, there is much about which to reminisce when considering one's school days, and the Editor is always grateful for letters or e-mails from members giving further details of events recorded in these pages. If you would like to contribute items for future editions, please write to the Editor at St George's School, Windsor Castle, Berkshire SL4 1QF or via e-mail: association@stgwindsor.co.uk



**St George's School,
Windsor Castle
Association**

Annual General Meeting

Saturday 28th June 2014 at 4.00pm

MINUTES

The President, M.J.L. Denny, was in the Chair; the Vice-President, Chris McDade, Hon. Treasurer, H.R. Mant, and Hon. Secretary, P.A. Roberts were in attendance and the following Members were recorded as present:

Lewis Abbey	Chris Evans	John Moore-Bridger
Harriet Adams	John Harvey	Bob Parvin
Gerald Barry	Tom Horsfield	F. Mark Piper
Edward Bell	Dominic Hughes	Sebastian Posner
George Bosomworth	Andrew Hughes	Sophie Potter-Mordant
David Brook	Edward Humphries	Jason Presley
N. P. Churchouse	Kazbek Kandour	Isabelle Rayner
Derek Cooke	Piers Kemp	Peter Roberts
Peter Coombe	Hugh Mant	Guy Shore
Michael Coombe	Chris McDade	Dicky Thomas
Harry Cramer	C. Allan McDowall	Margaret Ward
Tim D'Arch Smith	Rupert McGuigan	James Ward
Martin Denny	Beatrice McNally	Lewis Williams
Joan Denny	Razzak Mirjan	Andrew Zihni

1. Apologies for absence had been received from:

Virginia Adams	J. R. Fanshawe	Andrew MacKenzie
Matthew Andrews	James Fanshawe	James McCombe
Jonathan Armitage	Roland Gardner	Max McCombe
G. H. S. Bailey	R. M. Gilkes	Andy McCullough
Logie Barrow	Rodney Gillington	A. McVie
Tim Batchelor-Wylam	Thomas Gorsuch	Sebastian Mills
Thomas Berry	Sophie Green	Anthony Newell
Anthony Brailsford	Michael Halford	Colin Nicholson
Tristram T. O. Burley	P. Richard Halsey	Bruce Nightingale
T. V. Clough	David Handcock	Christopher Norton
Freddie Coates	John E Handcock CVO	Georgia O'Brien
Charlotte Coates	Patrick Harland	Thomas Rainbow
Nigel Corbett	Mark Harrison	Alice Rayner
Taryn Cornell	Jessie Hicks	Victoria Rayner
Keara Cornell	Sue Hill	R. S. O. Rees
Anthony Davis	George Hill LVO	Skye Reid-Smith
Julian Davies	Edward Jackson	Ernest Robinson
Yvette Day	William Jackson	William Spalding
Oliver Dennes	D. R. L. James	Peter W. Sumsion
Peter Denny	J. Roger Jones LVO	Camilla Swift
P. A. Downward	Robert Kidner	Alexandra Thompson
Oliver Evans	G. D. Leeds	Christopher Walkinshaw
Nicholas Evans	Rupert John Lunnon	Christopher Whitehouse
Sheffield Exham	Sean-Paul MacKenzie	Iona Williamson
Henry Exham	Harry MacKenzie	Joshua Wilson-Khanna

2. Minutes

The minutes of the 2013 meeting were deemed to be an accurate record and were then approved.

3. Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

4. Accounts

The Treasurer reported that the Association was in good financial health. There was a significant grant made to the School in the past financial year that had allowed the construction of an outdoor classroom which would be of great benefit to the pupils. The accounts were presented to the membership. Mark Piper proposed the adoption of the accounts and Michael Coombe seconded.

5. President's Business

The President thanked the many members who had attended the Reunion and expressed the wish that they might encourage more of their contemporaries to attend in the future. He noted how pleasing it was to see more younger members present than for some years.

The President also thanked the Head Master and Mrs McDade for hosting us today and was sorry that it had not proved possible to allow him to reprise his role as umpire given the inclement weather. He was pleased to report that a game of Gym Cricket had taken place and that this had resulted in a win for the Association Team [in fairness to the school they were not present, Ed.!]]

The meeting was informed of the deaths of Dr Richard Hollings Raynes (1940-1946), Tony Peterson (1962-1966), and Luc Ferrand (1982-1986). Those members of the Association present and their guests stood in silent tribute to these men and those others of whose deaths we are as yet unaware.

The meeting was informed that the Robert Ward Memorial Fund now stood at £8828.89 and had enabled one deserving pupil to attend the leavers' trip to France that otherwise would have been beyond available means.

The President informed the meeting that a Memorial Wreath would be presented at Evensong to commemorate the sacrifice of those pupils of the School who gave their lives for their country, especially those who fell in the First World War. It would be laid on the High Altar by The Dean and thereafter placed beneath the Memorial Window at the North Door of St George's Chapel.

The President announced that the Association's guests for dinner would be Revd Andrew Zinhi and Guy Shore and their partners.

The President concluded by remarking how honoured he had been to have held the Presidency of the Association for these past two years and hoped that it would continue to go from strength to strength.

6. Election of Officers

The following elections were made and positions noted:

President	Julian Davies was elected. Proposed: James Ward, Seconded Peter Roberts.
Hon. Secretary	Peter Roberts was re-elected to serve a second year. Proposed: Martin Denny, Seconded: James Ward.
Hon. Treasurer	Hugh Mant was re-elected. Proposed: Rupert McGuigan, Seconded: Dicky Thomas.
Hon. Membership Secretary	Brian Hooker was elected. Proposed: Peter Roberts, Seconded: Maggie Ward.

Ordinary members:

Dominic Bland has completed his three year term and was thanked for all his work on behalf of the membership. Maggie Ward and James Ward both have a further one year to serve.

An invitation was issued to anyone who would like to serve on the committee to make themselves known to a member of the committee.

7. Head Master's Business

The Head Master gave the following report:

I am pleased to report that the school is in very good heart and we have enjoyed another very busy and successful year. In summary, the key highlights have been:

General developments

Curriculum:

The range and breadth of our curriculum continues to stimulate and challenge our pupils.

The introduction of Food Technology into the Year 7 and 8 curriculum this year has been a great success.

Spanish will be introduced into the curriculum for Year 6 from September with the intention of introducing the subject into Year 7 from 2015 and Year 8 from 2016.

Pastoral:

The restructured House system continues to play a big part in the life of the school. There have been new house

competitions introduced this year (biathlon, dodgeball) and more specific House fundraising events. There are more planned for next year.

The Association funded house banners continue to take pride of place over the house trophy shelves in the dining room and the children are extremely proud and fiercely protective of their Houses.

Facilities:

Over the course of the past twelve months, we have been delighted with the new Adventure Trail (funded by the Parents' Group) and the new outdoor classroom (funded by the Association.) Both of these facilities, officially opened by HRH the Countess of Wessex, have been well used by the children (and the staff) over the past few months and have given the children enhanced outdoor facilities for learning and play.

Pupils' Achievements

Year 8 CE exams:

This year, the pupils in year 8 have achieved some excellent results in Common Entrance exams. All pupils have gained a place at their Senior School of choice, including 2 to Eton (one with a Music Exhibition), 3 to Hampton (one with an Academic and All Rounder award), 5 to Wellington (one with a Dance Scholarship), 2 to Stowe, 2 to LVS Ascot and 1 each to Uppingham, Bradfield and King Edward's Witley. In addition to these, several pupils move on to Windsor Boys' School and the newly opened 'Free' School, Holyport College (sponsored by Eton College).

Individual achievements include 1 pupil who achieved all A* and A grades, 6 pupils with 4 or more A*/A grades and 1 pupil with all A grades awarded. These were gained by pupils moving on to Hampton, Wellington, Bradfield and Stowe.

Trips and Visits:

This year, our pupils have enjoyed a wide range of educational and recreational trips and visits. These have included visits to the Royal Courts of Justice, The Pitt Rivers Museum in Oxford, Warwick Castle, London Zoo, the Bear Dog Outdoor Centre in Reading and the Crown Estate in the Great Park. In addition to these, Year 6 spent a week away developing their French speaking skills at the Maison Claire Fontaine in mid-West France, the Year 5 pupils went away for an overnight visit to the Longridge outdoor Education Centre to develop their teamwork and leadership skills and the Year 8 pupils, following their CE exams, enjoyed 4 days kayaking down the Ardèche river and 4 days of water sports in the Mediterranean.

Choristers:

The choristers have enjoyed a very successful year with many highlights including Easter Day Matins in the presence of Her Majesty the Queen and other members of the family and the pomp and ceremony of Garter Day.

The school and St George's Chapel hosted a very successful CFAD in February when just over 40 boys came to Windsor to experience life as a chorister for a day. As a result of this, 24 undertook informal voice trials with 12 being invited back for formal voice and academic tests. We welcome 4 new choristers this September.

Staffing:

In January we welcomed the following new colleagues to the school:

Mr Ben Lewis-Smith joined us as Director of Music;

Mr Peter Roberts joined us as a Year 5 class teacher.

The following staff will join the school on permanent contracts from September:

Mrs Caroline Crew, having covered a temporary staff absence, becomes a Year 4 class teacher;

Miss Brooke McClure, having covered maternity leave, becomes a Year 2 class teacher.

At the end of this year we will bid farewell to the following colleagues and thank them for their years of service to the school and its children:

Father Andrew Zihni, Chaplain, who moves on to a post in the Diocese of Southwark;

Miss Rachel Hooker (Reception and EYFS Co-ordinator); and

Mrs Sophie Bowsher (Year 2 class teacher).

8. Election of Members and Honorary Members

The following Members and Honorary Members were elected:

Mrs Ann Clark, Miss Rachel Hooker, Mr Guy Shore, Mr Bob Wall,

Mrs Shelley Wall, The Revd Andrew Zihni.

9. AOB

Next year's provisional date for the Reunion was set as 27th June 2015.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed by the President and those present climbed the steps to Evensong or availed themselves of the school minibus!

Rules of the Association

I. Title

The club shall be known as 'The St. George's School, Windsor Castle, Association'.

II. Objects

The objects shall be to encourage Members to keep in touch with each other and with the School. Members shall also be encouraged to give their support to the School, its Choral Traditions, and the Headmaster wherever they can do so.

III. Membership

All who have been pupils at St. George's School, who have paid membership fees whilst at the School, shall be deemed to be Life Members of the Association. Members of the teaching and auxiliary staff may be elected Members of the Association; and others, not educated at the School, who have supported the objects of the Association to a marked degree, may be elected Honorary Members by resolution to be passed at an Annual General Meeting.

IV. Officers

The officers of the Association shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer, Honorary Membership Secretary and Honorary Archivist. Terms of office shall be as follows:

(a). President

The President shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting to serve a term of two years in office and a further two years as a Committee member. He may not be considered for re-election as President until at least three further years after this appointment.

(b). Vice-President

The Vice-President shall be the Headmaster of St. George's School for the time being, who shall be ex officio the only Vice-President of the Association.

(c). Hon. Secretary

The Hon. Secretary shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting, and must be re-elected annually, until the said Hon. Secretary relinquishes the post.

(d). Hon. Treasurer

The Hon. Treasurer shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting, and must be re-elected annually, until the said Hon. Treasurer relinquishes the post.

(e). Hon. Membership Secretary

The Hon. Membership Secretary shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting, and must be re-elected annually, until the said Hon. Membership Secretary relinquishes the post.

(f). Hon. Archivist

The Hon. Archivist shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting, and must be re-elected annually, until the said Hon. Archivist relinquishes the post.

V. Management

The Association shall be managed by a committee comprising the Officers of the Association and up to five Ordinary Members, at the discretion of the Committee. Ordinary Members shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting for a period of three years and shall not be eligible for re-election as Ordinary Members for the ensuing year.

VI. Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting shall be held at St George's School on such day during the Summer Term as may be fixed by the Committee, or at such other time and place as the Committee may decide, at which the Hon. Secretary shall present an annual report, and the Hon. Treasurer a duly audited statement of accounts. The Officers and Committee of the Association for the ensuing year shall be elected at this meeting in accordance with Rules IV and V. Other general meetings may be called at any time by the Committee.

VII. Quorum

Five members of the Committee shall constitute a quorum.

VIII. Subscription

Such life subscription shall be paid by every Member as shall be determined in Committee and passed at a General Meeting of the Association.

These rules were last amended and ratified at the Annual General Meeting of the Association held at St George's School, Windsor Castle, on Saturday, June 25th, 2005.

Association Items for Sale

The following items are available for purchase.

Association tie — silk	£ 15.00
Association Centenary tie — silk	£ 15.00
Association tie — polyester (a few left)	£ 12.00
Association favours for ladies (bows) — silk	£ 10.00
Association favours for ladies (scarf) — silk	£ 10.00
CD <i>Holy is the True Light</i> specially recorded for the Association Centenary	£ 11.00
<i>Choirs and Cloisters</i> by Freddie Hodgson	£ 10.00
CD <i>A Celebration for Freddie Hodgson</i>	£ 7.00
Headmaster - Reflections on life at St George's School between 1971 and 1983, by Richard Russell	£ 1.25

The four-part history of St George's School as related in School Magazines and archives, edited by Richard Russell C.V.O.

Each part can be bought separately:

1. <i>Carven Arches (up to 1930)</i>	£ 6.20
2. <i>Soaring Vault (1930 to 1950)</i>	£ 6.20
3. <i>Storied Banner (1950-1980)</i>	£ 6.20
4. <i>In High Remembrance</i> (a little different from the first three volumes)	£ 6.20

All 4 above books as a set £ 20.00

To all orders please ADD postage & packing per package of £2.00

Please provide your full postal address and contact details when placing your order.

Orders for the above items should be accompanied by a cheque made out to St George's School Association and sent either to:

The Assistant Bursar, Brian Hooker, St George's School, Windsor Castle, Windsor, Berkshire SL4 1QF

or by email to either:

brian.hooker@stgwindsor.co.uk or to association@stgwindsor.co.uk

Association Website

The Association now has its web presence as part of the School website: either go through the main school site www.stgwindsor.co.uk and follow the link to the Association, or go directly to: www.stgwindsor.co.uk/home/association