Wycliffe

The Wycliffian Society Times

2025

Welcome to the 2025 TWS Times.

Ollie Hart

Hi everyone

I want to start this review of 2025, by thanking **Matt Bishop** in The Wycliffian Society (TWS) Office for keeping the wheels turning across all TWS areas, which happen on a daily basis. Without Matt, your Alumni community would look very different and opportunities to meet with each other and giveback would be very limited. Thank you Matt!

I made a plea last year for OWs to come forward and get involved in your Alumni and I make the same ask 12 months later. We wish to setup sub committees to focus on specific areas (for example – TWS Awards, gatherings/events, sports, College interactions etc.), and we need more people to join the Committee. If you are interested, please contact **TWS@wycliffe.co.uk**.

The Committee have a specific ask at this time for any sport minded Alumni who would like to be more involved in TWS sports to get in contact. Unfortunately, in 2025, TWS were unable to field teams to take on the College in Football, Cricket and Netball and I would hate to see this competitive aspect of TWS/College life be lost.

Planning is well underway for 2026 and there will be new items coming, so look out for more information on socials and email.

So, what have been some highlights from the past year:

2025 has been a busy year with Alumni supporting the College in careers focused events, subject lessons, offering work experience, participating in sporting challenges and moderating TWS Awards. When I talk with the current Year 13 pupils about TWS, one of the areas they talk about is the wish to "give-back", so I am confident that our newest members of TWS will continue this support.

Alumni Wellbeing platform with InsideOut

2025 has been the second year of TWS funding your access to this valuable wellbeing platform. TWS continue to work with InsideOut as they develop more services for you to have access to and will be posting an update in the new year. If you need to access this service and do not have the information, please contact TWS@wycliffe.co.uk.

TWS Awards

As with 2024, in 2025 The Committee was able to award all three of the Awards aimed for Year 13 leavers - Academic Endeavour, Pioneering Spirit & Global Citizenship - with each winner receiving £2000. The calibre of the presentations was excellent and this made the decision process hard again. Look out for an update from each winner in future TWS communications.

TWS Events

I find myself quoting the same text as last year (I should try and find something better but I believe this still stands):

"TWS continues to bring together OWs from across the generations on a frequent basis and we remain open to new ideas to appeal to more of the alumni – any ideas of events you would like to see, please contact TWS@wycliffe.co.uk."

There were three main social events this year organised by TWS – 2 Gloucestershire Drinks in the first half of the year and our London Drinks (hosted at The University Women's Club) in October. All 3 events were well attended and I was very pleased to see new people coming along using one of these events as the catalyst to meet old school friends. I want to thank The Headmaster and Director of Finance and Operations for their support of these events (and TWS in general) and for Christian specifically giving you an update on the state and happenings of your old school in the London gathering.

Also, if you cannot make these events, but want to arrange something with OWs more local to you (national/international), please contact TWS@wycliffe.co.uk and see if we can help.

Look out for the events in 2026– keep an eye on the social media platforms and email for more information!

Launch of OW Business Directory

For those of you who run a business or want to support your friends and past pupils, recently TWS have launched an online Business Directory – a platform for promotion of your business to TWS community. Already a wide range of businesses have been showcased. Do you own/run a business? Don't miss the chance to promote yourself.

The Future

The current UK Government policy on both The Independent School sector, and SEN education provision, have brought new challenges to your old school, but I know that the Headmaster and his team continue to navigate through the turbulence, making tough decisions to ensure the future for Wycliffe. I want to thank Christian for the update he provided at London drinks.

Finally, it remains for me to wish you a happy and healthy 2026, and we hope to see many of you at TWS events in the new year.

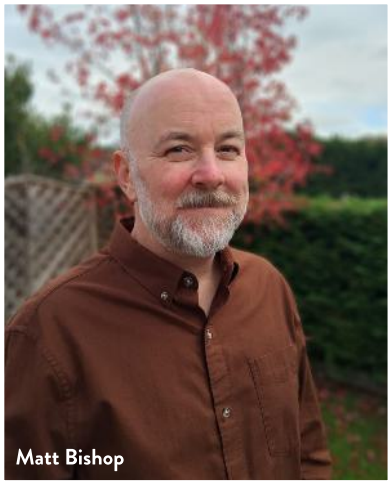
Ollie Hart

(S H 1983-1993 and Chair of TWS Committee)

A thank you from the office.

I would like to take up a small section of this magazine to thank everyone at Wycliffe College – Estates, Maintenance, Grounds, Catering, Teaching Staff, Prefects, School House Office Staff and more. Throughout the year, they contribute and help TWS deliver our campus based alumni events, which I know OWs appreciate greatly and look forward to attending.

Thank you all!
- **Matt Bishop**, Alumi Officer


Matt Bishop

OWs Achieve

James Hulme (H 2017-2022)

It's been a great sporting year for OW **James Hulme** (H 2017-2022). In April, James achieved an amazing 8th place finish in what was his first World Cup appearance, competing as part of the Pentathlon GB team at the UIPM 2025 Pentathlon World Cup in Budapest. At the June meeting of the Junior European Championships in Poland, he achieved a bronze medal, also coming first in the fencing section of the contest! His first individual, international medal. In August, James achieved 4th position at the Modern Pentathlon World Championships in Kaunas, Lithuania. An amazing accomplishment, highlighting so much positive progress throughout the year. Keep going James! We're looking forward to seeing more in 2026!

OWs Visit

It was nice to have a couple of OWs visit campus for a tour, during the summer. **Sebastian Kehr** (R 2007-2008) dropped by during a visit to the UK from Berlin. **Jimmy Morris** (J H 1992-1999) visited us while on holiday from the USA, with his family.

If you would like to have a tour around campus for a trip down memory lane, please contact us in the first instance, to make arrangements, via **TWS@wycliffe.co.uk** - we'd love to have you back at Wycliffe!

Sebastian Kehr

Jimmy Morris

Steven Hubbard

2025 saw the retirement of a member of staff who gave an amazing 44 years of his life to the teaching of art to a great many Wycliffe College pupils.

Steven Hubbard (Staff Member 1981-2025 & Hon. OW) left Wycliffe in July after more than four decades, seven Head teachers and a great deal of change across Wycliffe College.

On behalf of all OWs, Hon. OWs and former Wycliffe parents/guardians we thank you Steven for your many, many(!) years of dedication, hard work and the positive impact you've had on pupils and wish you a happy retirement from teaching at Wycliffe.

Steven writes:

Wycliffe has changed very much since I first walked through the gates. However, it has for the most part been a friendly and interesting environment in which to teach, and I have made many connections over the years with both students and staff. I have taught sons and daughters, and even perhaps grandsons and daughters of former students. On occasion I am accosted by a 45-year-old and told I taught them, and I apologise for the fact that, at this distance in time, I am not always able to recall exactly who they are. Many students, however, are memorable, and there are some former students, who I have retained contact with, and seen regularly, for decades, (you know who you are!). Some of those students have become much more successful artists than I, and I'm proud to have had some small part in their journey.

Memories of Mr Hubbard at Wycliffe:

I would like to pass on a thank you to Mr Hubbard. Not only did he secure my art scholarships when I was a pupil but mentored me to achieve standard that was accepted into central St Martins, and later Falmouth. I have to date, had a successful career as a painter in the film industry and as an artist in residence at a gallery. Mr Hubbard taught me the foundations that I still use today in my practice. Thank you for the guidance and continuing to inspire students up until now
– **Hazel Spencer-Chapman** (P HE 1997-2006)

A wonderfully committed and kind colleague. Congratulations Steve. Enjoy your retirement- you have certainly earned it! With my thanks for all you did for Wycliffe during my time.
– **Margaret Burnet Ward** (Head of Wycliffe College 2005-2015 & Hon. OW)

Happy retirement Sir. Thank you for your top tips on painting and drawing, they stood me in good stead over the years.
– **Claire Shearman-Brettle** (HE 1990-1994)

A true legend
– **Andrew Golightly** (Staff Member 2009-2019 & Hon. OW)

Some great memories being taught by Mr Hubbard! I learnt a lot and he had a great sense of humour. Happy Retirement Sir!
– **Paul Carter** (J W 1990-1998)

Mr Hubbard was the best art teacher. Always so encouraging and positive, so much so that part of my degree was in fine art. Happy retirement Mr Hubbard and thank you for being so passionate and encouraging about the subject.
– **Elizabeth Lewis** (HE 1991-1993)

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TWS Gloucestershire Drinks

- 6th February 2025, The Old Lodge, Minchinhampton

PICTURED:

TOP LEFT:
Jess Jayna (J HE 1988-1998),
Emma Dhillon (J SH 1989-1996),
Duncan Beedie (J S 1988-1996) and
Ben Green (J S 1984-1994)

TOP RIGHT:
Lewis Rawlinson (P R 2011-2018) and
Jacob Richardson (P R 2007-2016)

MIDDLE LEFT:
Margie Coombs (H 1972-1974),
Ian Cooper (H 1967-1971) and
John Owen (W 1966-1970)

MIDDLE RIGHT:
Sophia Caramanoff (IG 1995-1997),
Chris Tetley (Hon. OW) and
Alex Merry (J IG 1989-1997)

LEFT: **Pete Woolley** (Hon. OW),
Siobhan Brown (J HE 1988-1995) and
Ben Lodge (SH 1992-1994)

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Wycliffe College Update

Dear OWs

It was good to be able to stand in front of this year's new pupil intake of 2025, and colleagues, and suggest to them that, while I would not be saying anything substantively different from last year, I was now saying it from a position of knowledge rather than speculation. I remain extremely sceptical about anyone who claims to be able to get to know a school, its community and its 'DNA' within a couple of months. It has taken me a year to start to really understand Wycliffe and only now can I say with any real confidence that I think I am getting there.

I enjoyed meeting many of you in London last month at the London Drinks event, masterminded by **Matt Bishop** and to whom I am extremely grateful for keeping the link between College and OWs alive and thriving. Matt has been quietly beavering away on various projects this term and one, the OW Business Directory, is now up and running, proving that OWs are an incredibly diverse and talented bunch of human beings hailing from all corners of the world!

It has been an extraordinary year, one book-ended by joy: between the excitement of my first term as Head last September, and the news of our outstanding ISI Inspection report, received this November. That confirmed us as having received the highest possible accolade from the inspectorate, that of a 'significant strength', placing us in the top 10% of all schools nationally. We are all extremely proud of the fact that inspectors noted how our pupils' self-knowledge, courtesy and empathy was "particularly well developed". As a parent to three 'little' Wycliffians in our Prep School, I see this every day for myself.

And so the year begins. There is something wonderful about a school's annual cycle: there is reassurance of the familiar, but it is accompanied by change, by the freshness of the new, as pupils and teachers arrive and another generation become OWs. It is a powerful theme and informs a lot of what we are thinking about. There has been a degree of following the mantra, "necessity is the mother of invention", but what is most pleasing about the last year is that many of the changes we implemented to our curriculum, activity and academic enrichment programme were the very things that the inspectors pointed towards as examples of outstanding practice.

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There continues to be a real buzz around College and we face the future with optimism. This term, a significant piece of work around rebranding Wycliffe and revisiting our guiding principles has been ongoing. Now, more than ever, the pioneering spirit that our founder, GW Sibly, held so dear will be vital in us differentiating ourselves and attracting new families to the College…someone remarked recently, "be less vanilla, and more purple".

I end with a plea to you all, our OW community, to assist in two areas. The first, as always, concerns direct support. Our families work exceptionally hard to support their children through Wycliffe and any offers of support, be that financial or expertise, for current events – school trips, exchanges, careers – are hugely appreciated. The second, and in so many ways, the much more important, is as advocates. Advocates for a Wycliffe education. Schools are competing over a shrinking pool of families who can access an independent education and having a supportive voice among our local community is proving to be a significant advantage for those schools with supportive alumni bodies.

Thank you for your continued support of the College. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank my colleagues for their continued warmth and commitment to making Wycliffe the wonderful place to learn and grow for our pupils that it is. They have helped me to understand Wycliffe, going beyond routine and achievements to the very core of the place.

Please feel able to come and visit us at any time.

Christian San José,
Head of Wycliffe College

OW Gatherings

- Bradford on Avon.

Good to hear from OW **Andrew 'Jim' James** (J SH 1987) that a bunch of OWs from the Class of 1983 got together in June, particularly to catch-up with OWs **Pete Walmsley** (SH 1983) and **Jo-Ann Bird** (**née Benson**, IG 1983) who were in the country from Australia and New Zealand respectively.

In this photo L-R are:

Jon Young (J SH 1983), **Pete Walmsley** (SH 1983)
Ben Waters ((J SH 1983), **Anna Woodhouse** (H HE 1983)

Ted James (J SH 1983), **Andrew Norman** (SH 1983)

Andrew 'Jim' James (J SH 1987), **Jo-Ann Bird** (**née Benson**, IG 1983), **Lynn Wesemael** (**née Hair**, IG 1983).

- Cardiff

In March, OW **Tristram Southgate** (J SH 1982) sent us news and a lovely photo of several OWs who came together in Cardiff for lunch at the Cardiff & County Club, as guests of OW **David Thomas** (SH 1982), who has been a member for forty years. *L-R from the back*:

Andy Searle (SH 1982), **Charlie Boardman** (J W 1982), David Thomas (SH 1982), **Andrew 'AQA' Jones** (H 1982), **Andy Rawll** (J SH 1981), **Richard Morris** (J W 1982), **Sue Parry** (**née George**, SH 1982), **Fiona Cowan** (H 1982), **Fiona Nixon** (**née Gimblett**, W 1982), **Anne Gow** (H 1982), **Mary Stuart Booth** (S 1983), **Steve Richards** (J W 1982), **Tris Southgate** (J SH 1982), **Louise Parkinson** (**née Hudson**, S 1982).

- Military OWs

We always like to see when two OWs bump into each other at events and such like... In this photo we have (left to right) OWs, The **Revd Philip Nightingale** CF (J S R 2000) and **Major General Richard Clements CBE** (J W 1989), both of whom were present at the annual Army Chaplain General's Dinner in May. Please do let us know (along with a photo) if you happen to bump in to or meet-up with a fellow OW!

- Gloucestershire

Lovely to see a group of OWs partying at a gathering in Gloucestershire this summer. Looking glamorous, Left to right in the picture are **Maisie Spiers** (P C 2019), **Lucy Parsons** (P HE 2019), **Katie Cruickshank** (P HE a2019), **Isla Green** (P HE 2019) and **Iona Lundie** (P HE 2019).

Wycliffian Day 2025

- Saturday 7th June.

We were delighted to welcome back over 60 Old Wycliffians and a few Honorary Old Wycliffians to Wycliffe College for our annual get together. There was a lovely atmosphere throughout the day as old school friends reminisced over their time at Wycliffe and caught up on all they've been doing since. Wycliffe's current Prefect Team conducted tours of campus which some heavy rain couldn't spoil and OWs poured over items from the College archive. It was particularly nice to have a number of OWs from the Classes of 1975, 1985 and 2000. A big thank you to all who were in attendance!

From the 1970s, Back: Simon Lloyd (S 1975), Guy Hart (J Sp 1975), Jimmy Miller (P S 1975), Chris Cann (J W 1975), Rob Gready (S SH 1975), Simon Elmer (P H 1975), seated: Margie Coombs (H 1974), John Ward (SH 1976), Joy Cartwright (S 1976), Nevil Pearce (P SH 1975), Steph Lloyd (SH 1977), Alison Foote (W 1977) and Teresa Pritchard (S 1977)

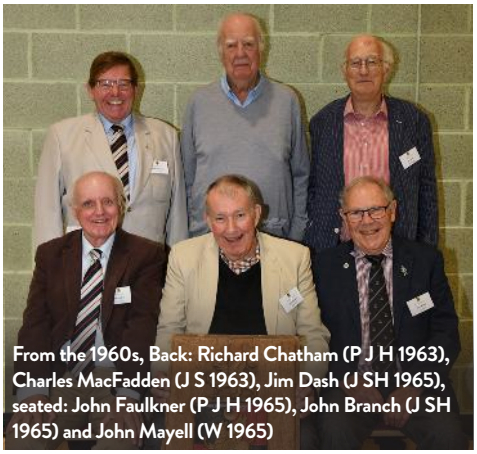
Campus tours get underway

Christian San José (Head of Wycliffe College)

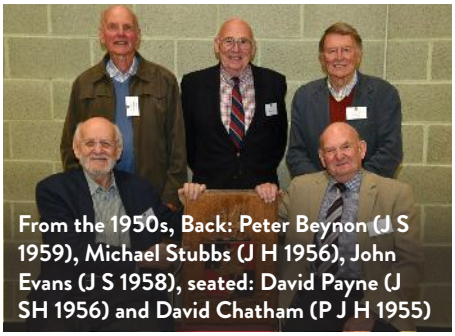
From the 2000s, Back: Ian Cann (P H 2000), Gregor Beck (R L 2000), Candice Gannon (J HE L 2003), Borislav Sretkov (R L 2001) and Rebecca de Lisle Wells (L 2003), seated: Mike Tolson (S R 2000), Joanna Strickland (J HE L 2000), Sarah de Lisle Wells (L 2000), Philipp-Alexander Riebartsch (L 2000) and Jakob von Kalckreuth (L 1999)

From the 1980s, Back: John Goodwin (J H 1985), Rob Tyler (J S 1985) Toby Harris (W 1985), Kevin Beese (J SH 1985) and Russell Beese (SH 1986), seated: Sarah Bennett (IG 1985), Wendy Anthony-Hoole (IG 1985) and Michael Williams (J SH 1985)

Candice Gannon (J HE L 2003), Ian Cann (P H 2000), Sarah de Lisle Wells (L 2000), Gregor Beck (R L 2000, seated), Borislav Sretkov (R L 2001), Joanna Strickland (J HE L 2000), Jakob von Kalckreuth (L 1999), Mike Tolson (S R 2000, seated) and Philipp-Alexander Riebartsch (L 2000)



From the 1960s, Back: Richard Chatham (P J H 1963), Charles MacFadden (J S 1963), Jim Dash (J SH 1965), seated: John Faulkner (P J H 1965), John Branch (J SH 1965) and John Mayell (W 1965)



From the 1950s, Back: Peter Beynon (J S 1959), Michael Stubbs (J H 1956), John Evans (J S 1958), seated: David Payne (J SH 1956) and David Chatham (P J H 1955)

Peter Beynon (J S 1959), Michael Stubbs (J H 1956), David Payne (J SH 1956), David Chatham (P J H 1955) and John Evans (J S 1958

OW Memories

The Revd **Dr Douglas MacMillan DPhil DMus FRCS** (W 1955-1960) gives a fond account of his time at Wycliffe in the second half of the 1950s.

Seventy years ago a timid only child entered Wycliffe College having been awarded a scholarship (much to his parents' relief – even if not to their admiration) on the grounds of showing promise in science. Five years later, the **Douglas MacMillan** of today emerged from the chrysalis of an intellectually nurturing sixth form as a young man enthused by music, art, and philosophy, rather than the hoped-for scientist - but who nevertheless went on to become a surgeon, albeit a surgeon who became a musicologist. Many moons later, the words I write here not only relate memories of my life at Wycliffe, but also (and more significantly) how the College allowed me to develop my interests in a manner which would probably have been somewhat unusual in most public schools of late 1950s.

My first memories coming from a day Prep School relate to communal living. My bed was in a corner so I could partly hide from the other six boys in the dormitory but my greatest fear was 'would I be able to eat the food?'. As it happened, the catering in Ward's House was good but when we moved to the central dining room things changed. Suffice it to relate that the dining room was called 'the trough'.

The overpowering importance of the games field struck me as being ridiculous (as it still does) and the twice-weekly rugger games were an endurance test: fortunately I was saved from cricket by the boat club at Saul on the Gloucester and Sharpness canal. I became a cox, rowed in a four (sweep-oar rowing in those days - not quad sculls), and in my final year coached junior crews under the supervision of the maths master '**Runtie**' **Harle** (a small man…). My rowing experience at school led me to the cox's seat in St. Thomas' Hospital 1st. VIII where I found coxing on the tideway to be rather more challenging than the still waters of the canal.

Academically I enjoyed myself, spurred on by some excellent and often characterful masters: '**Tommy**' **Reade** who wore a tin hat when it rained, '**Bulb**' **Evans** who introduced me to Caesar's *Gallic Wars* and Virgil's *Aeneid* (as well as being a Wing Commander in the Air Training Corps) and '**Sooty**' **Savage**, my biology teacher and a good musician. The often despairing '**Guffy**' **Wright** eventually succeeded in getting me an A level in physics…*mirabile dictu*!

But, for a moment, enough about me. What about Wycliffe, its ethos, its quirks, and its jargon? I think it is fair to say that the ethos of Wycliffe derives fundamentally from the spirituality enshrined in its chapel and, on a personal level, from its approach to sharing tasks and obvious friendliness. A recent visit reminded me of the warmth of the College: academic achievements, yes: sporting success, yes: but the fundamental ethos is deeper. And its quirks - a massive enthusiasm for hearty team games and outdoor activities (in 1910 Wycliffe was the first public school to have a Scout troop, the Union flag of the troop now displayed

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School House 1957

Wycliffe Orchestra 1959 (The Gondoliers), Douglas on left, with bass clarinet

in the Scout Chapel). The relationship between masters and students was rather more akin to a gentlemen's club than a hierarchal authoritarian institution. The standard punishment given was to run 'rounds' – 486 yards of track past the quad and the headmaster's house: rounds ('blobs') were issued in multiples of five or ten and run on half days in front of the tuckshop. Wycliffe encouraged the development of individuality so long as a reasonable orthodoxy was maintained: sports, music, drama, and art were encouraged and on Willow Farm the Young Farmer's Club ('the Whiff and Stink Club') were active at ridiculous hours of the morning.

To return to my story, I have no doubt that my last term at Wycliffe was one of finest summers of my life. A third-year sixth former, I was deemed too rebellious to be made a Prefect - I had long calculated that if one kept the letter of the rules but not the spirit, one could not be punished. I was a warranted Assistant Scout Master, coached rowing, played the clarinet, founded a wind ensemble and conducted the school orchestra. It was rather fun to

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conduct the Headmaster's wife and some of my schoolmasters! Academically I was greatly inspired by the mind of **Eric Bevan** ('**Prune**') who gave me weekly classes in classics and philosophy and trained my mind for academic rigour. Somehow I found time to acquire that elusive A level in physics.

So, where did it all lead? Firstly, to the Fellowship of the Royal College of Surgeons and a career in Ear, Nose, and Throat surgery. Secondly, to a fulfilling if unpaid career in music as a recorder player, an academic holding three doctorates in organology, publishing over 30 academic articles and giving presentations at international conferences. For the beginnings of this, I warmly acknowledge **Claude Allen** ('**Beak**') a brilliant organist and inspiring musician. Thirdly, compulsory Sunday services and regular twice-daily worship in the chapel laid the foundations for my ordination to the diaconate in the Church of England in 2000.

Thank you, Wycliffe College
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The Scout Chapel

TWS Awards

TWS Awards are grants made available once a year and designed to be inclusive and representative of all Year 13 Wycliffe College pupils and our Old Wycliffians. The award options in place reflect the choices that school leavers pursue and the nature of modern professional growth OWs may seek.

L to R: Miles, Rollo and Ryan

Year 13 TWS Awards 2025

Officially announced at this year's Speech Day on July 5th, this year the strength of applicants was very high, with a dozen Year 13 pupils each giving a presentation to a panel of TWS Committee members regarding their application for a TWS Award, in either of the three categories available.

TWS Award Panel and then TWS Committee agreed that bursaries of £2000 each would be made to the following successful recipients (left to right, in photo):

Global Citizenship - **Miles Menon** (P C 2016-2025)

Academic Endeavour - **Rollo Llewellyn** (L 2023-2025)

Pioneering Spirit - **Ryan Gwidzima** (P H 2018-2025)

We wish the three of them all the best with their future adventures and look forward to hearing all about their successes!

Update from Miles

TWS Award (Global Citizenship) recipient, **Miles Menon** (P C 2016-2025), sent us some fantastic photos and an update of the work he's been doing. Miles spent a month in Mongolia with a research team partnered with the Snow Leopard Trust and the Scientific Exploration Society. The aim was to set out 34 camera traps in a completely unstudied part of the Altai Mountains, to monitor and conserve the Snow Leopard population. He was selected for his equestrian skills and as a trainee camera operator. The trip was an immense success, and everyone is hoping for some promising footage from the set-up! Brilliant work Miles and a perfect example of a Wycliffian showing Global Citizenship!

For further information regarding TWS Awards, please visit our website at thewycliffiansociety.co.uk

TWS Drinks

TWS Drinks at Stroud Brewery

- 26th June

Gavin Bridges-Sparkes (J S 1958-1969), **Jess Jayna** (J HE 1988-1998), **Jenny Wicks** (J SH 1990-1998) and **Olivia Hazell** (L 1996-1998)

Pictured above:
Nigel Cottell (J S 1965-1972) and **Ben Green** (J S 1984-1994)

Pictured below:
Wanpen Tyler (Guest), **Emily Williams** (Guest), **John Goodwin** (J H 1977-1985), **Michael Williams** (J SH 1975-1985), **Kevin Beese** (J SH 1978-1985) and **Rob Tyler** (J S 1976-1985)

OW Graduates 2025

Stella

James

Millie

Atolani

Lorna

Lovely to spot a number of OWs graduating at University this year. Lots of further hard work being rewarded, building on all they achieved while at Wycliffe. Congratulations to:

Millie Capehorn (P C 2007-2022) BSc (Hons) Biomedical Science at University of Brighton

James Palk (P W 2013-2021) MSc Biotechnology at University of Leeds

Lorna Collinson (C 2018-2022) BSc (Hons) in Sport, Exercise and Health Sciences at University of Birmingham

Atolani Oyewumi (P H 2014-2020) MSc International Business at Loughborough University

Stella Fielder (C 2019-2022) BSc (Hons) Children's Nursing Oxford Brookes

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John May CVO OBE DL, with family

OWs Achieve

In April, OW **Eloise Etherington**'s (L 2022-2024) continued success as a rower gained her a place in the Cambridge reserve 'Blondie' boat crew, racing the same course as the main event. Congratulations to Elosie and crew, for a fantastic win, by four lengths!

We were delighted to hear that OW **John May CVO OBE DL** (W 1977-1982) was awarded the Commander of the Royal Victorian Order (CVO) in HM The King's New Year Honours for 2025 and in May, John received his Insignia of a Knight Grand Cross at Windsor Castle. John has been very busy of late, having also been appointed as Oxfordshire's High Sheriff!

Well done to Honorary OW and current member of Wycliffe College staff **Lisa Wisbey**, who ran the marathon in April. Brilliantly, Lisa raised over £3000.00 for Bowel Cancer UK while also raising awareness of Lynch Syndrome, a charity which means so much to Lisa and her family. Also completing the London Marathon were OW brothers **Henry Lister** (P W 2006-2015) and **Jack Lister** (P C 2006-2015). An amazing achievement by all!

Congratulations to OW **Justice Richard Williams** (J SH 1971-1980), Grand Court judge in the Cayman Islands, who, this year, has been elected President of the Commonwealth Magistrates and Judges Association (CMJA). Richard will serve a three-year term with the CMJA, which was founded in 1970 and promotes the independence of the judiciary and advances education in law, justice administration, and crime prevention throughout the Commonwealth.

Elosie Etherington (fourth from left) and crew

Richard Williams

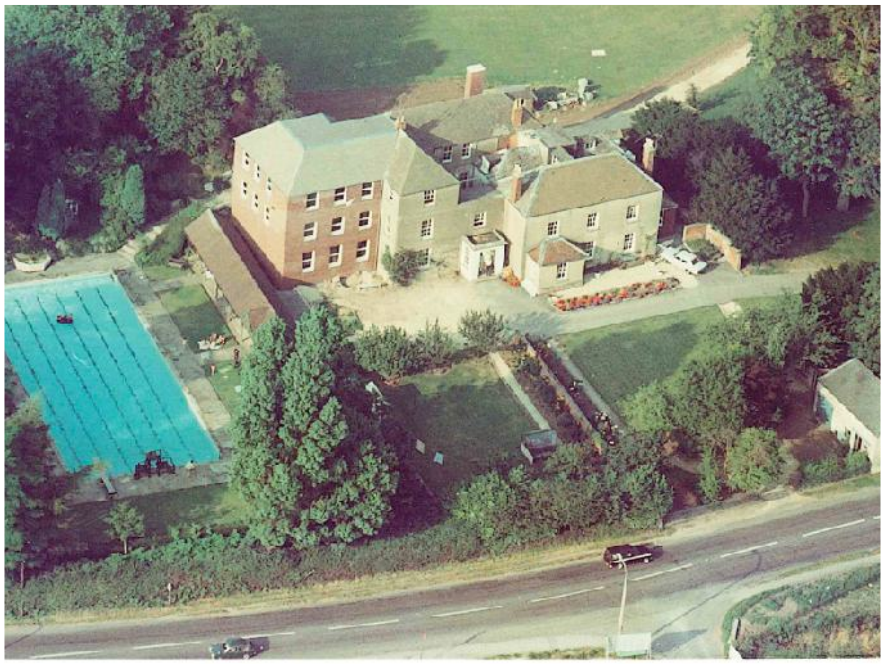
Lisa Wisbey

Henry and Jack Lister

Congratulations to OW **Seb Pender** (P C 2011-2018) who graduated as a PGA Golf Professional in 2025. Seb completed a degree in Applied Golf Management at Birmingham University, a course he only became aware of during a Year 10 Wycliffe College visit to the Birmingham campus. Unexpectedly and quite by chance, as Seb waited to pick up his jacket and tie for the Graduation Ceremony in May, in walked OW **James Latham** (J W 1985-1989). James – who is Head Professional at Cotswold Hills Golf Club – was Seb's first coach, instructing him from the age of four. A full circle moment and great for both to witness the results of their early work together! Best of luck with your continuing golf career Seb!

Seb and James

From the Archive



Ward's House and the swimming pool 1972

TWS London Drinks The University Women's Club, 2nd October

Jamie Griffiths (J H 1974-1984), Richard Edwards (J H 1973-1984) and Ben Waters (J SH 1974-1983)

Margie Coombs (H 1972-1974), Nigel Paxman (H 1971-1976) and Steph Lloyd (SH 1975-1977)

Lynn Wesemael (IG 1981-1983), Sarah Bull (IG 1982-1984), Emma James (HE 1982-1984), Jo Neil (IG 1982-1984) and Sara Hair (HE 1983-1985)

Iain Paul (J W 1962-1972), Cerian Jones (J SH 1969-1977) and Tony Sheldon (J SH 1966-1976)

Michael Gillett (P H 2001-2008), Freddie Fisher (P C 1994-2008) and Phillip O'Regan (J SH 1987-2001)

Tomomi Nishimura (HE 1991-1993), Dan Singer (S 1991-1996), Ben Singer (S 1984-1989) and Matt Singer (S 1986-1991)

Gareth Collins (J SH 1981-1989), Gary McDade (W 1986-1991) and Eric Harris (J SH 1964-1973)

Emma Butcher (HE 1998-2000) and Kelly Bridge (Guest)

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InsideOut - the well-being platform available to Old Wycliffians

We understand that personal growth and well-being are crucial, and TWS is committed to supporting our alumni at all significant stages of their life.

With that in mind, we are delighted to provide OWs with exclusive access to InsideOut, a cutting-edge virtual coaching and therapy platform.

InsideOut offers personalised 1-2-1 virtual sessions with a diverse range of experienced coaches and therapists who specialise in a variety of areas. This includes career development, personal growth, mental health, relationships, and more. These sessions will allow you to receive tailored guidance and support in a convenient and confidential manner, no matter where you're currently based.

What's more, initial coaching or therapy sessions with InsideOut are completely free to all OWs.

We believe that this service can be a valuable resource for your ongoing personal development. Your success and well-being matter to us, and we are dedicated to supporting you every step of the way.

For further details and to get started, please visit the 'INSIDEOUT+TWS' section of our website at **www.thewycliffiansociety.co.uk**

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OW Wedding

Congratulations to OW **Ben Capehorn** (P C 2000-2014), who married **Hannah** in West Sussex, in May. In attendance, of course, were Ben's sister **Millie** (P C 2007-2022) and brother, **Ollie** (2000-2010).

VE Day 80th Anniversary

May 8th this year, marked the 80th anniversary of VE Day (Victory in Europe Day), a moment to celebrate and remember 80 years of peace since the end of the Second World War in Europe.

VE Day is a tribute to those who fought for the freedom we all enjoy today and also a powerful reminder of the resilience and unity that have defined nations ever since.

So many millions paid the ultimate sacrifice to achieve this, including a total of 66 OWs who died in active service, a great many of whom (close to 40) had volunteered for flying duties in the R.A.F. and the Fleet Air Arm. We will be forever grateful to them all.

Included here are extracts from The Wycliffe Star Journal 1945, detailing a pair of those OWs who lost their lives defending our freedoms.

COLIN CAMPBELL MEIKLE

Sergt. Pilot, R.A.F.

Early in June came the bitter tidings that Colin Meikle had been killed while flying in India, and so had joined his brothers Ian and David in the great company of the immortal dead.

Colin entered the Junior School at Ryeford in September, 1933, and passed into the School House four years later. He was a boy of brilliant intellectual achievements, as may be judged by the fact that, only fifteen months after entering the Modern Sixth, he gained the best of the History Demyships (Scholarships) offered by Magdalen College, Oxford, his papers winning high praise from the Senior History Tutor. His was the chief part in editing *The Other Side*, a lively schoolboy magazine from which we published several articles in 1942. As School Prefect, Vice-Captain of "Rugger" and Tennis, President of Lit. Soc., a P.L. and Rover Scout, he played a many-sided part in the School's life, leaving for Oxford at the end of 1941. He went from the University into the R.A.F. in 1943, and later trained in the United States. In 1944 the *Star* published his most entertaining account of "hitch-hiking to Hollywood."

All who knew Colin and his gallant brothers, and their happy home at Hornchurch in Essex, will grieve at the breaking of that gay and vital fellowship, and mourn that a light has passed from the revolving year which would have shone more bright in the doubtful days to come.

Colin Meikle (J SH 1933-1941)

William 'Tony' Daniel (SH 1936-1939)

WILLIAM ANTHONY DANIEL

Flight-Sergeant, R.A.F.

"Tony" Daniel, best known as "Ponty" to his friends at school, was the second son of an O.W., Archibald Daniel, of Pontypridd. He was at the School House from 1936–1939, and, in his Housemaster's words, left the memory of "a charming, attractive, Christian boy, of sterling character, and popular with everyone." He gained a great reputation as a slow bowler, and in 1939 he and David Webb skittled out a hitherto unbeaten Kingswood School XI for 28 runs, his personal share being 8 wickets for 10 runs.

In the interval between leaving school and joining the R.A.F. he held an appointment on the staff of Barclays Bank, Aberdare; and continued his cricket with so much success that his name went forward for a trial for Glamorgan. His flying training was chiefly in Scotland and Canada. He was a keen golfer and represented his wing at St. Andrews. He became a Flight-Sergeant and a Bomb-Aimer, but with the rest of the crew was reported missing after an operational flight over Hanover on January 5th, 1945. It was not until November that he was officially presumed killed, the bodies of some of the crew having been identified by the Missing Research and Enquiry Service.

The Head of the Y.M.C.A. at Saskatoon wrote to his Parents:

"Never have I run into a boy possessed of, and actually living, ideals so high. We all admired and loved him from the start."

A very similar feeling was expressed by the Secretary of the Pontypridd Cricket Club:

"We mourn the loss of a colleague whom to know was to love and respect. He had so endeared himself to us all."

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Pupils celebrating VE Day in 1945, outside Lampeter College.

Deaths

This year we sadly said farewell to the following OWs:

Linton Harrison (SH 1943-1946)

Michael Sibley (J S 1944-1951)

David J. F. Winks (J SH 1949-1955)

Anthony W. Fisher (W 1952-1956)

Robert Bruton (J W 1952-1957)

Paul Harvey (P J SH 1955-1963)

Simon Frankau (J SH 1988-1997)

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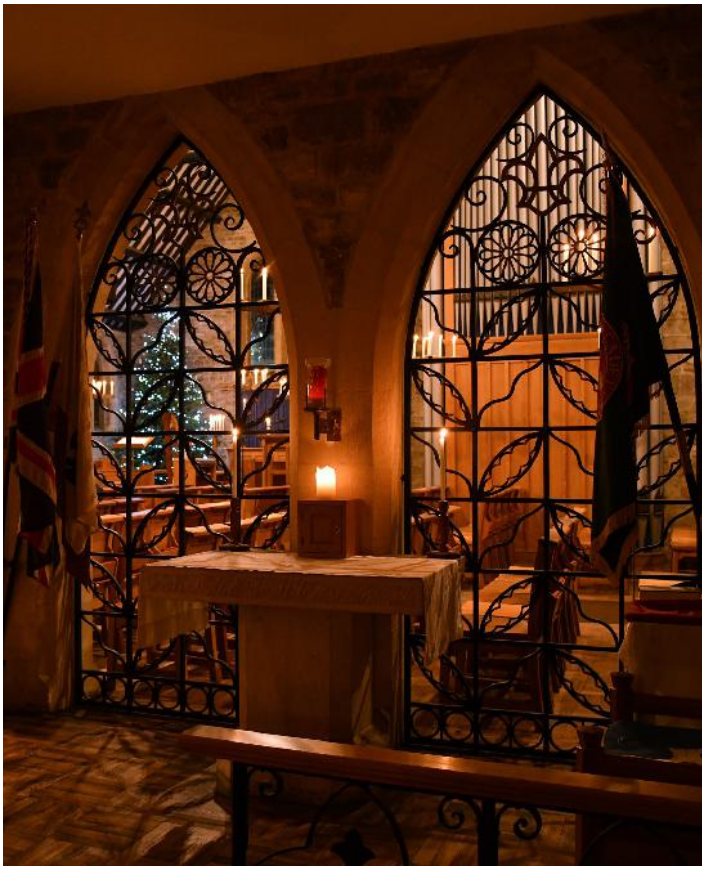
TWS Carol Service

6th December 2025



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The Wycliffian Society Events 2025

Exact details and timings, along with invitations, will be made available via email and TWS social media as each event approaches.

FEBRUARY

Thu 5th
TWS Gloucestershire Drinks, The Old Lodge Minchinhampton, Gloucestershire

MARCH

Sat 7th
TWS Sports at Senior School Campus
Wycliffe College 1st VII Netball vs OWs
Wycliffe College 1st XI Football vs OWs

APRIL

Sat 25th
TWS Sports at Senior School Campus
Wycliffe College 1st XI Cricket vs OWs
Wycliffe College Tennis vs OWs

JUNE

Sat 6th
Wycliffian Day 2026

Thu 11th
TWS Gloucestershire Drinks, The Art Deco Bar, The Sub Rooms, Stroud

OCTOBER

Day tbc
TWS London Drinks (venue tbc)

DECEMBER

Sat 5th
TWS Carol Service, Wycliffe College Chapel

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