



# Old Wellingtonians' ASSOCIATION

**Connecting Former Pupils of Wellington School Somerset**



## 2017 Diary of Events



Welcome to the 2017 edition of the OWA Diary of Events.

As you can see, we have many events in store for you this year, with some specifically for members of the OWA. There are also a large number of Wellington School events which are also open to members of the OWA, and we hope you will all find something of interest.

Many of the details of the events are still to be confirmed, and we are planning to introduce online bookings and payments to help you with your planning. Please do visit the OWA website and facebook pages for more details of all the events, and how to book tickets.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Linda Holden or Juliet Handley in the Development Office; our details appear below.

We look forward to welcoming you to an event in 2017.

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Entries highlighted in **red** are OWA events.

Those in **blue** are School events which you are very welcome to attend.

Those in **purple** are events designed for fund-raising purposes and we would be delighted to welcome you to these too.

### **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2017**

#### **Tom Passmore Memorial Lecture**

Great Hall, 3.50pm-4.50pm, free of charge

Each year the Mathematics Department organises a lecture in memory of Tom Passmore (Willows '88), a former student who had a passion for Mathematics. This year the lecture will be presented by Dr Vicky Neale from the University of Oxford who will speak on "*7 things you need to know about prime numbers*". As seating is limited in the Great Hall, please contact the Development Office if you would like to attend.

### **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2017**

#### **Wellington School Pop-Up Bistro**

Restaurant, Wellington School, from 7pm

Gather some friends and join us for an informal evening of good food in a relaxed atmosphere. A cash bar will be available. Tickets are only £12.50 per person (plus 15p booking fee) and space is limited so please book early to avoid disappointment. They are available online, from [www.trybooking.co.uk/BNM](http://www.trybooking.co.uk/BNM).

### **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2017**

#### **Senior School Drama Production – Sweeney Todd**

Great Hall, Performances at 7.30pm

The Music and Drama Departments are very excited to announce that they will be producing Sweeney Todd as the Senior School Musical. Written by Stephen Sondheim this will grace our stage at the end of the Spring Term and the audience will be in for a real treat.

Tickets available from the Box Office. Email [boxoffice@wellington-school.org.uk](mailto:boxoffice@wellington-school.org.uk) or call 01823 668850.

### **Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2017**

#### **School Sports Day**

Bulford, from 1pm

The School will be holding its annual sports day on the May Day Bank Holiday and invites all OWs and their families to attend. Watch the athletics, cheer on your House and enjoy homemade cakes and tea.

### **Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2017**

#### **Horizons Academic Lectures Series**

Great Hall, drinks from 6.30pm, lecture from 7pm

At the end of last year, the school introduced a new programme of academic lectures called *Horizons* with the aim of encouraging the School community, students, parents and friends to hear about and consider issues and themes that go beyond what is available in the classroom. In any series the aim is to invite eminent speakers in their field to tackle subjects from a global perspective and you are most welcome to attend the next lecture which will be given by Professor Stephen Millard from the Bank of England.

Please email Linda Holden if you would like to attend.

**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2017**

### **London Lunch and Evening Drinks**

RAF Club, Piccadilly, ticket price to be confirmed

This extremely successful event has been running for several years and is always very well attended with OWs flying in from all over the world. It has become the major London event of the year and last year, welcomed nearly 100 OWs of all eras. The RAF Club provides a wonderful atmosphere to meet up with friends and enjoy good food whilst taking a trip down memory lane. The ticket price includes a 3 course meal and wine.

We realise that for many of you, it is not possible to join friends at lunch time and therefore we have reserved the bar area of the RAF Club for evening drinks, again open to all.

Bill Cranston will be our host for the lunchtime event and you can contact him by email on [bill@wtcranston.co.uk](mailto:bill@wtcranston.co.uk).

Tickets will be available shortly online as well as by cheque or cash via the Box Office as usual.

**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2017**

### **OWA Cricket, Hockey and Tennis Day**

Wellington School, arrivals from 10.30am, matches at various times during the day.

Now in it's third year, this event goes from strength to strength. Join the OWA teams as they play the School's First and Second XIs at cricket, play mixed hockey against the Wellington Foxes or mixed tennis matches with parents, students and staff past and present. The OWA Committee will provide a BBQ and refreshments will be available during the day so please come and watch, play and enjoy a summer of sport at Wellington School.

If you are interested in playing cricket, hockey or tennis, please contact Linda Holden in the Development Office.

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2017**

### **CCF Mess Dinner (limited tickets)**

Dining Hall, from 7pm, ticket price to be confirmed

Did you enjoy your time in the CCF at school? Then please come and enjoy an evening with the current CCF staff, as they celebrate the end of another successful year of activities for our current students.

**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> June to Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> July**

### **Wellington School Festival Week**

Programme to be confirmed

Please join us for a programme of art, music and drama productions which will be held this week at school.

**Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> to Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2017**

### **Years 7 to 9 Production - The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe**

Great Hall, performances at 7.30pm, ticket price to be confirmed

Performed once again by our talented years 7 to 9 students, any of you who were lucky enough to see "Oliver" last year will know that you are sure of a treat. This adaptation of C.S. Lewis's classic children's story is the tale of four children evacuated from London during the Blitz to stay with the Professor. Whilst exploring, Lucy stumbles across the wardrobe, gateway to another world, and the adventure begins. The land of Narnia is under the spell of the wicked White Witch and very quickly the four find themselves caught up in a deadly struggle between good and evil.

Tickets will be available from the box office, by email on [boxoffice@wellington-school.org.uk](mailto:boxoffice@wellington-school.org.uk), or by telephone on number 01823 668850.

## **Saturday 1st July 2017**

### **Chapel Choir Reunion**

Rehearsals from 10am, details to be confirmed

This annual event, with an opportunity to rehearse and sing with the current Chapel Choir, is not to be missed. Further details will be published nearer to the time.

## **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2017**

### **Monument Run**

Wellington School, time to be confirmed in the afternoon

This is the fourth year of the revival of the Monument Run and the School will once again be putting on their running shoes and hoping to top the 400 plus students, staff members and OWs who took part last year. If you would like to join in the run or would just like to cheer on the participants you are most welcome to attend.

## **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2017**

### **Commemoration Day Ball incorporating 2007 leavers' 10 Year Reunion**

The Marquee, Wellington School, drinks from 6pm, ticket details to be confirmed

The 2017 leavers invite you to join them at this year's Commemoration Ball. All OWs are welcome and we would like to especially welcome those who left school in 2007 to return for their 10th Anniversary. There will be a splendid meal and lots of opportunity to catch up over a few drinks before heading to the dance floor.

## **Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2017**

### **The Wurzels**

The Marquee, Wellington School, ticket details to be confirmed

Please join us for a fun evening of music and good cheer with the Wurzels, as they return to Wellington School for the first time in four years. This event is being run by the Friends of Wellington School and open to all, so please keep the date in your diary and join us for a toe-tapping evening. Refreshments and food will be available to buy on site.

## **July to August 2017 – various dates to be confirmed**

### **OWA Rugby 7s**

Various locations – to be confirmed

Last year for the first time, a team of OWs played in Wellington School colours at a Rugby 7s tournament in Bristol. This year, the aim is to play at least 3 matches at various Rugby 7s competitions, against other alumni school teams. More details will be published as they become available for spectators and if you would like to play, please could you contact Seb Toy (Oak '07) by email - [sebastian.a.toy@gmail.com](mailto:sebastian.a.toy@gmail.com)

## **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2017**

### **Welly on Tour!**

London, from 6pm, venue to be confirmed

Please join us for a new venture as we take Wellington School on Tour! Our first destination will be London, as we invite all OWs to meet up with former teachers and hear from Headmaster Henry Price about current and future plans for Wellington School. We will have both current and former members of staff joining us for our first foray of this kind.

Please contact Juliet Handley via email if you would like to join us for drinks and canapés.

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2017**

### **OW Golf Day**

Exeter Golf and Country Club, times to be confirmed, £45 for the day

Following on from the success of a new venue for golf last year, this year we are going to be holding the annual OW golf day at Exeter Country Golf Club. The teams will be organised by Roger Persey (Willows '61) and the cost includes a bacon bap with tea and coffee on arrival, green fees and dinner in the evening. If you would like to play, please contact Roger directly via his email - roger@persey.com

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2017**

### **OWA AGM and Reunion**

Wellington School, AGM from 11am, programme and ticket details to be confirmed

In response to requests from OWs, we have a change of date for the OWA AGM and Reunion which will now take place in October. There will still be a chance to meet up in various pubs in Wellington on Friday night, before the AGM on Saturday morning. After lunch, the afternoon will offer the opportunity to watch our school teams in action and to have a tour of the school. And finally, please join the OWA Committee, Headmaster and Head Boy and Head Girl for an evening of good food and company, at the annual OWA Reunion President's Reception and Dinner.

Ticket details are to be confirmed, but please put this important date in your diaries. We all look forward to welcoming you back to Wellington School.

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2017**

### **Remembrance Sunday**

Wellington School, Chapel from 10.45am, coffee and lunch available free of charge

The school will be marking Remembrance Sunday with a morning Chapel service, followed by the customary afternoon walk to Wellington Town's war memorial, led by the Corps of Drums and the CCF. You are all most welcome to join the school in this moving tribute to the brave soldiers who laid down their lives for us. Lest we Forget.

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2017**

### **Friends of Wellington School Christmas Fair**

Princess Royal Sport's Centre, Wellington School, from 10am

Run by the Friends of Wellington School and now in its seventeenth year, this event is set firmly in the local calendar and is seen by many as the start to the Christmas run up. Featuring a huge array of local craft and produce suppliers, this is a great way to find unusual and interesting gifts. In addition, the event features carol singers, Father Christmas, a BBQ and a wonderful café serving home made cakes, making it an event for people of all ages.

If you would like to take a stall at the Christmas Fair, please contact Linda Wyeth by email on Linda@leasingprogrammes.co.uk

**Sunday 10th, Tuesday 12th and Thursday 14th December 2017**

### **Carol Services**

The Chapel of St Michael and St George, Wellington School

Please join us for our Christmas Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols, all featuring the beautiful voices of the school's Chapel Choir, set in the school's wonderful Chapel. There is really no better way to end the year, and light refreshments are served on the 10<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> December, after the service.

Please note that the three services are held at slightly different times: on 10th at 7.30pm, on 12th at 7pm and on 14th at 5.30pm.

## Are you accessing the OWA website and facebook pages?



The most up to date information on all events, including how to book tickets (some events will be available to book online this year), can be found on the OWA website and facebook pages. You can also use the website to update your own details, and to search for friends as well as to view archive photos, and read the most up to date newsletters from the school and from the OWA.

If you would like to update your own details or view of those of friends, you will need your personal user name and log-on details. If you have not received these, please email Linda Holden in the Development office, on [l.holden@wellington-school.org.uk](mailto:l.holden@wellington-school.org.uk).

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## A handy planner for your fridge or pin-board

Event	Date
Tom Passmore memorial lecture	1 February 2017
Pop Up Bistro	3 March 2017
Sweeney Todd	20—22 March 2017
Sports Day	1 May 2017
<i>Horizons</i> Academic Lecture Series	4 May 2017
London Lunch and Evening Drinks	11 May 2017
OWA Cricket, Hockey and Tennis Day	11 June 2017
CCF Mess Dinner	16 June 2017
Festival Week	26 June to 1 July 2017
The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe	29—30 June 2017
Chapel Choir Reunion	1 July 2017
Monument Run	6 July 2017
Commemoration Day Ball	7 July 2017
The Wurzels	8 July 2017
OWA Rugby 7s	Various summer dates TBC
Welly on Tour in London	14 September 2017
OWA Golf Day	21 September 2017
OWA AGM and Reunion	14 October 2017
Remembrance Sunday	12 November 2017
FofWS Christmas Fair	25 November 2017
Carol Services	10, 12 and 14 December 2017