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# Pathways, found.

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We always love to welcome Sternians back at our Open Events. Why not come and see why LWC might be the right choice for your family.

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# Editorial

**D**ear Sternians,  
**What a year 2023 has been! There have been many highlights, in particular the sheer number of you who visited us throughout the year, thanks largely to the Centenary programme of events amongst our already jam-packed Sternian calendar.**

The grand finale of our Centenary was in June 2023 (see page 6). A two-day Festival weekend that brought hundreds of you to LWC. I don't think we have ever seen so many Sternians on site here at Long Sutton. It was a joy to welcome you all and we hope the celebrations did Sydney James Stern proud!

The affection you all have for your College is truly heartwarming. Sam, Kate and I have thoroughly enjoyed re-connecting with you and seeing you catch up with old friends. Thank you to everyone who made 2023 such a wonderful year. Whether you joined us at an event, performed at the Centenary Festival, played cricket or rugby or simply popped in for a cup of tea and a wander around the campus. We are always delighted to see you. Please keep visiting! Make a note to save the date for **Sternian Saturday - 22nd June 2024**. All Sternians and their families are most welcome. This is a great opportunity to explore your ever-evolving school (see page 48) and catch up with friends. In particular - if you left in a year ending in a 4 then it is time for a reunion in 2024!

Sternian, Cyrus Ardalán, was one of our visitors last year. He shares how emotional he felt to be back at LWC for the first time in over 50 years after a visit in Spring 2023 (see page 19).

Cyrus encourages others to do the same. You may not be aware, but we have a lovely Sternian Room where you can sit and relax and flick through photographs or old Sower Magazines at your leisure over a cup of tea.

The Philanthropy and Alumni Relations team will be working on several exciting projects in 2024. One being an archive project. Our Centenary year gave us the inspiration we needed to get going and we look forward to updating you on the project in the months to come. In addition, we will be looking at our programme of events to ensure there is variety, with something on offer for everyone, whatever stage of life you are in! As such we will be sending out a survey soon and I would be grateful if you could please spare a few minutes to complete it. It is also an opportunity for us to ensure we have your most up to date contact details so that you don't miss out on all our news. We will continue to work alongside The Sternians' Association Committee as there are some proposed changes as we move into our 2nd Century (see page 11). We hope you will find the plans exciting yet feel reassured that the Philanthropy & Alumni Relations Department is still here for you should you need us.

Lastly, we would like to say a huge thank you to all who contributed to this year's magazine. We are so grateful for your stories, memories, and pictures. We love hearing about your lives and your involvement ensures that it really is your magazine.

With best wishes and hopefully see you soon!

**CLARE FAHERTY**  
Alumni Relations Manager



The Philanthropy and Alumni Relations team.  
From left to right; Sam Corfield, Kate Boyd, Clare Faherty and Emma Turner.

# Clooney, Chaucer, Coffee and Community

Headmaster Adam Williams reflects on exciting changes to the LWC campus in 2023.

**T**he story goes that in the 10th century, high up on the fertile volcanic Ethiopian plateau, Kaldi, a young goat herder, noticed his flock becoming very energetic after eating the red berries from a certain bush. When reporting this to his local monastery, the head monk brewed a concoction with the berries, enabling him to stay awake in the long hours of evening prayer far more easily. Coffee, as a drink, was born.

Arab traders then brought coffee back from Ethiopia and named it 'qahwa' - meaning 'that which prevents sleep'. And many years later, in 1475, the first coffee shop, Kiva Han, opened in Constantinople. It was an instant success and went to the heart of family life to such an extent that Turkish law was established to allow a woman to divorce her husband if he failed to provide her with a daily coffee quota. And we thought baristas were under pressure in this era... Then, in 1600, coffee merchants reached Italy, and on being advised it was part of a political and religious threat, the Pope baptised the beans - at a stroke making them an acceptable Christian beverage...

A millenia on from those humble beginnings, coffee is now the second most traded commodity in the world behind crude oil (a different type of the black stuff) with 5 billion cups drunk worldwide each year. The UK sups 55 million cups each week. And in a recent survey, it was estimated that 20 coffee shops are opening in

Britain a week compared with the closure of 30 pubs, meaning coffee shops will outnumber pubs by 2030 although not all are frequented by those who look like the cast of 'Friends'. To chart the global growth still further, the international space station installed an espresso machine ten years ago, though George Clooney has yet to visit...

As the world continues to urbanise and people move into and back into cities, so the desire to connect, to socialise, to work and to play becomes ever stronger. The archaic bastion of a male-dominated pub with pints and pork scratchings is now a post-modern centre of 5G connectivity, lattes, panninis, and croissants. Del Boy would approve, I feel...just...and as we look forward though, it is not necessarily high streets that will house such places but floors within individual high-rise buildings; a shrinking of our urban ecosystems, if you like. For those who enjoy a coffee and muffin in M&S for example, you are already on your way there.

And what of the social hubs of LWC? Well, Zanetas, our incredible new Sixth Form Centre with superb coffee shop (pictured right) and trained baristas is up and running, not to mention the Lovemark events such as the wonderful Centenary Festival, The Beckwith and Sternian Saturday, all of which bring our ever-expanding community together regularly. The Bramley Netball and Tennis Centre is also open for business, with more to come in Strategy 2030. We have also seen so many Sternians pouring back

into LWC to be involved in Futures Fair events, Round Table discussions, golf and cricket matches, year group reunions, an online global reunion (juggling time zones was tricky) and I regularly hear of pockets of Sternians meeting up beyond LWC as friendships for life embed.

We also have a desire to ensure that all of our pupils are well versed in conversational and community connectivity with each other and you all, not simply via social media or a chat bot. This is something that John Bacon, your superb Sternian Chairman of 6 years was so passionate about. As a College, we thank him wholeheartedly for his commitment to all things LWC as he steps aside after many years of service and we wish Simon Clements all the very best in the role, not to mention all of you, as Sternians, who kindly give of your time to mentor, coach and support our pupils (through LWC Connect primarily).

Alas, there may not be any over-energetic goats on site these days, nor space-aged coffee machines floating in the ether with global superstars attached, but **our aspiration to keep finding ways to bring our community together in these uncertain times is writ large.**

Your College is thriving - please do take this as an open invitation to come back and see what we've been up to.

**ADAM WILLIAMS**  
Headmaster



Donor Receptions: Adam toasts our generous community



Opening of Zanetas: Our wonderful new community cafe



Adam MC's at the Centenary Festival

## What others are saying about us!

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It's difficult not to be struck by the wonderful environment at Lord Wandsworth College with a genuine sense of purposeful engagement and enthusiasm to grab every opportunity. With masses of developments in the pipeline and a genuine buzz about the place, it's an exciting time to be a pupil here and it's safe to say that Lord Wandsworth College is firing on all cylinders and on a real upwards trajectory.

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Talk Education

Read the full review:

<https://lwc.link/TalkEducationReview>

## LWC In Numbers

|   |  |   |
|---|--|---|
| <b>Pupil Numbers</b><br><b>683</b>                                  | <b>Boys</b><br><b>59%</b>                                      | <b>Girls</b><br><b>41%</b><br><small>largest number of girls ever</small> |
| <b>Day</b><br><b>43%</b>  | <b>Boarding</b><br><b>57%</b>                                  |   |
| <b>Foundations</b><br><b>53</b><br><small>£1.5m annual cost</small> | <b>Sixth Form</b><br><b>181</b><br><small>largest ever</small> |   |
| <b>Junior</b><br><b>119</b>   | <b>Senior</b><br><b>383</b>                                    |   |

Applications have trebled in the last 5 years

Most successful sporting 12 months in decades girls and boys – 11 national and county trophies



CENTENARY

# Festival Finale!

A wonderful weekend festival to close our year-long Centenary celebrations.



**J**une 2023 saw our Centenary year come to a close with a memory-filled, two-day festival set within the grounds of LWC, with the rolling wheat fields as the backdrop. It was the culmination of years of planning and preparation. The weather could not have been better with two glorious days of brilliant sunshine, placing the spotlight on our beautiful 1200-acre campus.

*'It was a truly wonderful weekend, made even more special as we were joined by so many Sternians who were back on campus, as mischievous as ever, celebrating with us as the sun went down'.*

Clare Faherty, Alumni Relations Manager

## Friday 23rd June

Celebrations began with a magnificent Centenary Concert put together by our Performing Arts Department. Performers came from all corners of the LWC community which was wonderful to see. Doors opened at 5pm and guests were met with a delicious array of food and drink. Mr Parker, Director of Music and Gemma Reeks, Director of Performing Arts created a memorable programme which included the Centenary Choir (full of Sternians, parents and staff) as well as solo and group performances.

With haybales for seating the audience also enjoyed special guests, The Paul Sykes Band. The evening ended with a beautiful fireworks display. The perfect end to the first day of the festival.

## Saturday 24th June

Sternians enjoyed exclusive access to LWC ahead of the festival opening at noon. We welcomed approximately fifty Sternians who attended the AGM in the morning with Sternian cricket taking place shortly afterwards on Warners pitch. See how they fared against the LWC team on page 40.

Sternians then enjoyed visiting their former boarding houses before the festival opened its doors. Hundreds of guests then delighted in fairground rides, a shopping and food village, live performances from Sternians and pupils, farm animals, a vintage car show as well as the unmissable tractor rides around the beautiful LWC estate. There was something on offer for all ages!

## Centenary Exhibition

A highlight for many Sternians included the Centenary Exhibition which showcased the last 100 years in photographs and artefacts. Wonderful memories and iconic images were displayed within the exhibition tent with comfortable seating to allow guests a moment to pause and appreciate so many wonderful scenes from across the decades.

Many Sternians used this quiet space to reconnect with old friends and catch up with other members of the LWC community. The exhibition tent was used later in the day for the Donor Club Reception to celebrate and recognise generous donors who loyally support the College and The Foundation.



## Sternian Performers

The outdoor Woodland stage was busy with Sternians keen to showcase their musical talents! All were eager to take part in a moment in history to celebrate 100 years of life and learning at Long Sutton.

### Stompers

Kicking off the proceedings was the band **'Stompers'**, from the early 1990's era, comprised of Sternians Mike Cheong on vocals, Dom Harding (trumpet), Mark Semple (Clarinet), Pete Silcock (Saxophone), Bernard Newman (Piano) and Aaron Parker (Director of Music at LWC stepping in on drums!). Tracks included: When The Saints Go Marching In, Sugar and I Can't Give You Anything But Love.

### Stranded in Bermuda

Sternian band **'Stranded in Bermuda'** (2016 Gosden and Park), comprised of siblings Fran and Lottie Sene and Sophia and Charles Henderson took to the stage to perform hit tracks: Valerie, Tainted Love and Get Lucky. The band were fantastic, and it was great to see them perform.

### U No Hoo!

At home on stage were Brett Morrell and John Mattick, both School 1964 (original band members), returning to school to play, this time with Pete Morrell (drums) and Dick Northcote (bass and keyboards) with their band, **'U No Hoo!'**, who performed a number of vintage rock 'n' roll tracks getting everyone up on their feet and into the party spirit.

The 'U No Hoo!' band has its roots in a group of School House boys who played in or provided tech support for various musical endeavours through 1961-64 including two line-ups of 'The Problems'.

Throughout the next 5 decades some of these Sternians continued to meet, play, rehearse, perform, record their music and otherwise enjoy themselves. They last played at LWC in 2008 for 'The Proms in the Park'.



U No Hoo! performing live in June

## Car Show

Car enthusiasts were treated to LWC's car show and it did not disappoint. From vintage to modern there was a plethora of vehicles with enthusiastic owner's keen to enthral passers-by.

So successful was the show that we have decided it is high time we had a LWC Motoring Society.

Turn to page 39 as we would love to hear from you as this society starts to take shape.



Even the youngest of the LWC community enjoyed the cars (and the ice-creams)!



## CENTENARY

# Centenary Wood

In keeping with tradition, LWC pupils headed to Sheephouse Copse to plant a Centenary Wood.

**T**he Centenary Team were committed to ensuring that pupils and staff were able to take part in a variety of activities to mark the centenary.

Staff and pupils were asked to put forward ideas both in and outside of the classroom.

Throughout the year it was wonderful to see the pupils get involved and absorb some of the rich history and the origins of LWC. One memorable activity took place in late March 2023 when several pupils helped to plant 200 oak and 100 hazel saplings in what is to become our Centenary Wood.

A new woodland was suggested by a pupil back in 2020 who was working on his 2nd Form project. He was inspired by past pupils (pictured) as well as the Headmaster, who encourages pupils to enjoy the 1200-acre campus to its full. The Centenary offered the perfect opportunity to bring his idea to fruition.



Tree-planting in Sheephouse Copse in 1959

## Centenary Coin

We were delighted to be able to commission a commemorative coin to mark LWC's Centenary as well as the coronation of King Charles III. These were gifted to all the pupils and staff members as a memento of this significant year. The coin features the LWC Crest on the front, which was recently modernised when the college underwent a rebrand. On the reverse is the King's Coronation Emblem. We hope you agree that this will become a treasured keepsake for years to come.

Delving into the archives recently we came across several personalised watches that had been gifted back to LWC. The watches were to commemorate the coronation of King George VI in 1936. If you are aware of any other commemorative items, we would love to hear from you. Does anyone have anything from Queen Elizabeth's II's coronation in 1953?

Please do get in touch, [sternians@lordwandsworth.org](mailto:sternians@lordwandsworth.org).



# President's Letter

**D**ear Sternians,  
A century is generally to be celebrated. The LWC Centenary celebrations, culminating in the wonderful Centenary Festival weekend and the marvellous Centenary Book, certainly did justice to this important milestone in the history of the College. No one could fail to enjoy the Centenary weekend and its immense variety of activities (and food!) that showcased the achievements and culture of the College over the years and the bonds of friendship that they generated. It was so good to meet up with Sternians of all ages in this atmosphere and to celebrate together; many also to mark their appreciation of The Foundation that opened up so many opportunities to them. My congratulations to the Centenary Team who did a fantastic job in arranging the exciting events that appealed to varied interests and Sternian generations. Visitors to the College could not fail to be aware of the Centenary and the pride felt in reaching this landmark, as well as it being part of the College history and its future.



John Bacon and Peter Booth at the RAF Club in 2023

I was delighted that as part of the Centenary project, a bronze bust of the College Founder, Baron Sydney James Stern, Lord Wandsworth, has been created and is in its rightful place at the heart of the College which his vision and bequest made possible.

Two other recent events reinforce my pride and pleasure at being part of the Sternian community. The celebration of the life of Sternian, Julian Sands, was obviously a sad occasion but was also a celebration. Over a hundred Sternian contemporaries, as well as members of Julian's family, gathered to hear moving but often amusing tributes to Julian, and also to speak about the friendship and support that they all received in their days at the College and the quality of cultural life.

The afternoon gave a real insight into life in the 1970s and the gratitude felt for bonds of friendship forged that have stood the test of time.

Sternians also enjoyed the recent lunch held at the Royal Air Force Club in Piccadilly. The meal, wines and conversation matched the elegant surroundings. I was delighted that the event this year was extended to

Sternians of all generations and I can heartily recommend next year's lunch.

*Finally, I would like to express our profound thanks to the recent Chairman, John Bacon. I thoroughly enjoyed working with him and his commitment to the Association has been total.*

John took over the reins as Chairman in 2017 and in his time in the chair, despite the fact that he lived some way away in Kent, he attended virtually every Sternian event. His time in post covered the difficult years of the Covid lockdowns but he helped steer us through that and his cheerful presence was soon part of the Sternians scene again.

He agreed to serve a second term but sadly, ill health forced him to step down before its completion. Happily, he is progressing well. We are fortunate that in the meantime, Simon Clements stepped in to act as Chairman, a role he filled so ably 2006-9.

My very best wishes to all Sternians.

**PETER BOOTH**

# Chairman's Letter

**I am delighted to be back serving my second term as Chairman. As an LWC Governor I have remained connected to both LWC and The Sternians' Association since my original term ended in 2009.**

The Sternians' Association has a rich and wonderful history. Originally known as the 'Old Wandsworthians Association' it was formed in 1926 but, sadly, became dormant after 1929. It was revived in 1935 and the first reunion took place at Whitsun that year. The annual subscription at that time was two shillings and sixpence and school ties could be bought for one shilling. Reunions continued until 1939, were suspended because of the war, and resumed again in 1950, when the Association was reborn as the Old Sternians Association. Later the 'old' was dropped.

Over the years it has evolved. The first reunion at Long Sutton was in 1950, attended by 65 members. Annual reunions continued at Long Sutton. In 1956 the first regional reunion was held in Bristol, attended by 50 members. 1957 saw a reorganisation with a committee including representatives of all the regions, and Rules and a Constitution.

Today all former pupils are now automatically members, and it is years since subscriptions were charged for membership. Recently The College introduced a termly levy for current pupils, effectively giving them lifetime membership as Sternians once they leave LWC.

The Centenary year was a fitting one for a rethink about how the Association works. The day-to-day administration is carried out by the College, and all the events are planned and run, in consultation with Committee members, by the amazing team in the Philanthropy and Alumni Relations Office.

Whilst the Association is thriving, evidenced by the remarkable turnout over the Centenary Festival Weekend and other recent Sternian events, there has been a loss of appetite amongst the Sternian community to participate in the running of the Association in the same way it has been run since 1957.

The retirement of John Bacon as your Chair in early 2023 posed a succession dilemma. There was no Vice-Chair to replace John, and a call for volunteers to apply for the post of Chair was unsuccessful, hence

my agreement to take on the post as interim Chair.

For these reasons your committee wishes to change the way the Association is run, and why the consultation process to achieve this was started in December. Please do support our proposal, a copy of which can be found on the Sternians' Association website:

<https://sternians.org.uk/category/news/>

We think it will be a much more inclusive way of engaging even more Sternians to have a say in how the Association is run, and what events are put on for your participation and enjoyment.

**SIMON CLEMENTS**  
(1976, Summerfield, A983)



Sternian Reunion 1962



BACK TOGETHER AGAIN

# Reunion Roundup

## Bournemouth Reunion, 18th May

We returned to the Toby Carvery in Bournemouth on a sweltering hot day and it was fabulous to see so many familiar faces. This event had been planned by Bob Hunt for many years. Bob sadly passed away earlier in the year. However, it was wonderful that his wife Margaret, son Robert and Daughter Jane were able to join us. Margaret came with armfuls of photograph albums that took everyone on a trip down memory lane.



## London Drinks, 13th June

The Duke of Sussex, Waterloo was the setting for London drinks this year. It was another glorious day and many ice-cold beverages were consumed!

The stories were hilarious and the laughs were loud. Thank you to all of you who could make it.

## Older Sternians' Reunion, 23rd-25th June

Coinciding with the School's Centenary weekend, Mike Sims organized the 5-yearly weekend reunion of those stalwarts who arrived in shorts at LWC in and around 1953.

It was a wonderful three day event with a meal on Friday evening, the festival at LWC on Saturday and then on Sunday the Birkett's hosted a delicious BBQ.

For more information, names and photographs please visit

[sternians.org.uk/news-events/events/](http://sternians.org.uk/news-events/events/)

## Sternian Christmas Lunch, 3rd November

We were delighted to invite all Sternians to the Sternian Christmas Lunch held at the prestigious RAF Club, London. I am sure Colin Snow was delighted when the room sang Happy Birthday to him!

This event had evolved over the years from the 'Over 60's Lunch' to the 'LWC +30 Lunch' and it was wonderful to open up this event to all our Sternians (and with a festive twist). We look forward to seeing more of you at the next Christmas Lunch.



## Global Reunion, 30th November

We were joined online by Sternians across the UK and the rest of the Globe. We heard from Headmaster, Adam Williams with an update on everything LWC.

Sam Corfield updated us all on The Foundation before being able to pop into decade or region break-out rooms to catch up with old mates or connect with someone in their 'neck of the woods'.

Join us for the next Global Reunion on 11th June, 5pm to 6pm BST. We look forward to seeing more of you across the globe. Look out for further details in the E-News.

## Reunions in 2024!

Catch up with old friends and reminisce, whether it is here at LWC, in a pub or on the top of a mountain. Do let us know if we can help you plan your reunion and please send us the photographs of your meet ups.

It is time to get back together and catch up on old times.

Sternian Saturday here at LWC on 22nd June 2024 is for all Sternians. However, we can organise your reunions as part of this event.

Some of you already have plans in place, be it here at LWC or at another venue of your choice. Please reach out to Clare on [sternians@lordwandsworth.org](mailto:sternians@lordwandsworth.org) and we can help you with your plans. We look forward to welcoming you all back. Especially if you are Class of...

**1964**

it is your 60th reunion year

**1994**

it is your 30th reunion year

**1974**

it is your 50th reunion year

**2004**

it is your 20th reunion year

**1984**

it is your 40th reunion year

**2014**

it is your 10th reunion year





COVER STORY

# Desert Adventure

In February 2023 a group of Sternians and LWC parents trekked the Sahara Desert in aid of the Lord Wandsworth Foundation.



**O**n 23rd February 2023, 25 Sternians, parents, staff and governors embarked on a journey to the Sahara Desert in Morocco to raise awareness and much needed funds for the Lord Wandsworth Foundation.

The trekkers (as they fondly became known) had been training for months ready for the heat and challenging terrain as well as packing a unique list of kit that included 'sand gaitors' to keep the fine, powder like sand out of their hiking boots.

It took a day and a half to reach the edge of this vast desert to start their adventure. A journey that began in the bustling city of Marrakech, over the snow-covered Atlas Mountains and then down into the Draa Valley oasis.

The group spent 3 nights sleeping under the stars (quite literally for some!) in the desert, after long, hot days

navigating their way through the shifting sands alongside wild roaming camels. They covered over 50km, resting only to retreat from the midday sun and re-charge their batteries.

This overseas challenge was a first for the LWC Philanthropy Department. We had a hunch that the LWC community was an adventurous bunch and we were right! The trekkers raised a staggering £51,000 for The Foundation. Each and every one of them tirelessly campaigned in their own unique and individual way. It was clear that The Foundation was a cause close to their hearts and there were a few tears on our final evening in Morocco as we reflected on our success.

We would like to extend a huge thank you to the trekkers, our friends, for the support they have given The Foundation and to all those who made generous donations.

Such was the success of this trip we have decided to do it all again! We gave the LWC community the casting vote and Iceland, the land of fire and ice, is our next destination...

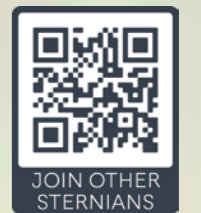
## Overseas Challenge 2025

Northern Lights Trek to Iceland.

Following the huge success of the Sahara Trek, the LWC community voted Iceland for our 2nd Overseas Challenge in aid of the Lord Wandsworth Foundation.

**Why not sign up and join your fellow Sternians on an adventure of a lifetime...**

We have once again teamed up with adventure experts, Global Adventure Challenge to devise another life-changing experience. The trip is exclusively for Sternians, parents and guardians at LWC. This is a unique opportunity to get away and embark on a trip that is reminiscent of those fabulous school trips. Only a few places remain so register today if you want to secure your place.





## REUNIONS

# Beckwith 2023



**O**n a glorious September day (the hottest of 2023), the Beckwith was back! It was wonderful to see so many Sternians, parents, pupils, and staff (along with their gorgeous four-legged friends) enjoying the Beckwith route through the stunning LWC Campus.

A delicious array of food, drink and ice-cream was on offer all day, excellent music and lots of happy faces and wagging tails, it was the perfect way to start the new term.

Please do join us for this year's Beckwith on Saturday 7 September 2024, it is such an amazing whole community event!



### Sports Festival

New alliances were formed between Sternians, parents and staff to battle against the might of the LWC Pupil teams. But who was victorious...

#### Netball

**Staff v Pupils: 4-8**

**Pupils v Sternians/Parents: 11-5**

An outstanding display from the LWC Senior Netball Players, Sternians, LWC Staff and LWC Parents. Despite the heat, the teams brought flare and tenacity to their games with the students clinching the overall title. A huge thank you to all those involved for their efforts on the court.

#### Football

**Pupils v Sternians/Parents: 1-1**

**Pupils v Staff: 1-0**

**Sternians/Parents v Staff: 2-0**

The games were good and close, with some excellent skills on show despite the heat. Sternians/Parents narrowly winning on goal difference ahead of Pupils with the staff receiving the wooden spoon. The staff were schooled by the Pupils particularly J. Philipson who had their defence running in circles and falling over. He was ably assisted

by great keeping from J. Hammett and a good organised pupil team performance marshalled by B. Wagenstein. The narrow Sternian win on goal difference aided by playing a tired staff team but also great defending by W. Stone to shut out the Staff forward line.

#### Hockey

A mix of Sternians, parents, staff and even a couple of the 3rd Form joined the Boys' and Girls' First XIs in an epic Hockey Tournament. The players were mixed together to form 4 teams (Holland, Australia, Germany and Argentina). After a good-humoured but hard-fought battle in sweltering temperatures, Holland and Australia were tied on points but Holland was declared the overall winner having scored 12 goals to Australia's 7. Thank you to all players and officials for laying on a fine demonstration of LWC hockey!

#### Rugby

It was wonderful to see so many Sternians, parents and staff put on their rugby boots and head for Wilkinsons pitch.

The student team and Sternian team, on count back of games won or lost, tries scored, etc resulted (incredibly) in a tie between them! The staff team righteously didn't quite show the younger ones 'how to do it', but nearly did and came third and the parental team came in a slightly winded, over heated and breathless fourth place. But everyone very much enjoyed themselves.



# Mike Sorby Cup 2023

Strong bonds, legendary umpires and a decent game of cricket.

**A**s the teams gathered to do battle in the 13th edition of the Mike Sorby Cup, so did the storm clouds. Fortunately, it allowed players, parents, children and ex-staff members to get stuck into the cakes early and reminisce about the good old days. It was great to welcome back Clive Hicks, and Eddie Walker (in their roles as umpires) and Dave Machin too, attending for the first time and thus forming a worthy triumvirate of wisdom. Ahem.

And so, to the cricket, openers for the Ben Colvin XI took on a rather lop-sided look, with serial slogger and multiple man-of-the-match winner Henry Castle Smith pairing with... Oli Dobson. True to form, Dobbo looked great but never got himself in, giving his wicket away cheaply to Steve Sorby. Unmoved, HCS made a punchy 30, with small knocks from Matt Hall and debutant Richard Fenton, gradually building the score. It took some oomph from Andy Craig to accelerate the innings before retiring on 30 and heralding Ben Colvin to the crease and one of the finest moments in Mike Sorby Cup history. Finally tea was taken with 174 on the board.

The Alex Colvin XI got off to a flyer with Steve Haystacks Sorby smashing it all around the ground and retiring with an all-time best of 30. His opening partner Matt Horn, also scored 30 before retiring. At this stage the run rate was looking very healthy despite the best efforts of Oli Spencer's and Richard Fenton's line and length bowling. No one then, could have predicted the middle order collapse that followed. Ben Whitley, Alex Colvin, and Ed Clark all failed to get into double figures, with the rest unable to extend beyond the teens. This left Puddocks specialist Nick Clarke

and Charlie Pidgeon the enormous task of 53 runs to win. Things were looking very close with 3 overs remaining, but debutant young gun Richard Fenton, held his end with aplomb and The Alex Colvin XI fell 11 runs short on 163.

I was asked by the Sternians Association to write a shorter match report and talk a little of what the Mike Sorby Cup means to each of us. I will try my best with the latter. In truth, it will mean different things to all of us, but what I think we all share is the pride in the friendships that we have forged out of Mike's tragic death in 2004. It is something rare and unique and every summer, the bonds of friendship are refreshed and renewed by our shared memories of Mike and the game we play in his memory.

The Mike Sorby Cup has a nomadic past, having been played at a number of grounds including Brown Candover and Wield. In 2019 we came back to LWC and now this is very much our home. I think I can speak for all when I say having the likes of Clive Hicks, Ed Walker and Dave Machin joining us in the past few years has been brilliant and we hope to welcome them for many more years to come. It would be remiss of me not to mention Seb English within this article, who of course died on the same day as Mike. His death was no less tragic and in the past few years, we have mentioned Seb, alongside Mike in the obligatory post-match speech. We hope in years to come we will welcome Seb's family to the match, they'd be most welcome.

Next year's game will be played on 6th July – all are welcome!

**ED CLARKE**  
(2002, Summerfield, E030)



# Reconnecting with LWC

Sternian Cyrus Ardalan reflects on his return to LWC.

**L**ast year an old friend suggested I attend the annual LWC luncheon in London. I had first entered LWC on a grey autumn day in September 1963, and other than a very brief visit in the mid 70's, I had never been back.

Somewhat hesitant and with great trepidation, I decided to attend the lunch. It proved, quite unexpectedly, to be an enormously gratifying experience. Samantha introduced me to Adam, and I had the pleasure of sitting next to him at lunch. I soon learned how dramatically the school had changed since I had attended! After lunch they invited me to spend an afternoon at LWC.

As I drove through the gates of LWC after all these many years the emotional experience was quite overwhelming bringing back so many memories. I had left LWC in 1968 with mixed feelings. English boarding schools of the 60's were challenging places in general, but for an Iranian child, coming from a very sheltered and somewhat privileged life, they were traumatic!

The ethos of the school at that time seemed primarily focused on enforcing rigid and arbitrary rules, rather than fostering a positive and supportive learning environment for the students. The sparse, cold facilities were a material manifestation of this philosophy.

On the other hand, I made some good lifelong friends, I loved cross country running and delighted in the opportunity (to my great surprise) to win the school drama award in my final year. It was also LWC that kindled my passion for economics. It enabled me to get accepted at UCL, which led me to Oxford and a career in economics and finance.

I left the UK in 1974 from Oxford to join the World Bank as an economist. The 1979 revolution in Iran sadly ended any plans to return home to Iran.

After 12 very fascinating years in Washington I decided to move from the public to the private sector and spent

the rest of my career in investment banking in New York and London with the last 15 years as a Vice Chairman at Barclays in London. Since retiring I have been on the board of a number of for and non for profits institutions.

The LWC that Adam and Samantha showed me was an LWC transformed. The grounds are as exceptional as ever, but now impressive facilities such as the new Flowers Science Centre and sports facilities augment its natural beauty. The student body is also more diverse; enriched by being co-ed and having day students. I even had the chance to visit Sutton House. I had spent my last year as a school prefect in a room at the top of the old house. We searched, initially in vain, to find my room and eventually realised to our great surprise that it has been converted into a bathroom!!

I was deeply impressed by the relationship Adam has cultivated with the students: collegial and empathetic rather than hierarchical and autocratic. Most significantly, the philosophy of the school, is positively student centric and compassionate. The school is fortunate to have Adam as its Headmaster and under his guidance, I am certain the school will go from strength to strength.

I am delighted that I took up my friend's advice last year and reconnected with LWC. My wife Juni and I visited the school again for LWC's centennial. I look forward to many more visits to LWC and watch it continue to produce many happy, productive and well-educated well-balanced members of society.

The UK is now our home and we could not be happier. It is a journey that all started with LWC and for which I have a great deal to be thankful for.

**CYRUS ARDALAN**  
(1968, Sutton, A621)



*The solemn, doctrine-ridden clergy had a difficult task to keep the play moving with little action and much argument, but Cyrus Ardalan well deserved the Old Sternians' Acting Award for 1968.*

*He maintained a thoroughly convincing characterisation throughout—even when not directly concerned in the action, though this was not often, as he had the longest part of all.*

The Sower review of Cyrus' performance of 1968



Cyrus performing in The Lark, 1968

# Where Are They Now?

## Holly Mobbs talks to us about saying goodbye to LWC and her passion for canoeing.

After leaving LWC in 2016, I went off to the University of Essex to study Psychology. I then completed a School-Direct PGCE, at Bohunt School in Liphook, to become a Psychology Teacher. I was fortunate to be able to return to LWC for my second placement in February 2020. Following this I was offered a job teaching Psychology at LWC. During this time I could continue to support the canoeing programme at the school and it also gave me time to increase my involvement with canoeing on the National stage.

In 2021, I was elected onto the British Canoeing's Marathon Racing discipline committee. As a volunteer, I have been involved in the Junior Development national pathway, organised and lead national canoeing events and increased social media presence for canoe marathon. In 2023, I was honoured to be short-listed for an engagement award in the British Canoeing's annual volunteer awards for my commitment to the sport as well as my athlete-centred approach.

In summer 2022, I said goodbye to LWC officially as I moved away from home (I had lived at LWC for 18 years as my father, Graham Mobbs, is Head of Art) and started a Head of Department role at Halliford School in Shepperton. LWC was such a foundational environment and place for me throughout my life. Thank you to all the members of the wider community that have helped to shape me into the person I am today, whether that's as a family friend, teacher or colleague.

**HOLLY MOBBS**  
(2016, Park)



## Olli Derham tells us why he keeps pushing his boundaries.

After LWC I went to the University of Warwick to study Mechanical Engineering. Whilst at Warwick I competed (successfully) in the Formula Student and International Submarine Races. For the latter we designed and raced a human powered submarine in Gosport, UK and Washington, USA. The experience helped me become a finalist in the 2016 Engineering Undergraduate of the Year competition and gain a place at E.ON. This was the springboard for my career as a Systems Engineer, I currently work with the Navy on complex systems and integration programmes.

Many who know me knew my Mum lived with cancer, unfortunately passing away when I was at Uni. This was obviously a difficult time, but I give so much credit to the Sutton Matrons, Mrs B and Mrs C, for looking after me, even after I had left.

I came across the charity Victoria's Promise (Odiham) through other Sternians, Ross and TJ Power. They strive to 'empower young women, and their families, through cancer and beyond'. I am now trying to raise awareness of Victoria's Promise and this has led me to a crazy mixture of sporting challenges; The London Marathon, Ride London-Essex 100, GB Duro, The New York Marathon, The Flandrian Challenge (well, an attempt. I ended up in A&E in Lille...) and Iron Man challenges to name but a few. I will keep pushing my boundaries and continue to spread awareness and support for Victoria's Promise. Please do support them if you can, what they do is life changing! Next up is Ironman Valencia, Thames Swim Marathon, Ironman Italia Romagna and the Chicago Marathon.

**OLLI DERHAM**  
(2013, Sutton)



# Upcoming Events

We look forward to welcoming our Sternian Community to another busy programme of events.

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| <b>LWC FUTURES FAIR</b>              | Thank you to all our Sternian Volunteers, we couldn't host this hugely valuable event without your support | <b>Friday 15 March 2024</b>                                |
| <b>FOUNDATION DAY</b>                | By Invitation  | <b>Thursday 21 March 2024</b>                              |
| <b>STERNIAN AGM</b>                  | To be held online  | <b>Please check emails and website for further details</b> |
| <b>CCF DINNER</b>                    | Sternians with an interest in the military are warmly invited, LWC   | <b>Friday 3 May 2024</b>                                   |
| <b>LWCGS GOLF DAY</b>                | Sternians and LWC Parents Hayling Island Golf Club   | <b>Wednesday 8th May 2024</b>                              |
| <b>STERNIAN BOURNEMOUTH LUNCH</b>    | All Sternians welcome The Old Thatch, Wimbourne (new venue)  | <b>Thursday 16 May 2024 12-3pm</b>                         |
| <b>LWC CONNECT NETWORKING DRINKS</b> | Sternians, LWC Parents and LWC Connect Members, Lockes, Covent Garden                                      | <b>Thursday 23 May 2024 6-8pm</b>                          |
| <b>STERNIANS VS LWC CRICKET</b>      | Join us to play or watch followed by food and drinks   | <b>Friday 17th May TBC 5-8pm</b>                           |
| <b>GLOBAL ONLINE REUNION</b>         | All Sternians welcome  | <b>Tuesday 11 June 2024 5pm (BST)</b>                      |
| <b>STERNIAN SATURDAY</b>             | All Sternians and their families are welcome. Join us for a Reunion here at LWC!                           | <b>Saturday 22 June 2024</b>                               |
| <b>DONOR RECEPTION</b>               | By Invitation  | <b>Saturday 22 June 2024</b>                               |
| <b>THE BECKWITH</b>                  | Join us to walk or run The Beckwith  | <b>Saturday 7 September 2024</b>                           |
| <b>LWCGS GOLF DAY</b>                | Sternians and LWC Parents Blackmoor Golf Club  | <b>Tuesday 15 October 2024</b>                             |
| <b>1912 SOCIETY EVENT</b>            | By Invitation  | <b>Date and venue TBC</b>                                  |
| <b>STERNIAN LONDON LUNCH</b>         | All Sternians welcome The Farmers Club, London (return venue)  | <b>Friday 29 November 2024 12-4pm</b>                      |

For more information or to book tickets:

[sternians@lordwandsworth.org](mailto:sternians@lordwandsworth.org) or call **01256 860356**

Don't forget to keep an eye out for more event updates in your Sternian E-News. All our invites are emailed out so please update your email addresses and mark our email address as a 'safe sender' to avoid them going into your spam mail.

## FOMO\*

\*FEAR-OF-MISSING-OUT

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*Welcome*  
 Class of 2023 to  
 The Sternians'  
 Association!



**BACK ROW:** Beatrice Cooper, Antelina Jeffries,  
 Saskia Jones, Jack Lu, Charlotte Eastwood, Sophie Goodwin, Ella Cox, Millie Playford,  
 Ella Winn, Scarlett McManus, Eleanor Brunning, Evan Sansum, Sam Ruffell, Harry Rouffignac, Oliver Parker,  
 Guy Lillywhite, Niklas Mabbott, Harriet Gibson, Sophie Cook, William Adlam, Jack Semmelhaack, Maximilian Johnstone,  
 Megan Sawers, Felix Auld, Alexander Wilson, Max Lowes, Freddie Burrows, Joshua Langworthy, Brett Wienszczak,  
 Madeleine Hall-Pennicott, Mateo-Alejandro Johnson-Rodriguez, Maximilian Warnes, Lucas Darragh, Freddy Dunn, Henry Locke,  
**FRONT ROW:** Alexander Saunders, Samuel Elliott, Gavin Simpson, Miss L Osborne, Emily Sinclair, Freya West, Mr AJ Williams,

Eleanor Smith, Samantha Young  
 Amelia Firth, Cecily Bolger, Abigail Marshall, Georgina Richards, Natasha Kamm, Clemmie Rydon  
 Theo Batchelor, Archie Oscroft, Matthew Boyce, Isobel Rafferty, Beth Wearn, Molly McCrum, Azra Aydin  
 Skye-Abigail Louw, Sarah Findell, Kian Patel, Alexander Parry, William Stone, Sebastian Johnson  
 Gabriella Steer, Aidan Softley, Samuel Needham-Laing, Angus Watson, Scott Collins, Giorgio Zanasi, Lawson Hartley  
 Frederick Boyden, Ryan Harris, Nicholas Watt, Joseph Gregory, Eliot Pulley, Harry Burleton, Frederick Ludlow, James Jones, Gabriella Coy  
 Mr T J Rimmer, James Hall, Sebastian Donnelly, Mrs N Hirst, Oliver Sanvoisin, William Johnson, Maximilian Hill



# Mentoring

Sternians Simon Clements and Allie Cooper talk to us about both sides of a mentoring relationship.

**Mentoring can start in different ways, as is evident from my experience with Alvin and Allie.**

I met Alvin when he was a Sixth Former making his university choices and he wanted some advice on degree courses. We kept in touch as he left the College and we shared lunch at Gray's Inn before he left for the rarefied atmosphere of Oxford. At this stage mentoring was very much about his future direction. He wanted to be a lawyer, but was unsure which route to take - solicitor or barrister. As a barrister myself I tried valiantly to help him choose the latter (I think he has all the skills to make an excellent advocate, and in time a Judge) but he steadfastly stuck to the solicitor route despite my best efforts and those of my former classmate Sir Peter Coulson.

Mentoring during university was mainly just keeping in touch, taking him out for lunch a couple of times a year and meeting up with him when he was on his study year in Paris. In his final year he invited me as his guest to dinner in Oriol College, proving that mentoring is a two-sided relationship! I am delighted in his progress and so pleased that he was recently appointed as a trustee for The Sternians Trust Fund.

As for Allie, she contacted me when in her second year at University via LWC Connect. At the time of writing, we have

still not met face to face, but we have spoken on numerous occasions. Allie wanted some advice on career direction and the options available to someone who wanted to become a lawyer but was not studying law at university. I was able to put her in touch with a number of my contacts so she could listen to a range of opinions before making up her mind. Again, I failed to persuade her to take the barrister route and she is currently at the start of her conversion course and sending out applications for training contracts.

In both cases I would describe the mentoring as light touch career advice mentoring. At times it has been months when we have not spoken, but hopefully knowing I am available if needed provides some reassurance. They are both outstanding examples of young Foundationer Sternians at the start of their careers.

I know that some of you signed up on LWC Connect a while ago indicating your availability to help as a mentor, but nothing may have happened. Please be patient and maybe refresh your interest with Clare or Sam in the Alumni office. Hopefully a match will be made.

**SIMON CLEMENTS**  
(1976, Summerfield, A983)  
Sternian Association Chairman

One in particular was the lovely Simon Clements who has been a source of inspiration, and at times reassurance, over the past 3 years or so. Much to Simon's joy, I initially thought that the bar was my calling and that I wanted to work as a criminal barrister; Simon connected me with HH Judge Mark Dennis KC and I was fortunate enough to undertake a week of judge marshalling at The Old Bailey. Simon has been a fantastic mentor, through university especially, where I was heavily affected by the Marking and Assessment Boycott and had to wait 4 months for my final degree. We drafted emails to the Vice Chancellor and Minister of Education while also weighing up different firms for training contract applications.

In all honesty, LWC Connect has been a fantastic tool that has allowed me to streamline my journey into the law, while also connecting with fascinating people in the industry. I have managed to book Simon in for a lunch in the coming weeks, remarkable considering his busy schedule, and none of this would have happened without LWC Connect.

**ALLIE COOPER**  
(2020, Park)

## The Impact of Mentoring and LWC Connect

Having left school so abruptly, forced out on the 20th of March 2020 by the newly imposed dangers of Covid-19, I was worried that I wouldn't get the time after A-Levels to bombard the Futures and Sternian team with questions about some of the most important stages to consider when embarking on a new life at university. Stages that often accumulate to a real-life job, in the real world, which as an 18-year-old seemed both exciting and daunting.

Embarking on a journey to become a lawyer can be rather overwhelming, did I want to be a barrister or solicitor? What sector? And who could I talk to? Luckily for me, Sam Corfield introduced me to LWC Connect, a platform similar to LinkedIn but exclusively for Sternians. I was able to use this to find people in similar roles to those that I wanted to pursue. I was pleasantly surprised with the amount of responses I got from strangers and mutual connections, willing to arrange a call and let me reel off an exhaustive list of questions.



## STAY CONNECTED - DECADE YEAR GROUPS

LWC Connect is not just about networking and mentoring, it is also about connections and enabling Sternians to keep in touch with each other directly. To facilitate this, we have set up decade year groups (1960's, 1970's etc) as even though you may not have crossed paths with everyone in that decade there are likely to be common connections be it siblings, teachers or experiences.

Once you are registered on LWC Connect you can then join your decade group (or groups if you straddled a decade) and you can then message anyone in that group (you can also create your own group). It is a fabulous way to reach out to someone you have lost contact with.

These decade groups are just one of many social groups set up there for you, if cycling, hiking or motoring is your thing then there is a group there for you too. You can join as many as you wish. They are in their infancy, however, the more of you that are on there and using them then the more it will attract other members.

**Enjoy connecting!**



## LWC CONNECT - ANOTHER WAY TO GIVE BACK

**We are so fortunate that The LWC community is so generous, not only giving financial support but also giving up your time to help others.**

The support we get from our community comes in many forms, 5th Form Interview Morning, Futures Day, Round Tables, support and mentoring. Our community has such a wonderful wealth of knowledge and experience, and sharing that knowledge with our pupils and young Sternians can, literally, be life changing. To all of those that give back, we thank you so much.

Joining LWC Connect is another way to help, the LWC connection we have makes it easier for our current pupils and young Sternians to reach out for advice and to find the perfect mentor. Please do join, the larger our membership is then the greater our knowledge resources are. You can also use LWC Connect as a networking platform for yourselves, to promote your business and to post job opportunities.



### JOIN LWC CONNECT NOW!

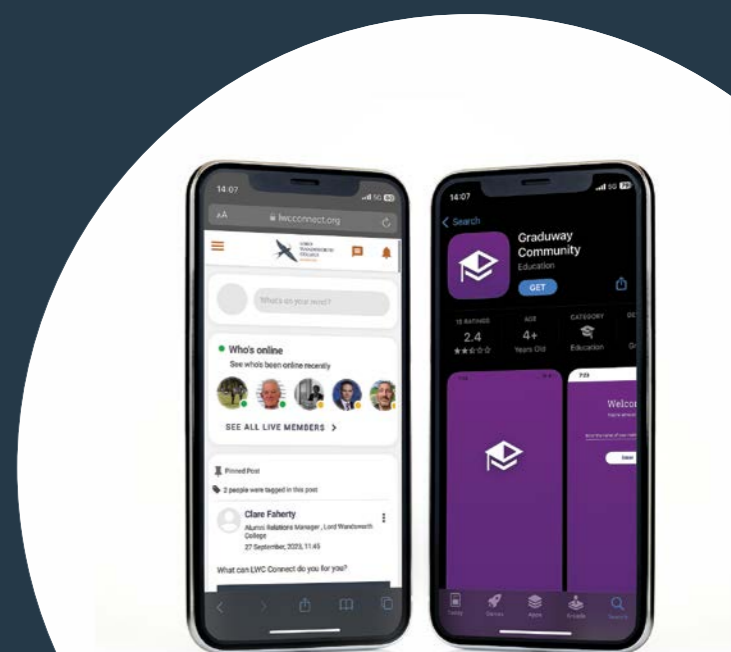
A professional networking platform exclusively for the LWC community

**Connect | Give Back | Expand**

- Go to [www.lwconnect.org](http://www.lwconnect.org) - Click on 'get started'
- Register with your email and a memorable password
- Choose your 'affiliation', Sternian, current parent, etc
- Please note your request to join will be pending for 24/48 hours

- **Get The App!**
- App Store - Search 'Graduway' and open
- At the welcome screen type in 'LWC Connect'
- Google Play Store - The app appears as 'LWC Connect'
- Sign in with your email and password

*Thank you for your support*



# Foundation Update

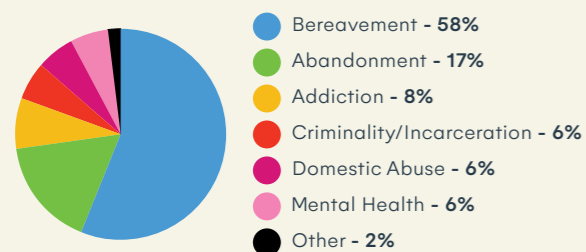


LORD WANDSWORTH  
FOUNDATION

**T**he Centenary gave us the opportunity to shine a light on our charity, the Lord Wandsworth Foundation and all it has achieved for pupils here at the College for 100 years. Much of this was portrayed in the excellent Centenary Exhibition at the festival weekend.

Another key highlight was of course our annual Foundation Day in March which was led brilliantly by our Upper Sixth Foundation Prefects Ellie Smith and Millie Playford (now Sternians). Millie and her mum, Joanna, also told their very moving story of how they came to be at LWC and the role it has had on their lives. We were delighted to welcome back Sternian Chris Bray (A573, School, 1962-69) who talked about his gratitude for a wonderful upbringing at the College. It was also the perfect opportunity to share our new Foundation film which recounts the story of how Lord Wandsworth's bequest ignited the spirit of philanthropy here in Long Sutton and the impact it has had on over 2,500 Foundation pupils and their families. This is always an incredibly poignant occasion as people share their stories, we listen to a variety of amazing performances from current Foundationers, and hear from our partner trusts and foundations. It is wonderful to offer donors this chance to see the impact their support is having first hand.

## Loss of Support Category



Seven new Foundation pupils joined us this September (2023). We were so pleased to be able to offer all of these pupils a 110% award ensuring they were equipped with uniform, a laptop and all the other essentials for their start at LWC.

We are also delighted to report that 57% of our Foundationers (27) are on 100+% Awards. We would really like to see this percentage increase year on year. The application process for September 2024 entry will have

concluded by the time this magazine reaches you. The Foundation team have met some wonderful children, and we look forward to welcoming those selected to begin their LWC journey here in September.

Pete Maidment stepped down from his role as Foundation Tutor in July as he accepted the role as Houseparent at Junior House. We were delighted to appoint Tom Shedden as Interim Foundation Tutor until a permanent replacement has been recruited.

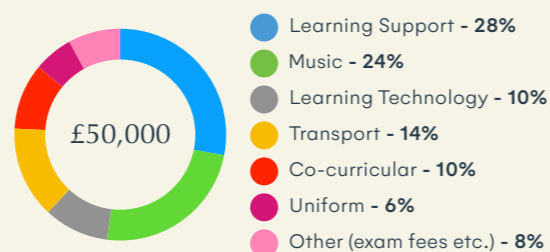
## Foundationer Extras

We launched the Foundationers Extras campaign with the goal to ensure our Foundation pupils are on an equal footing and have access to the same opportunities and experiences as everyone else. Our Extras Fund helps to cover the cost of items such as uniform, music and drama lessons, a laptop for their studies, sports equipment, musical instruments etc.

Donations reached £27,000 towards our annual costs of £50,000. This was a fantastic achievement which we hope to build on each year.

The infographic below details how the extras money was allocated. As you can see, several of our Foundation pupils benefit from learning support lessons which is invaluable and it is wonderful to see music so well-funded, with many Foundationers taking up a musical instrument and enjoying one-to-one music lessons. Smaller 'extras' which you can't see include important social events to help new pupils settle such as pizza and bowling nights. It is a most precious pot of money that is ensuring our Foundationers really get the most out of being at LWC. Thank you so much for supporting this appeal.

## Extras Spending



## The Future

As part of LWC's Strategy 2030, the SLT and Governors are working on a strategy for the Foundation – to raise its profile to reach a broader audience for applications and to raise more funds to enable us to offer greater support to those who need it and to ensure its future sustainability. We will be considering whether we can increase numbers of families we can help, and/or increase the numbers of 100+% Awards we can give.

The need is still very real:

**'By the age of 16 around 1 in 20 young people will have experienced the death of one or both of their parents.'**

Childhood Bereavement Network

Part of our plan includes introducing a Patron of the Foundation and a team of Ambassadors to help us spread the word and champion our cause. We are building additional relationships with more trusts and foundations who can refer applicants and help support our pupils' needs. We will also be launching a Foundation Day Appeal in March to secure new funds. We look forward to telling you more how we are progressing with these, and other plans, throughout 2024.

As Sternians, you are fully aware that the Foundation has always been the beating heart of the College. It remains our ambition for this to continue. The LWC Community plays a central and vital role to ensure we can maintain and hopefully grow the Foundation as we move into our second 100 years. We cannot do this without the support of hundreds of donors supporting in a variety of ways and at all levels. We do really appreciate your support and hope we can rely on your continued generosity. Thank you to everyone who plays their part in transforming the lives of children who have lost the support of a parent.



Ellie Smith and Micah Baidoo presenting at last year's Foundation Day in March 2023

**'Instrumental lessons are invaluable for our Foundation pupils. In particular their confidence. It has a unique way of opening them up and allowing them space to be creative. It is a joy to see.'**

AARON PARKER, Director Of Music



PLEASE SUPPORT OUR  
FOUNDATION DAY APPEAL

Inside this magazine you will see a flyer with details on how you can support our Foundation Day Appeal on 21st March 2024.

You can choose to support The Foundation or the Foundationer Extras Campaign.



# Thank You

**O**ur centenary year presented us with a unique opportunity to plan some truly extraordinary fundraising events and initiatives and Sternians and parents responded with such enthusiasm and generosity for the Centenary Appeal in aid of The Foundation, Foundation Extras, and the Centenary Sculpture. Thank you.

This saw us bounce back in terms of fundraised income. Thank you to all of you who supported the College last year (22/23) and helped us raise a total of £635,604. We also welcomed over 500 new donors which was truly astounding. We are so grateful for everyone's generosity.

The inaugural Beckwith, Sahara Trek and Giving Days played a huge role in helping us return to these pre-pandemic levels. The Giving Day was a chance for LWC's global community to come together and celebrate 100 years of philanthropy at LWC. Sternian engagement with this initiative in particular was incredible with 27% of our donors coming from the Sternian Community but donating 46% of the £93,436 total!

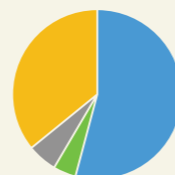


## Fundraising Income 2022/23

We were delighted to forge new and continuing partnerships with members of our Cedrus Club throughout the year who supported the College and The Foundation through major gifts. Income from legacies also played an impactful role, with almost £50k of gifts from wills compared to the previous year of £10k.

### Total Raised £635,604

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| Foundation                                 | £344,082 |
| Foundationer Extras                        | £27,429  |
| LWC Capital Projects incl. Sculpture       | £36,165  |
| Trusts & Foundations for Foundationer Fees | £227,928 |



## Donor Reception 2023

We were delighted to host our Donor Club Reception at the Centenary Festival in June – it was such a wonderful opportunity to thank those who have gone above and beyond to help support LWC and our Foundation. It was great to see everyone and enjoy a glass of fizz on that very hot day!



## SUPPORTER UPDATE

If you would like to read more, scan the QR code to read our latest Supporter Update.



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## What's Next?

**Now the Centenary is over, the Philanthropy team continues to fundraise for The Foundation, including the Extras fund of course.**

As the College finalises their strategy up to 2030, the team are also considering the role fundraising campaigns may play. We would like to ask Sternians from all eras and parents to input and so will be carrying out a feasibility study over the coming months. We will be reaching out to existing donors as well as those who haven't given yet to gain feedback and insight to help us consider where to concentrate our efforts.

We hope to have small and large group discussions as well as individual meetings in person or virtually to help us shape future campaigns. We have a strong tradition of philanthropy here at LWC, and we hope you will help us continue this.

**Do get in touch with Sam or Kate if you would like to get involved in the study or would like to discuss making a donation.**

# Write Your Will for Free

We have teamed up with Will writing experts 'Octopus Legacy' and are happy to be able to offer all Sternians (including Sternian parents and guardians) an invitation to write their will for free...

**A**n up-to-date, professionally written Will is an incredibly important document. It is the only way to ensure your wishes are carried out in the way that you want them to be. Because of this, we have teamed up with Octopus Legacy to offer a free Will writing service to help make the process as simple and streamlined as possible.

**Our hope is that you might also consider leaving a gift to LWC in your will, but you are under no obligation to do so as part of this service.**

Leaving a gift in your Will to Lord Wandsworth College is a very personal and important decision that could have a monumental and lasting impact on future generations of LWC pupils.

People decide to leave money to schools through their Wills for many reasons but since the school opened in 1922, we have always had a charitable element which supports The Foundation, College projects, and The Sternians Trust Fund ensuring the College and its pupils feel supported in a variety of ways.

**This Will writing service is available to you via phone, online and face to face.**



## TAX EFFICIENT GIVING

Did you know, gifts in Wills to charities are deducted from your estate before the inheritance tax is calculated.

Also, if you leave 10% or more of your chargeable net estate to charity, the inheritance rate drops from 40% to 36%.

## 1912 Society

If you do decide to leave a legacy to LWC you will automatically become a member of the 1912 Society. As a member of this exclusive society, you will be kept up to date on the latest College news, invited to exclusive events as well as the Society's annual get-together.

Last October we visited Denbies Wine Estate in Dorking, Surrey for a tour of the vineyard followed by lunch.



1912 SOCIETY



# Lord Wandsworth Sculpture

We were elated to finally unveil the bronze bust of our benefactor in June 2023 to honour his life and the incredible legacy he left.

**Installing a sculpture of Baron Sydney James Stern has been something Sternians and the College have wanted for a very long time. Sternians who have benefited from The Foundation and who feel so grateful for the life of Lord Wandsworth and indebted to him for his forethought and generosity were particularly keen to see this project take flight.**

Our Centenary year presented us with the perfect opportunity to commission a bronze bust. Sculptor Vincent Gray was appointed, and the bust took over six months to make from start to finish.

The first stage was the creation of a maquette depicting a miniature version of what the sculpture would look like. It was wonderful to see the miniature version and get a glimpse of what Barron Stern would have looked like. The sculptor then created the bust in clay before it was then cast in resin. Finally, the resin sculpture was moved to the foundry to be cast in bronze.

Director of Philanthropy & Alumni Relations Mrs Sam Corfield was fortunate enough to oversee the project and visit Vincent Gray's studio to keep an eye on progress:

*'It was wonderful to watch Vincent at work. His attention to detail was incredible as he poured over old photographs to ensure the bust was a true likeness. We are just delighted with the end result, and we can't thank our donors enough for their generosity which helped bring this project to fruition.'*

This impressive bronze bust now stands proudly outside the Flowers Science Centre in Stern Court where it can be admired and enjoyed by everyone on campus. It gives a real opportunity to reflect on all that has been achieved since his bequest in 1912. With new seating and beautiful flower beds all around the court, staff, pupils and visitors can sit and enjoy this quiet, relaxing corner of the campus at any time of the day.



# Stern Farm

Farm Manager, Paul Sigley, talks about the pits and pitfalls of Stern Farm.



**T**hey say that no two years are ever the same in farming and what a difference we have seen between the harvests of 2022 and 2023.

2022 was very much a vintage year.

The autumn of 2021 was kind and crops established well followed by a good growing season the following spring. Harvest was all

over in the blink of an eye taking just over four weeks to harvest all the crops and was completed on 11th August, the earliest that I have finished a harvest. The only downside was that the quality of the wheat was frustratingly just below full specification for milling. Yields were good and record-breaking prices (sadly, due to the Ukrainian War) coupled with our buying fertiliser before prices rocketed to over £1000 per tonne (again due to the conflict) meant that we also saw the best financial return that the Farm has achieved for the College for decades.

Last harvest (2023) has been the complete polar opposite to 2022. It started off well in the autumn of 2022, especially as it was our first year with the new direct drill which sows the seeds directly into undisturbed soil without the need for ploughing or cultivations. Crops established well and looked promising going into the spring, but the weather became unfavourable with either too much rain, delaying spring field work by a month, or not enough rain and baking temperatures resulting in poor grain fill and low specific weights. Harvest started a week later than average and became a stop-start affair with no more than three days continuous combining at any time. Most of the crops needed drying to remove excess moisture and although the wheat yield was acceptable, the rest of the crops were disappointing especially the linseed which we have now decided to stop growing. Grain prices have tumbled to around half what they were twelve months ago and we

bought fertiliser too early, paying more than if we had waited until the spring. Sadly, this year's financial returns are nothing to shout about although we have stayed in profit and should live to fight another day (or harvest)!

Farming has always had to endure the good and the bad times. An old saying is 'Down the corn, up the horn', which is a reference to the mixed farms of old which could sustain low prices in one sector if prices were good in another (poor corn prices offset by good prices for livestock). This would have been relevant to the farm in the 1950's when it was much more diverse with milking cows, poultry, pigs and sheep and would be what Mr AGF Machin saw when he visited Lord Wandsworth College to write an article for The Hampshire Farmer.

Mr Machin spends the first half of the article describing how he marvelled at farm buildings saying they are as 'well constructed as the pyramids of Egypt', with 'roofs containing enough tiles to cover a village and leave sufficient over to tile an ordinary set of farm buildings'.

What intrigued me the most was his description of fattening pits for cattle. The system involved pits in the buildings where the young cattle were placed and fed. As their bedding and manure increased the animals would eventually rise up to floor level when they could be walked out fat and ready for sale. I have never heard of such a system and would love to know if any of the older Sternians can remember these pits at the farm. I certainly wouldn't envy those that had to dig out the manure once the cattle were gone.

**PAUL SIGLEY**  
Farm Manager



The farm buildings as Mr Machin would have seen them

# Fake News and the Rise of AI

Futurist and Sternian Andrew Eborn, encourages us to question everything in this new digital age.

**S**ternian Andrew Eborn has carved out an incredible career in the media appearing regularly as a speaker at live events and on various television channels around the world. He also presents and chairs various events and podcasts for a number of leading organisations including the Royal Television Society. President of Octopus TV, Andrew is also an international lawyer, strategic business adviser, author and futurist. For several years, he has successfully predicted major events, developments in business, media, sports and technology as well as global election results with alarming accuracy. Here, Andrew reflects on fake news and the rise of AI and what we can do to ensure we are not misinformed.

## Fake News

We are living in a diseased information age, drowning in a sea of misinformation and disinformation. As Mark Twain warned 'If you don't read the newspaper, you're uninformed. If you read the newspaper, you're mis-informed'.

Trust in politicians, in the media, and in society is at an all-time low. Global concern is mounting regarding misinformation and its potential impact on political, economic, and social stability. There has never been a greater time to ensure that we question everything.

## Lies Spread Faster than Truth

A study by Saroush Vosoughi, Deb Roy and Sinan Aral delved into the dynamics of false news propagation by using data from an 11-year period, encompassing around 126,000 rumours disseminated by approximately 3 million users. The study revealed that false information reached a larger audience compared to the truth, with the top 1% of false news reaching between 1,000 and 100,000 while truthful information rarely reached beyond 1,000 people.

The study also found that lies spread at a faster pace than the truth confirming Samuel Langhorne Clemens' observation that 'a lie can travel halfway around the world while the truth is still putting on its shoes'.

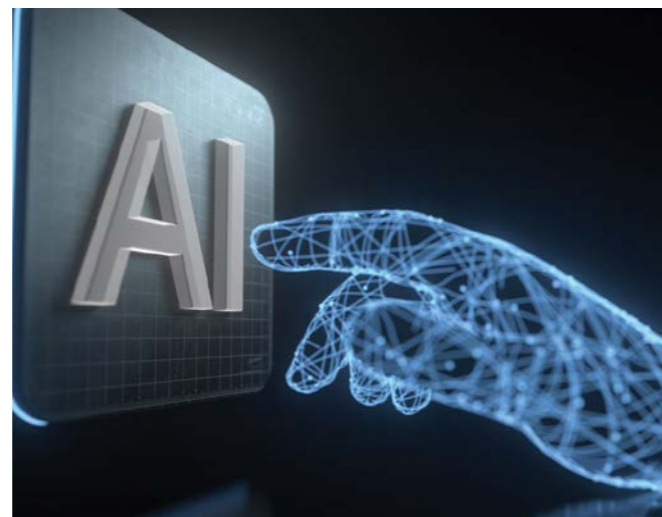
In 2017, 'fake news' became Collins Dictionary's word of the year. In 2023, Collins Dictionary chose 'AI' as its word of the year. AI is fake news' greatest weapon...

## What is Artificial Intelligence?

Artificial Intelligence (AI) refers to the development of computer systems that can perform tasks that typically require human intelligence. AI is our greatest human achievement but also potentially our biggest existential threat. It is already making seismic changes across all aspects of our lives. Professor Stephen Hawking warned that the development of full AI could spell the end of the human race. He suggested it would be the biggest event in human history, but it might also be the last. The pace of AI is faster than any technology in history.

I talk around the world advocating the benefits of AI and the tremendous opportunities it presents. Understanding both the threats and opportunities presented by AI is essential. There are various issues that need to be addressed including security, copyright, data protection, avoiding discrimination, disinformation, and hallucinations.

AI is the most disruptive force in history. It is smarter than the smartest human. AI was one of the main issues in the recent writers' and actors' strikes in Hollywood and investment bank Goldman Sachs estimates that AI could replace the equivalent of 300 million full-time jobs and a quarter of the work tasks in the US & Europe will be lost to AI. That said, 60% of today's workers are in jobs that did not exist in 1940. The reality is that AI is already creating new jobs.



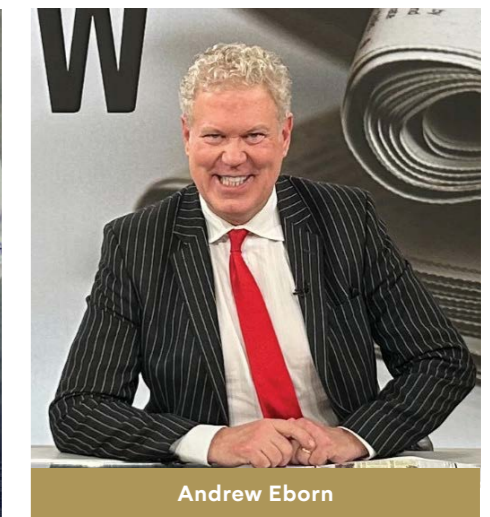
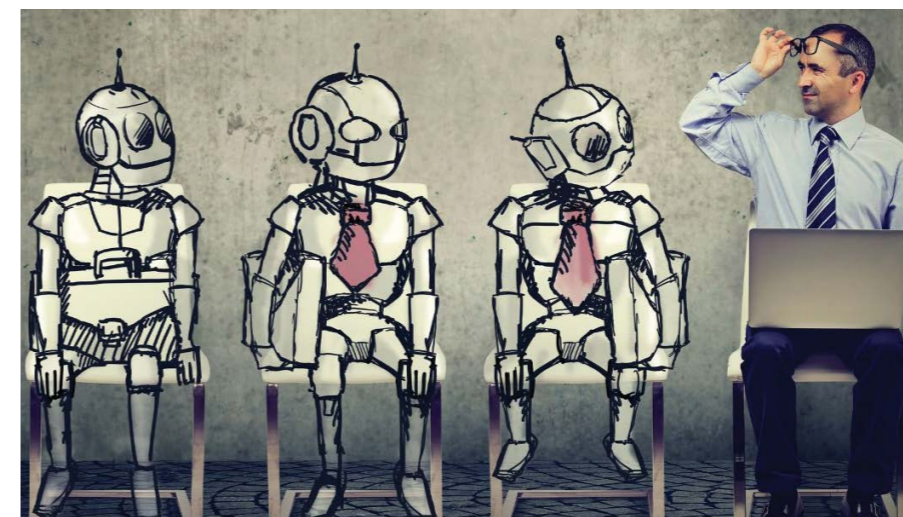
Understanding the technology is key. One of the biggest benefits is using AI as a co-pilot. It introduces efficiencies, automates processes and provides significant benefits across all industries. A recent study from the University of California San Diego showed that ChatGPT was better than chatting to your GP – it had more empathy!

In November 2023, the UK hosted the world's first AI conference at Bletchley Park, the war time home of codebreaking and computing. The Summit attracted politicians, computer scientists and tech execs from around the world.

**Delivering a virtual speech at the summit, King Charles pointed out that AI was 'no less important than the discovery of electricity, the splitting of the atom, the creation of the world wide web or even the harnessing of fire'. King Charles also emphasised that to 'realise the untold benefits of AI', there also had to be an effort to combat significant risks. 'There is a clear imperative to ensure that this rapidly evolving technology remains safe and secure. And because AI does not respect international boundaries, this mission demands international coordination and collaboration'.**

## AI and the Threat to Democracy

People around the world are set to go to the polls in the next few months. There will be elections in Belgium, India, US & UK. The next UK election will be the first to take place against the backdrop of significant advances in AI. National Cyber Security Centre – part of GCHQ – in its latest Annual Review pointed out that the rise of artificial intelligence and evolving geopolitical landscape are significant areas of risk to UK electoral processes.



AI has the power to transform our society for the better, NCSC suggests there is a risk that these technologies might be used by those looking to interfere or otherwise undermine trust in our democratic system. I would go much further and point out that it is not a risk but a reality. There are several examples every single day of AI being used to create fake images, fake audio and fake videos.

Large language models will almost certainly be used to generate fabricated content, AI-created hyper realistic bots will make the spread of disinformation easier and the manipulation of media for use in deep fake campaigns will likely become more advanced. Within the first 48 hours of the start of the Hamas terrorist attack on October 7th there were over 50 million posts on X (Twitter). Whilst many were true there were several which were AI generated, miscaptioned or using footage out of context.

## Question Everything

We must challenge assumptions, encourage curiosity, and foster a mind-set of continuous learning whilst rejecting blind acceptance. We need an active engagement with the world, a conscious effort to unravel the layers of information and misinformation presented to us.

In education, encouraging students to question everything is a cornerstone of a robust learning environment. Knowledge is not static. The pursuit of truth requires an unyielding spirit of inquiry. Innovation thrives on that spirit of inquiry. The most ground-breaking discoveries and inventions emerge from a relentless pursuit of answers to questions that challenge the status quo. Question Everything!

**ANDREW EBORN**  
(1981, Hazelveare, B602)

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# Matrons, the Heartbeat of the Community

**T**he role of matron in any school is a key element of the pastoral make-up of a boarding house and at LWC that adage is utterly true. The matrons are the heartbeat of each house. The care, support, and love that they give to the pupils (and the staff!) is utterly phenomenal.

Each House lays claim to the fact that their matrons are the best matrons in the school and fiercely defends their stance. If you took the time to ask pupils what the best thing about the LWC boarding house experience is, you'd find that the role and impact that the matron has on their world would be frequently at the top of their list. So, as Head of Boarding, and as a Houseparent, and on behalf of pupils past, present and those to come, a huge thank you to the matrons for being such a massive element of the pastoral care and love within the world that we inhabit in the boarding house at LWC.

**TOM SHEDDEN**  
Head of Boarding  
Hazelveare House Parent and Sternian (2001, Sutton)

## Matron Memories Shared

**Dr Isabelle Butcher (2010, Park)**

During my time at Lord Wandsworth College my matron at Park was Mrs Jacqui Fowler. I left LWC in the summer of June 2010 at the end of the Sixth Form and fourteen years later I'm still in touch with Jacqui.

Jacqui was supportive, caring and a friendly face. She was always on hand whatever it was we needed; from help with laundry, questions about homework to health matters! Jacqui also created a real sense of togetherness in Park; each day we received the newspapers and Jacqui would involve us all doing the daily crossword before we all walked the path to the main school buildings! A great start to the day.

At the end of every day Jacqui would be there in the house with her door open and would always let us chat to her about our days. Sometimes we would get a Milky Way from the tuck shop!

**For me, Jacqui's care and role in my life has never been forgotten and my parents and I remember her fondly. I am grateful that to this day we are still in touch!**



**The official definition of a Matron is 'A woman in charge of domestic and medical arrangements at a boarding school'. That definition may have been accurate in times past, but the Matrons of today are so much more! They truly are the heart of our boarding houses, they are a kind face, a listening ear and the smell of freshly baked cakes and clean laundry. They make boarding houses into second homes for our boarders and day pupils alike.**

When asked, Helen Taylor (Matron, School House) described her role as 'House mother, giver of biscuits, general food stuffs and paracetamol. We need to be ready to deal with any situation or emotion, it may be a child with a small cut on their finger or a child who is feeling sad and needs someone to talk to. Our door is always open'.

If you were in House you would observe kindness, humour, warmth but also strong leadership. The room inspection chart has a grading that included 'I have no words!' I think any parent of a teenager can relate to that. It is clear to see the strong bond between the Matrons and the pupils, there is a mutual respect. 'They give as much back to me as I give to them' we were told.

Two of our longest serving staff members are Matrons, Ceci Elliot (Hazelveare) who has been with us since 1985 and Emma Booth (Gosden) since 1987. Emma loves her role and describes it as 'second mum (or grandma)'. Emma has many fond memories involving singing, giggles and making gingerbread houses. 'As much as I love summer, it is hard knowing the Upper Sixth Form will soon be leaving us to spread their wings' she said 'but September always brings in a new bunch of smiling new faces, some are nervous but it never takes long to settle them in'.

**Scotia Ebot (2022, Haygate)**

I joined LWC when I was 11 years of age. This was my first time living away from home, which I found overwhelming and difficult to fathom. Despite this, I was privileged to have access to support provided by the matrons. The matrons have played a significant parental role during my time at LWC, from taking me to the opticians to helping me with my piano exams. I particularly appreciate Matron Lucy from Haygate House, who helped me a lot in the Third Form up until the Upper Sixth Form.



**Guy Consterdine (1960, School, A031)**

There were two Roman Catholic matrons during my time at the school, 1953-1960: Miss Wilmott of School House, who left in December 1958, and Mrs Curry who had a short tenure of two terms at Junior House in 1959. As a Catholic myself at that time I and the other one or two Catholic boys would be joined by Miss Wilmott and later Mrs Curry when we went to Mass every Sunday at the little church on RAF Odiham airfield. We'd be taken there and back on the school lorry, with Matron in the cabin with the driver and us boys bouncing on wooden benches in the canvas-topped back of the lorry.

Once a week Miss Wilmott gave over her comfortable room next to the front entrance of School House for a priest from Basingstoke to give Religious Instruction for the few Catholic boys in the school.

Occasionally on a Sunday afternoon a small group of School House boys would have a luxury tea with Miss Wilmott in her room. She was a warm welcoming hostess, good at encouraging conversation, and along with the sandwiches and cakes of unaccustomed quality, there would usually be games of some sort. These teas were enjoyable events.

One Sunday in November 1959 when I was in the Upper Sixth, Tim Fox, the only other Catholic boy, and I returned to Junior House for afternoon tea with Mrs Curry, the Catholic Matron with whom we'd been to Mass at RAF Odiham as usual in the morning. I kept a diary at that time, and wrote 'We had sandwiches, tea etc and got down to a heart-to-heart talk: she is leaving next term; she told us why; she told us about her children, her future, and so on. She has a lovely black Labrador pup called Roley who we played with most of the time. The other Matron, Jenny Blunt was there too, a very nice girl of about 18. It was a very good evening. We left at 7pm - having arrived at 3pm. Jenny Blunt became Matron at Sutton House in the following term'.

My earliest recollection of a matron goes back to 1954 when the Junior House matron drove three or four of us JH boys to an athletics match. Roger Bannister had recently run the first ever four-minute mile, and his pacemaker Chris Chataway was to attempt it himself, which created a sense of excitement. My diary recorded '2 July 54: In the afternoon I went in Goofy's car (Goofy was the French master R.E.Ward), with Matron driving, to Aldershot's athletics meeting. Saw Chataway do 0.86 seconds short of the 4-minute mile. Saw Roger Bannister'.



# Pick-Ups for Peace

Sternian Duncan Janaway (1995, Sutton, C610) shares the story of Pick-Ups for Peace, a newly formed charity whose mission is to support the people of Ukraine.

**D**uncan's family has had a farming connection with the CPG Farm Group in Western Ukraine for a number of years. Following the Russian invasion in 2022, the Ukrainian military commandeered several of the CPG farm vehicles to assist the war effort. This then set the ball rolling and in no time at all the charity Pick Ups for Peace (P4P) was born and a crowd funding appeal was set up.

*“The only thing necessary for evil to triumph in the world is that good men do nothing.”*

Edmund Burke MP ca 1770

Since its conception P4P have completed 10 convoys and delivered 263 donated vehicles as well as essential supplies such as thermal clothing, spades, fan belts, tyres, drones etc.

Duncan took his first trip in March 2023 along with his close friend Charlie as a co-driver. They embarked on a 36-hour journey, stopping off in Poland on the way.

Upon their arrival in the Ukraine they were welcomed by the Army and were given a police and army escort for the remainder of their journey. After a night's rest in Lviv they drove their vehicles to the Army base to hand them over to the military. They had the opportunity to meet with some of the soldiers and the leaders before being invited to visit the local farming operations and the beautiful city of Lviv, a Unesco World Heritage Site. They also visited the Cemeteries in Lviv, which had sadly tripled in size due to the conflict. The parks adjacent to these Cemeteries had been swallowed up to make space for the fallen. These parks, once full of joy, are now a place of mourning and grief. Duncan described the scene he saw as harrowing, seeing Mothers and Grandmothers weeping over the newly dug graves of young men, some of them only 18 years old. So many lives cut short, so many grieving families.

Duncan returned later in the year, and as well as dropping off more vital vehicles and supplies he was able to take Christmas gifts for some of the children left devastated by the war. Some of these gifts were kindly donated from LWC families (Duncan had successfully bid for the gift bundle at the Centenary Parent Ball in April). Another trip is planned!

## How can you help?

If you would like to lend your support by donating a vehicle or supplies, please do get in touch with P4P, website details below:

[www.pickupsforpeace.co.uk](http://www.pickupsforpeace.co.uk)



SCAN ME

Sternian Duncan Janaway receiving a thank you certificate on behalf of the Ukrainian people and army



# Help Fight Blood Cancer

Sternian Billy Densham's diagnosis of blood cancer in 2021 was devastating, but he drew great strength from the unwavering support of the Anthony Nolan charity and their life-saving stem cell register. Billy talks candidly of his journey over the last few years...

**L**ife rarely follows a predictable path. I planned to leave LWC, go to Exeter University, land a great job, and have a happy, uncomplicated life. But then, in June 2021, my life took a sharp turn when I was told the news of my diagnosis: Cutaneous Non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, a highly unusual form of blood cancer.

Facing this life-altering diagnosis immediately brought to mind a common statistic that's often thrown around: 50% of people will have cancer at some point in their lives. Strangely, I found comfort in this statistic. It highlights a shared struggle, a common adversary capable of uniting us despite the destruction it brings.

*There is something that all young people can do to help, join the Anthony Nolan stem cell register.*

After my diagnosis, my journey took me through a series of treatments, each with its own degree of effectiveness. Unfortunately, none managed to halt the advance of the cancer. The best option was a stem cell transplant, a procedure akin to a transplant for the immune system. The process involved carefully dismantling my immune system and then injecting new stem cells from a compatible donor. The copy and pasted immune system from the donor can hopefully control and destroy the cancer.

Finding the right donor can be a tricky task, primarily because it requires a very close tissue match. I was fortunate enough to have my sister as a match, but not everyone has this advantage. Here's where young people between the ages of 16 and 30 come into the picture.

By registering with the Anthony Nolan stem cell register, you have the chance to save a life, and the process is surprisingly straightforward. Just visit the 'Anthony Nolan' website, answer a few questions, complete a straightforward cheek swab, and you're in, ready to make a life-saving difference. If you turn out to be a match, donating stem cells is a relatively simple procedure, considering the significant impact it can have. A few injections and a few hours in the hospital to donate, and you're done. Sometimes, the stem cells are collected from the bone marrow, but this method is becoming less common, accounting for only about 10% of cases.

It's hard to think of another way to make such a big impact in such a simple way. I genuinely encourage everyone to seize this opportunity to potentially save a life, as I've personally witnessed the profound transformation such donations can bring.

Anthony Nolan's mission doesn't end with donor recruitment; they're deeply invested in conducting and funding crucial research aimed at enhancing transplant outcomes. This research played an essential role in saving my life.

*I've developed a deep passion for fundraising to support this mission.*

As I continue to recover and return to university life, I've been involved with the University's 'Marrow' society. I wholeheartedly urge other students to engage with their local Marrow societies, making a tangible contribution to the battle against blood cancer.

Speaking to LWC Sixth Form pupils last year, I was so pleased to see many of them joining the donor register.



The canoe team raised an astounding sum for Anthony Nolan and Sutton House are also supporting Anthony Nolan. It's heart-warming to witness a community coming together to support such a great cause.

I am profoundly grateful for the exceptional care I've received throughout my journey. I'm thrilled to return to the fun life of a university student, and I am preparing to work in the MedTech world.

In May, I'm taking on a cycling challenge, riding 300km from Portsmouth to Paris in just 24 hours to raise money for Anthony Nolan. If you'd like to follow my journey, please visit my Instagram account @billy\_updates\_his\_mates.

Amid life's unexpected challenges, the Anthony Nolan stem cell register shines as a beacon of hope. Together, we can help turn these challenges into stories of resilience, unity, and triumph. Join the fight; save a life.

**BILLY DENSHAM**  
(2018, Sutton)



SCAN ME

JOIN THE REGISTER:  
ANTHONY NOLAN



IN THE CLUBHOUSE

# Golf Society



Golfers of all abilities are welcome to join.

**T**he LWC Golf Society enjoyed two fantastic days of golf in 2023. Firstly, at Alresford Golf Club in May followed by The Army Golf Club in October. Please take a look at the lovely photos below!

It is always so wonderful to see so many Sternians of all ages on the fairway. Membership is free and golfers of all abilities are welcome to join us at our next golf day. Over half of our 82 members are Sternians so you will be in good company!

## Next Golf Day

**When:** Wednesday 8th May  
**Where:** Hayling Island GC  
**Arrival:** 12.30pm  
**1st Tee:** 1.30pm  
**Cost:** £125pp

(Includes Bacon Rolls/Coffee on arrival as well as a 2-course meal in the evening)



Book Here



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LWCGS Autumn Golf Day,  
15th October 2024 at Blackmoor GC, Hampshire

SAVE THE DATE  
15 October 2024



IN THE CLUBHOUSE

# Motoring Society



LWC MOTORING SOCIETY

**W**e are delighted to announce the formation of a new LWC Motoring Society.

There was such enthusiasm and interest in the aftermath of the car show at the Centenary Festival, that we thought we would strike while the iron is hot and set up what we hope will be a fantastic

edition to the array of sporting societies and activities that the Alumni Relations team offer.

Do you have a car, bike or other vehicle you are particularly proud of? Are you a F1 fan, or perhaps you simply enjoy driving? We would love to hear from you.

In preparation for launch, the Alumni Relations Team would like to hear from you and find out what type of events you would be interested in attending.



Motor Questionnaire

If you have a spare couple of minutes, we would be so grateful if you could please complete the following questionnaire...



# Sternian Cricket

Interim Head of Cricket and Sternian Teacher Gareth Hook comments on the Sternian cricket match.

**O**ne hundred years of LWC, a centenary to top all, an obstacle or opportunity for some cricket you say? The mighty Sternians rolled into town to take on a young LWC 1st XI in a game for the ages. In the schools 100th year the game was aptly an LWC version of the 'The Hundred'. Time limits were in place for innings as an invading troop of cadets delivered by Chinook were to land perilously close at the precise time of 12.18pm.

After pupils and staff had cleared the debris from the previous night's majestic firework display, play got under way. The 1st XI had been elected to bowl and C. Bird opened

the bowling for the school and quickly dismissed S. Mohammed for a Duck, however J. Wheeler proved more elusive to remove as he deftly scored, the match up of the day was O. Wheeler bowling to J. Wheeler, Wheeler the elder came off better until he was eventually caught and bowled off the elusive leg spin of O. Butler. Butler went on to pick up 3 wickets in total with some excellent keeping by A. Williams who skippered the side. The Sternians were dragged to a fine total by James Parry who retired on 30 and Oliver Hewiston-Brown who stuck 20 off 16 balls before being bowled by Bird which gave the innings some symmetry.

The Sternians set the 1st XI 122 to win off their 100 balls. Opening the batting was the powerful 5th Form

combination of O. Rowland and J. Kelsey. Both got the 1st XI off to a flyer with Rowland launching the bowl down the ground. Rowland was eventually removed by Scott for 23 from 12 balls. Next in was Skipper Williams who quickly set about his business hitting a quick 16 runs. Kelsey was retired for a brilliant 30. With 2 balls left the young pair of Morris and Bird knocked off the runs handing a dramatic win to the 1st XI.

A. Williams picked up the winner's trophy and J. Kelsey for his winning game performance was awarded player of the match.

**GARETH HOOK**

# Julian Sands Memorial

**I**t was the weekend of our Centenary Festival that we received the sad confirmation that Julian's body had been found by a hiker on Mount Baldy, California. It was so poignant that a group of Julian's school friends had sat in the glorious sunshine that day at LWC, shared a beer and talked fondly of Julian and their time at school together.

A few short weeks later we were honoured to be asked, by family and friends, to host a memorial service for Julian here at LWC. Julian was a great supporter of the school and The Lord Wandsworth Foundation. He had recently opened the newly refurbished Nadine Uppal Theatre where he delivered a wonderful speech, thanked donors and read an uplifting piece to the audience.

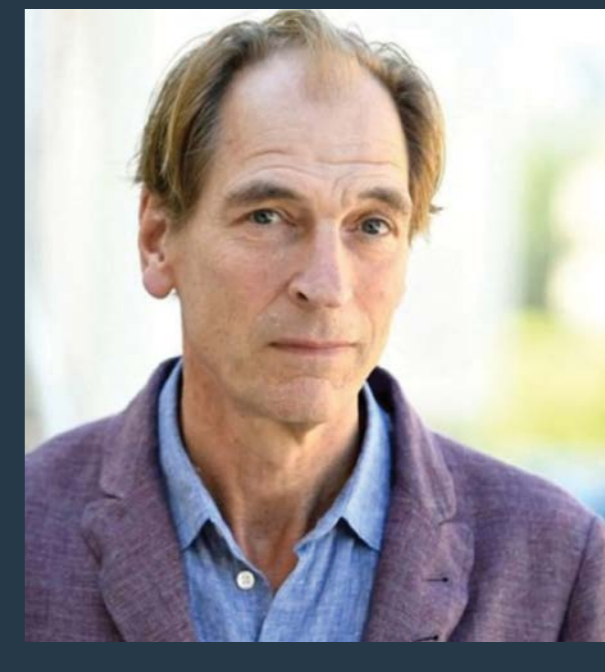
On Saturday 11th November we welcomed around 100 of Julian's family and friends to celebrate his life. His brother, Quentin, led the service, and the Gavin Hall was filled with happy memories, songs and poems, and a good splattering of mischievous stories! There were so many wonderful tributes, not only to Julian but to great friendships forged at LWC that have clearly spanned decades. You had a very strong sense of the wonderful person he must have been and how he made time for everyone. It was also lovely to witness the fondness and gratitude people in the room had for their former teachers (many of whom had come to pay their respect) - it is a true testament of great teaching and leadership that 50 years on they are still so revered by their pupils. We heard how Julian truly valued the chance he was given via the LWC Foundation - both his education and the opportunities that followed. Because of this, his family and friends felt it would be fitting for any contributions given in his memory to go towards supporting the education of Founders at LWC.

**One Sternian guest wrote afterwards 'I was particularly pleased to reconnect with Quentin and other classmates from the year of '78. As we chatted about Julian, I was struck by how our shared experiences and memories of Julian bridged the years. The experience has prompted me to join LWC Connect and learn more about the school'.**

We hope Julian would have been very happy indeed, knowing he was bringing together such a wonderful crowd of people and we suspect his only regret would have been that he wasn't there with us all.

One of the poems recited that day was a favourite of Julian's, 'Julian used to deliver it during his Celebration of Harold Pinter performance and often recited it casually in company. He just liked it, both the sound and the sentiment' Quentin told us.

*I Know The Place  
I know the place.  
It is true.  
Everything we do  
Corrects the space  
Between death and me  
And you.*



RIP JULIAN (1976, SCHOOL, A971)





AN UPDATE FROM

# The Sternians Trust Fund

**A**s most of you already know The Sternians Trust Fund was originally established in 1961 as 'The Old Sternians Association Charity Fund'. An independent charity since 1996, distinct from the Lord Wandsworth Foundation, its aim is to support pupils who are at risk of having to leave Lord Wandsworth at a critical stage of their education (generally those in public exam years – 5th Form and Upper Sixth), typically following an unforeseen and adverse change in their families' financial circumstances. The Trust Fund's aspiration is to ensure that pupils facing such a situation will be able to complete their studies without disruption, and to progress to the next stage of their education.

The Trustees work closely with the College to identify candidates for support. An application may be prompted by a sudden change in family circumstances, or the withdrawal of external charitable support for a Foundationer about to enter the Sixth Form. There are currently eight trustees, including Alvin Boateng and Carly Skillett who we were delighted to welcome following the recent trustee application process.

## Chairman of Trustees, Paul Richings

**Chairman of Trustees:** Paul Richings

**Trustees:** Alvin Boateng, James Brewin, Ben Forman, Richard Janaway, Shelley Lawson, Paul Richings, Richard Saunders, Carly Skillett.

**Independent Examiner:** Chris Bellairs

## HIGHLIGHTS OF 2023

Assistance was given towards the fees of **8 pupils**

Total grants made of **£22,500**

Annual investment income of **£40,000**

Total assets of **£1,000,000**

## An Interview with Paul Richings (1990, School, C207)

**Following the recent vacancy for a trustee, you had an overwhelming response to fill that role, why do you think that is?**

We received over thirty expressions of interest for the advertised trustee position, which massively exceeded our expectations. The applicants were of high quality, and it was extremely difficult to select a candidate, to the point where we ultimately decided to invite both Carly Skillett and Alvin Boateng to become trustees. I think there were a number of reasons for this. Many Sternians appreciate the benefit of their time at Lord Wandsworth, whether on an academic level, or thanks to extracurricular activities or friendships made, and can appreciate the difference it would have made if their education had been interrupted. The Trust Fund's mission to ensure that this doesn't happen therefore resonates.

## What is the most rewarding part of your role?

Following the progress of the pupils who the Trust Fund has supported, and seeing the many ways in which they contribute to the life of the College.

## How has the Trust Fund changed since you first became involved?

The Trust Fund has changed in a number of ways, but notably in terms both of its resources and the range of cases where it provides support.

The STF has for many years been fortunate and enormously grateful to enjoy the support of a relatively small number of regular donors. The build-up of those donations over many years together with investment growth and in recent years a number of significant legacies have grown the value of the Trust Fund to its current level of around £1 million. The investments produce an annual income of close to £40,000, which allows the Trust Fund to support significantly more pupils than was previously the case.

Although the Trust Fund is an independent charity, it works closely with the College. Both the Headmaster and COO join the trustee meetings, with the result that the trustees are kept up to date with relevant developments at LWC, and the activity of the Trust Fund is better able to complement the resources of the Foundation and bursarial support available from the College. One way in which we see this is in the number of contributions that the Trust Fund now makes towards Foundationers, where it can step into the shoes of external foundations that often don't provide support through the Sixth Form.

## An Interview with Carly Skillett, Newly Appointed Trustee (2008, Haygate)

### Why did you decide to apply for the Trustee role?

I was a Foundation pupil at LWC for 7 years, and my family also received help from The Sternians Trust Fund. I look back on my time at The College so fondly and count myself incredibly lucky to have had the experience and opportunity to attend such a wonderful school. I applied to be a trustee for The Sternians Trust Fund to give back and to ensure that all pupils currently at LWC can make the most of the excellent education and wider opportunities on offer.

### What is your favourite memory about LWC?

Where do I start? I really do have so many! Despite making some incredible friendships (still going strong today) and going on some great trips, some of my favourite memories are of times when I was just with my friends. A muddy walk along the Cinder Track, chilled evenings in Junior House, Haygate and the Sixth Form Centre (it wasn't as nice as it is now in my day!), supper evenings with the Kimbers, pain au chocolate mornings, the Sixth Form balls, jumping on the high jump mats in the rain, snowball fights when lessons were cancelled... The list really could go on! Such cherished memories that will be remembered forever, and I am hoping to make some more in my new role as trustee.



## TO MAKE A DONATION TO THE STERNIANS TRUST FUND

Please select from the following:



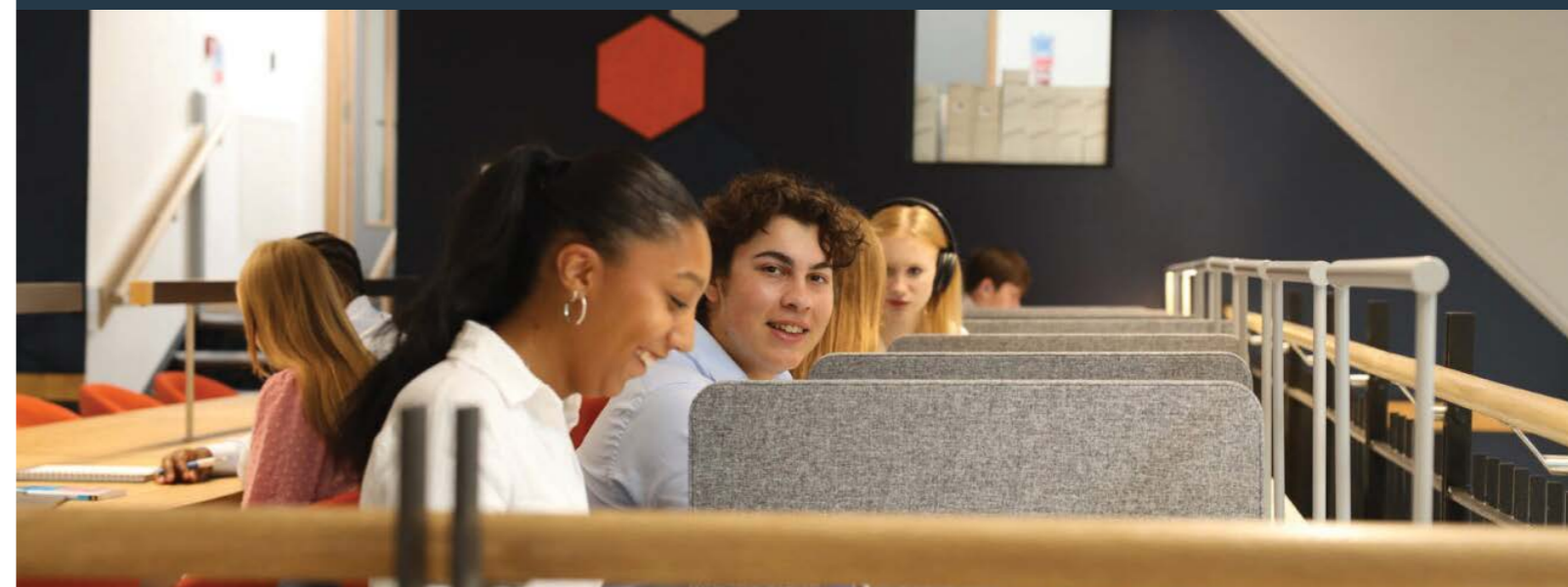
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AN UPDATE FROM

# The College

A Snapshot of LWC Highlights from 2023.



**January**  
**The Masked Singer**

The whole school were brilliantly entertained as seven brave staff took to the stage to sing their hearts out! We saw incredible performances from the heavily disguised cast of Mr Williams (Headmaster), Dr Haydock (Physics and Head of Academic Enrichment), Miss Edgar (Chemistry), Miss Bastiman (Maths), Mr Hamilton (Head of Latin & Classics), Miss Reeks (Head of Performing Arts) and Mr Malden (Business Studies & Economics). The judges struggled to guess who was under the masks, with some excellent costumes from our textile department. In the end, the audience voted Pirate Captain Malden the winner as he was impossible to work out with his extraordinary rap performance!



**February**  
**Netball and Cricket Dubai Tour**

A group of our talented young sportsmen and sportswomen from our 5th and Sixth Form headed off to Dubai over half term. Dubai is brilliantly set up for netball and cricket and is known for being competitive, inclusive, and professional. In glorious weather, students had the opportunity to play against leading international schools, with the focus on building and preparing successful teams for the coming 2023 season. Alongside a busy training/playing schedule, the pupils were given time to experience the culture and attractions of Dubai.



**March**  
**Giving Day**

What a fantastic start to LWC's first ever Giving Day despite the clouds and drizzle! Hundreds of pupils piled out to celebrate our Centenary and the launch of our 1st ever GIVING DAY with a momentous photograph! 48 hours of fun, challenges and acts of kindness followed and resulted in our wonderful community donating an amazing £93,436 for the Lord Wandsworth Foundation, Extras and Centenary Sculpture. We cannot thank you enough!



**April**  
**Deputy Head Pastoral Appointment**

We were delighted to announce that Ali Cocksworth (above) had been appointed as Deputy Head Pastoral at LWC starting in September 2023. From an incredibly strong field from across the educational sector, Ali stood out as the individual to lead pastoral care at LWC into Strategy 2030.

Ali had been a Housemistress and teacher of English at Bradfield College for the last seven years. She began her teaching career at North London Collegiate School in 2010 where she was appointed as Assistant Head of Middle School in 2012 and took over as Head of Middle School the following year, taking strategic and day-to-day responsibility for Years 7-9, as well as being Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead. She has also worked in Public Relations and school admissions and marketing prior to teaching.

Ali studied English Literature at Cambridge University, has an MA in Modern and Contemporary Literature from Birkbeck, University of London, and is studying for a PhD in trauma, race and gender in western literature.



**May**  
**Parent Ball**

Thank you so much to our brilliant FLWC team for hosting a superb Centenary Ball in May! It was such a fantastic event, and we were so pleased to welcome so many parents to enjoy our wonderful school. Our amazing catering team did us proud and the brilliant Lower Sixth serving staff too.



**June**  
**A Level Art Exhibition**

Our talented Upper Sixth artists had the opportunity to share their exceptional artwork with the LWC Community and beyond, at this wonderful exhibition in the Gavin Hall.



**July**  
**Speech Day**

General Richard Nugee the recently retired Chief of Defence People (CDP) was our guest speaker, he delivered a scintillating, humorous and thought-provoking speech. General Nugee initially spoke of his childhood and how he and his brothers were shaped by their

parents to do good in the world. This led to General Nugee joining the Army where he served on operations across the globe at every rank (bar one) from Second Lieutenant to 3 Star General. His passion for looking after people came through clearly throughout his talk. Following his role as CDP he was invited to become the MOD lead for climate change. His compelling narrative around the direct correlation between war and climate change as food and water become more scarce across the globe, was relevant and sobering. He gave his own personal accounts of Afghan farmers turning to the Taliban, just to be paid so they could place food on the table, as water was so limited and crops were failing.

General Nugee finished with two pieces of advice. 'Never say no to an invitation to a coffee' – or whatever drink takes your fancy. The second piece of advice was never chase money, or things you are not interested in. General Nugee stated 'slowly, through taking pleasure in what I was doing and reading, I became a little more knowledgeable and a little more use to others, eventually, I even made it pay'.

Thank you also to Freya and James (our Heads of College), for their heart warming and powerful speeches.

**August**  
**Buddhist Retreat, LWC Enterprises**

In August LWC Enterprises opened our doors to welcome 200 visitors from a group called Pundarika. Pundarika UK is a small charity dedicated to supporting the teachings and meditation retreats of Tsoknyi Rinpoche. Tsoknyi Rinpoche is a Tibetan Buddhist teacher who is the spiritual head of several nunneries and other educational projects in Nepal and Tibet. During the retreat, Rinpoche instructed the attendees on the specific meditations of his tradition.







### September

#### Launch of the new LWC website

The team had been working away quietly over the summer on the new LWC website.

We had great fun filming with our pupils and Sternians, and creating our whole school film. We hope these films give a real sense of life at LWC, on our stunning 1,200 acre campus.

Please do take a moment to view the new site and hear from our remarkable pupils and inspiring staff.

We are excited to announce that the next phase of this website will include an updated Sternian area. We will keep you posted as this progresses.

[www.lordwandsworth.org](http://www.lordwandsworth.org)



### October

#### Hockey Success

What an incredible month for Hockey! Our U18 boys and U18 girls are both indoor Hampshire champions, as are both the U16 boys and girls teams! Our U18 girls are Hampshire Trophy winners and the U14 girls won the Hampshire Cup! Our 2nd XI came 3rd in the Hampshire Trophy. Incredible performances all round!



### November

#### Canoeing National Champs!

We saw incredible performances at the National Schools Championships, bringing home 5 trophies!

LWC were Novice Team Marathon winners and after some great tactical racing both the novice and experienced teams are now National Team Champions for the first time in the 26 year history!



### December

#### Autumn Term Concert

We held a sensational evening of music in December's Autumn Term Concert, showcasing LWC's Music department at its very best! With a line up bursting with an incredible array of talent, we heard stunning solos from pupils across the year groups and perfect performances from brass, string and flute ensembles. Concert Band brought the festive spirit with some wonderful Christmas classics whilst the Choir charmed us with their excerpt from Oliver! A truly magical evening!

## COLLEGE NEWS

# Ones to Watch

We have lots of talented pupils and thought we would share some of their successes with you.



### Luca Boston - Piano

Luca is one of our talented music scholars in 2nd Form. Luca started learning piano at the age of 6 and is now a Grade 8 pianist and all-round outstanding musician. He was offered a place to study composition and piano at The Royal College of Music in 2021, alongside his school commitments. Luca was also recently accepted onto a masterclass, run by Steinway Pianos and hosted by their Ambassador, Charles Owen. This was an amazing opportunity for Luca to perform some Chopin which he was preparing ahead of the International Chopin Piano Competition later in the year. The day included a tour of Steinway Hall and Luca was allowed to play the Steinway piano that was used at BBC Proms in the summer! A truly incredible experience for this young musician.



### Mikun Adeniran - Discus

Over the summer, the talented athlete Mikun, now in Upper Sixth, took part in the Welsh International in the discus throw. This was an opportunity for Mikun to represent England in an Under 18 competition, which he went on to win.

He is currently ranked 6th in the UK and placed 4th at the English Schools Track and Field Championships. He also has two England caps for 2023. His goal is to compete at the World U20 Championships 2024 in Lima, Peru.



### Will Andrews - Horse Riding

Congratulations to Will who represented LWC at the NSEA National Championships in three classes, held at Addington Equestrian Centre. Will came home with a win and two thirds, podiums in all three classes!

He won the 100cm combined dressage and jumping, was third in the 90cm combined dressage and show jumping and was third in the intermediate straight dressage. Excellent results for this talented rider!



### Olivia Arnold - Triathlon

Congratulations to Olivia who attended the Triathlon (running, swimming and shooting) World Champs in Bali. Olivia came home with a team silver and was the 4th GB competitor over the line!

### Other Athletic Success Stories

Ellie MacDonald in Sixth Form is a Hammer thrower ranked 5th in the UK and Esme Buchannon in 3rd Form, a high jumper, is ranked 11th in the country.

# House Standings

I am sure whichever House you were in was the best, however, the House Standings never lie!  
Here are the results for 2022/23 House Superleague.

#### WINNERS

Haygate and Sutton

#### RUNNERS UP

Park and School

#### THIRD PLACE

Gosden and Hazelveare

At the end of the Autumn Term, the 2023/24 situation is:

Park and School are leading, closely followed by Gosden and Summerfield.

# What's in a Name?

Headmaster Adam Williams unveiled a wonderful map of the College in Spring 2023, detailing a host of new place names around the campus.

**A**s we moved closer to the second century of our existence and continued to grow, there was a strong desire to adopt into our heritage the most influential women and men in our history and bring LWC to life with the addition of new places names.

Names are important. They guide us; they paint a picture of our history; they frame us in our landscape, and they tell our geographical story. Over the years, LWC has adopted the names of the fields around the farm and attributed them to boarding houses and the like and has done the same with a small number of individuals in our history.

With that in mind, here you will find the most up-to-date map of the LWC site with the additional and changed names. The names will guide our guests and help our community learn more of our history, not to mention to better understand our place in the landscape.

We hope you enjoy perusing this map and as always encourage you to visit us whenever you are passing. You are always most welcome.

## FUTURE PROJECTS

Zanetas extension  
**£200k**

New fitness centre  
**£1.86m**

New Astro & Cricket  
**£1.3m**

Golf - Driving range/Padel Tennis  
**£1.2m**

Junior House Refurbishment  
**£2m**

Gavin Hall improvements  
**£200k**

### Changing Places

#### Warners

1st team cricket ground – recognising George Warner, the first member of staff who ran cricket and cut the pitch out with his own hands, helped by pupils. He was, by all accounts, a legend.

#### Wilkinsons

1st team rugby ground – in honour of Jonny Wilkinson, a somewhat well-known Rugby World Cup winner and former LWC player.

#### Bramley Netball and Tennis Centre

Formerly Park Courts – Bramley was the location of the original Gosden House, LWC's former Prep School and where girls continued their education when the boys moved to Long Sutton many decades ago. **As well as a new name these courts have been completely renovated in 2023.**

#### Dodd Court

Former Head – Guy Dodd who undertook a good deal of building in and around the area of the current day Art School.

#### May Court (School House)

First Headmistress and Senior Matron of Gosden House (Frances May), though it may also be named after the May (Hawthorn) tree that used to grow there.

#### The Avenue

Formerly Main Drive – in recognition of the fact it is next to The Green and to bring a heritage feel.

#### The Flowers Science Centre

After the biggest donors in our history, William and Jesse Flower, who bequeathed the College £2.1m for the Foundation in 2013. Jesse was a pupil at Gosden House, Bramley.

#### Zanetas

The new Sixth Form Centre where the library was – after the name of Sydney Stern's yacht. The building length of the Sixth Form Centre is almost identical to the length of the steam yacht. Zanetas travelled the world and even reached Antarctica.



SCAN HERE TO READ MORE:



Read More

# Staff Room News

Our staff are always on the go and challenging themselves in new ways. Here are a handful of their exploits.



## Staff Endurance - LochNess24

Congratulations to the inspirational Alex Hamilton (Head of Classics and CCF Contingent Commander) and Pete Maidment (Junior House Parent and Sternian) who took part in Scotland's challenging LochNess24. The event involves running as far as you can in 24 hours. In recognition of our Centenary year, they aimed to reach 100 km. They actually achieved an incredible 112 km each!



## Cateran Yomp

At the beginning of June, Iain Headley (Head of Catering) and four of his fellow Surrey Army Cadet Force volunteers took part in the Cateran Yomp. This entailed hiking 54 miles through the foothills of the Cairngorms within 24 hours in aid of the Army Benevolent Fund – The Soldiers' Charity. Well done Iain!



## Speed Golf 2023

Seeking to defend his British Amateur title from 2022, and after months of training, Adam Williams (Headmaster) raced round the 18 holes in 31 minutes, shooting 66 (the lowest score in the tournament) to finish 2nd behind the best player in the UK and PGA pro, Luke Willett. The women's event was won by US Pro, Lauren Cupp, who reinforced the fact she is currently the best female speedgolfer in the world presently.

This performance enables Adam to play in the 2024 World Championships in Japan, alongside other international tournaments in the year ahead as he retains his amateur title.

Speedgolf is about to move into its 10th year of existence in the UK and starting to gain momentum and awareness. If anyone would like to know more, or learn how to play, please do contact Adam directly. There will also be opportunities for the LWC community (pupils, parents and Sternians) to try out this sport later in the year with a masterclass morning!

## SALVETE

WE ARE DELIGHTED TO WELCOME BACK TWO MORE STERNIANS

### Alice Waller (nee Thomas) – 2008, Park

Alice joined our Board of Governors early in the year. It has been a busy year for Alice, not only did she join our Sahara trekkers in February but she also married Tom in Monmouth in September. The wedding was a real Sternian affair, with Alice's brother Max Deacon-Thomas (Sutton 2011) giving a fantastic speech and Georgy Walters (nee Reith, Gosden 2008) supporting her as a bridesmaid.



### Laurie MacVean – 2014, Hazelveare

Laurie joined us as a Teacher of English in September. He tells us 'My return to LWC, has been an enriching journey. As a Founder, this school has always held a special place in my heart, and returning as a teacher has been a somewhat surreal but immensely gratifying experience. When Chris Radmann sent me an email offering me the job, he opened it with 'Welcome Home', a sentiment that truly encapsulates my joy at being back here. Working alongside such dedicated colleagues and talented students has been an absolute pleasure.

'Having the opportunity to stage my first production at the school (Macbeth) is going to be fun, and I am equally excited to begin working on my role as Head of Academic Enrichment. I also had the pleasure of coaching the U14B girls' hockey team, and it was indeed a fantastic experience. The team showed great improvement and dedication, making the season truly memorable with some incredible wins'.

## VALETE

WE SAID FAREWELL TO...

|                 |   |                         |  |
|-----------------|---|-------------------------|--|
| Sarah Walters   | Matron  | Robin Pyper             | Deputy Head (Pastoral) & Teacher of PE & Physics |
| Kevin Wadge     | Multi Skilled Tradesperson                      | Gareth Hook             | Teacher of Economics & Business                  |
| Ed Ikin         | Head of Cricket & Assistant House Parent        | Ely Sloane              | Nurse  |
| Will May        | Teacher of Mathematics and Houseparent - Junior | Bethan Davies           | Teacher of Geography                             |
| Richard Thorne  | Head of Science                                 | Astrid Martinez - Rojas | MFL Teacher                                      |
| Lottie Sene     | Apprentice Gardener                             | Ali Fisher              | MFL Teacher                                      |
| James Witt      | Groundsperson                                   | Fay Powell              | People Partner                                   |
| Keith Allmark   | Estates Manager                                 | Emily Porter            | Admissions Assistant                             |
| Kirsty Devine   | People Administrator                            | Luke Herbert            | Plumbing and Heating Engineer                    |
| Rosalind Searle | Teacher of Science                              | Kerry Jeffrey           | Food Service Assistant - Saturdays               |
| Alice Kerr      | Teacher of English and Assistant HP             |                         |  |

# In Memoriam

We are sad to report the loss of the following Sternians this year and we extend our heartfelt condolences to their families and friends. Full obituaries, where available, can be found at [www.sternians.org.uk/inmemoriam](http://www.sternians.org.uk/inmemoriam).

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| <p><b>Amendment</b><br/><b>William 'Bob' Oliver</b><br/>30th May 1930<br/>– 19th December 2022<br/>Aged 92<br/>LWC 1941 – 1946<br/>House – Hesters<br/>Pupil No. 542</p> | <p><b>Cliff Hilditch</b><br/>24 Sep 1934<br/>– 31 Dec 2023<br/>Aged 89<br/>LWC 1946 – 1953<br/>House – School<br/>Pupil No. 716</p>     | <p><b>Richard Henderson</b><br/>3 May 1952<br/>– 16 Dec 2023<br/>Aged 71<br/>LWC 1963 – 1970<br/>House – Hazelveare<br/>Pupil No. A585</p> | <p><b>Denis Carter</b><br/>19th May 1936<br/>– 6th December 2023<br/>Aged 87<br/>LWC 1948 – 1952<br/>House – School<br/>Pupil No. 0784</p> |
| <p><b>Philip Coltart</b><br/>14 Apr 1951<br/>– Dec 2023<br/>Aged 72<br/>Business Staff 2006 – 2013</p>   | <p><b>Paul Bartlett</b><br/>21 Nov 1954<br/>– 24 Oct 2023<br/>Aged 68<br/>LWC 1968 – 1973<br/>House – Sutton<br/>Pupil No. A888</p>     | <p><b>Stephen Downes</b><br/>10 Oct 1945<br/>– 14 Oct 2023<br/>Aged 78<br/>LWC 1957 – 1964<br/>House – School<br/>Pupil No. A250</p>       | <p><b>Charles Barnes</b><br/>19 Oct 1935<br/>– 7 Oct 2023<br/>Aged 87<br/>LWC 1947 – 1954<br/>House – Sutton<br/>Pupil No. 750</p>         |
| <p><b>Gethin Thomas</b><br/>12 Apr 1984<br/>– Aug 2023<br/>Aged 39<br/>LWC 1995 – 2002<br/>House – Summerfield</p>   | <p><b>Julian Sands</b><br/>04 Jan 1958<br/>– 25 Jun 2023<br/>Aged 65<br/>LWC 1969 – 1978<br/>House – School<br/>Pupil No. A971</p>      | <p><b>Noel Taylor</b><br/>18 Nov 1926<br/>– 9 Apr 2023<br/>Aged 96<br/>LWC 1934 – 1945<br/>House – School<br/>Pupil No. 399</p>            | <p><b>Colin Ponting</b><br/>17 Dec 1940<br/>– Apr 2023<br/>Aged 82<br/>LWC 1953 – 1957<br/>House – Sutton<br/>Pupil No. A012</p>           |
| <p><b>Ian Forster</b><br/>02 May 1940<br/>– 13 Mar 2023<br/>Aged 82<br/>LWC 1951 – 1956<br/>House – Sutton<br/>Pupil No. 916</p>   | <p><b>Patrick 'Pat' Taylor</b><br/>27 Feb 2023<br/>Housemaster and CCF</p>  | <p><b>James Ambrose Jemson</b><br/>12 Aug 1940<br/>– 25 Feb 2023<br/>Aged 82<br/>LWC 1951 – 1958<br/>Pupil No. 921</p>                     | <p><b>Roger Lucas</b><br/>25 Oct 1926<br/>– 28 Jan 2023<br/>Aged 96<br/>LWC 1935 – 1943<br/>House – School<br/>Pupil No. 371</p>           |
| <p><b>Arthur Gamble</b><br/>14 Sep 1943<br/>– 16 Jan 2023<br/>Aged 79<br/>Head of Languages<br/>1968 – 1972</p>  | <p><b>Leonard Harry Cline</b><br/>25 Sep 1930<br/>– 8 Jan 2023<br/>Aged 92<br/>LWC 1942 – 1948<br/>House – Sutton<br/>Pupil No. 588</p> | <p><b>Robert 'Bob' Hunt</b><br/>14 Sep 1943<br/>– 7 Jan 2023<br/>Aged 90<br/>LWC 1943 – 1948<br/>House – Sutton<br/>Pupil No. 608</p>      | <p><b>Annabel 'Annie' Bradney</b><br/>16 May 1991<br/>– 2 Jan 2023<br/>Aged 31<br/>LWC 2002 – 2009<br/>House – Gosden</p>                  |

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**Sternian Saturday**  
All Sternians and their families are welcome

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Photo: CCF Cadets arriving at the Centenary Festival, via chinook, to begin their attack.