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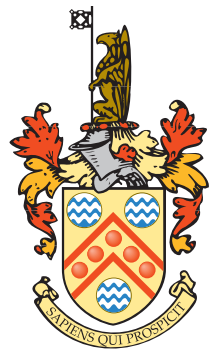


**Oliver Selfridge, 1939-40**  
Mathematician

# Tomorrow's role models, shaped today.

At Malvern College, our story is written by generations of remarkable alumni - innovators, artists, scholars and pioneers whose ideas have shaped the modern world. Inspired by this legacy, our pupils grow with purpose and ambition, guided by the achievements of those who came before them.

**Tomorrow's impact begins with today's character.**



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CHAPTER ONE

# Welcome



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#### Dear Old Malvernians and Ellerslie Old Girls,

**I**t is my pleasure to welcome you to the latest edition of the Malvernian Society Annual Newsletter.

Malvernians, old and young, have continued to excel in a large range of activities. I write shortly after another successful run in the Cricketer Cup; losing in a super over in the final does not really count as a loss. Malvernian footballers are to resume their rightful place in the Arthurian league and the Noel Bruce rackets at Queen's will soon take place, last year there was an all Malvernian semi-final. Support at all these events is encouraged and enjoyable whether or not one aspires to play as well as Malvernian world champions of which there have been several.

The Malvernian community is strong. The Society plays a part through professional networking, mentoring, philanthropy, sporting clubs, reunions, and social gatherings. Many events arise through individual initiatives, which can be helped by the Society. Please feel free to make suggestions to the Society as the connections formed during our time at Malvern remain as valuable and relevant today as ever.

The Society's events programme has brought together Malvernians of all generations, whilst the digital platforms enable the Society to reach Malvernians across the world. Malvern is truly global with a family of international schools and events for example, in Cape Town, Vienna and Hong Kong.

A particular highlight is the willingness of alumni to give back through mentoring, careers support and financial aid to our invaluable Scholarship and Bursary programmes. The guidance and encouragement provided by experienced Malvernians play a vital role in helping current pupils and recent leavers navigate the opportunities and challenges that lie ahead. This spirit of generosity remains one of the defining characteristics of our Society.

I give sincere thanks to those whose philanthropic support helps ensure that future generations can benefit from the life-changing opportunities that a Malvern education provides. Your commitment makes a difference.

As we look forward, our priorities remain clear: strengthening engagement, supporting younger alumni, growing our international community and preserving the traditions and friendships that make the Malvernian Society so distinctive.

Thank you for your continued loyalty, involvement and support. I hope you enjoy this newsletter.

**Timothy Straker**  
Chairman, Malvernian Society

Tim Straker (3.68-72)



“ If you are not already making the most of your alumni network, let 2026-27 be the year you get involved. ”

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**Dear Old Malvernians and Ellerslie Old Girls,**

**W**hat a year! It would take a rainforest of pages to fully celebrate the achievements, adventures and generosity of our alumni and wider Malvernian family.

As I complete my first full year at the College, I want to thank you for making me feel so welcome. Without exception, the alumni I have met, from the classes of 1944 to 2026, have been generous with their time, advice and anecdotes, and unfailingly patient as I navigate my way around the many idiosyncrasies of College life. You truly embody the Malvern values.

A young OM remarked recently that I have “the best job in the world”. She wasn't wrong. I may, however, have slightly burst her bubble by explaining that we do not spend all our time hosting drinks. Rather, everything we do is driven by a clear purpose: to strengthen lifelong connections with our alumni and their families, and to create opportunities for future generations of Malvernians.

There is no such thing as a typical day. Over the past 12 months, we have hosted more than 40 events, from university gatherings in lively pubs to a black-tie dinner in a royal palace. We have supported alumni sporting and social clubs, facilitated professional networking, internships and career talks for pupils and graduates, and welcomed hundreds of alumni and their families back to the College.

Most importantly, thanks to your generosity, we have raised vital funds that enable us to award scholarships and bursaries to talented young people who enrich our community through their academic, artistic and sporting achievements. In the year ahead, we look forward to celebrating the successes of pupils, past and present, whose journey at Malvern has been made possible by your support.

The pages that follow capture only a small snapshot of what the Malvernian community has achieved over the past year. To stay connected with all our events, clubs and activities, please visit our website, read our monthly e-newsletters, follow us on social media or simply pick up the phone and give us a call.

If you are not already making the most of your alumni network, let 2026-27 be the year you get involved. Attend an event, join a sport fixture, seek professional guidance, support a young person as a donor or legator, volunteer as a mentor, or simply reconnect with a fellow Malvernian for a conversation.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Rebecca Merrett'.

**Rebecca Merrett**

Director of Advancement, Malvernian Society



“ Whether you left six months ago or sixty years ago, the Malvern values remain evident in the positive contributions Malvernians make across the world. ”

### Dear Old Malvernians and Ellerslie Old Girls,

As another successful academic year draws to a close, our end-of-year celebrations have once again highlighted the strength of the Malvern community. From Summer Jam and Prize Giving to the Leavers' Ball, these occasions allow us to celebrate our pupils' achievements, bid farewell to our Upper Sixth leavers and welcome them into the Old Malvernian community.

Malvern College continues to invest in the people, places and opportunities that will secure its future. This year, it has been a particular pleasure to open our newly refurbished Music School, made possible through the generosity of Malvernians. New teaching rooms, practice spaces, the Tia Tanna performance room and a forthcoming digital recording studio will provide exceptional opportunities for pupils for years to come. Music remains central to College life, and, already an All-Steinway School, this development reinforces our commitment to musical excellence.

The wider Malvern family is also growing. Alongside our established schools in China, Hong Kong, Tokyo and Egypt, preparations are progressing well for the opening of new schools in São Paulo and Riyadh. Together, these schools extend the reach of a Malvern education while remaining true to the values and ethos that have defined the College for more than 160 years.

Closer to home, plans are progressing for the relocation of The Downs Malvern to the former No.7 and Firs Estate, adjacent to Malvern College, in 2027. This exciting development secures the long-term future of our prep school while creating new opportunities for collaboration and shared facilities across a unified Malvern campus.

This year also brought outstanding examination results. In the International Baccalaureate, 22% of pupils achieved 40 points or more, significantly above the global average of 30.9 points, with two

pupils attaining the maximum 45 points and four achieving 44 points. These results reflect not only academic excellence but also the resilience, curiosity and determination we aim to nurture in every pupil.

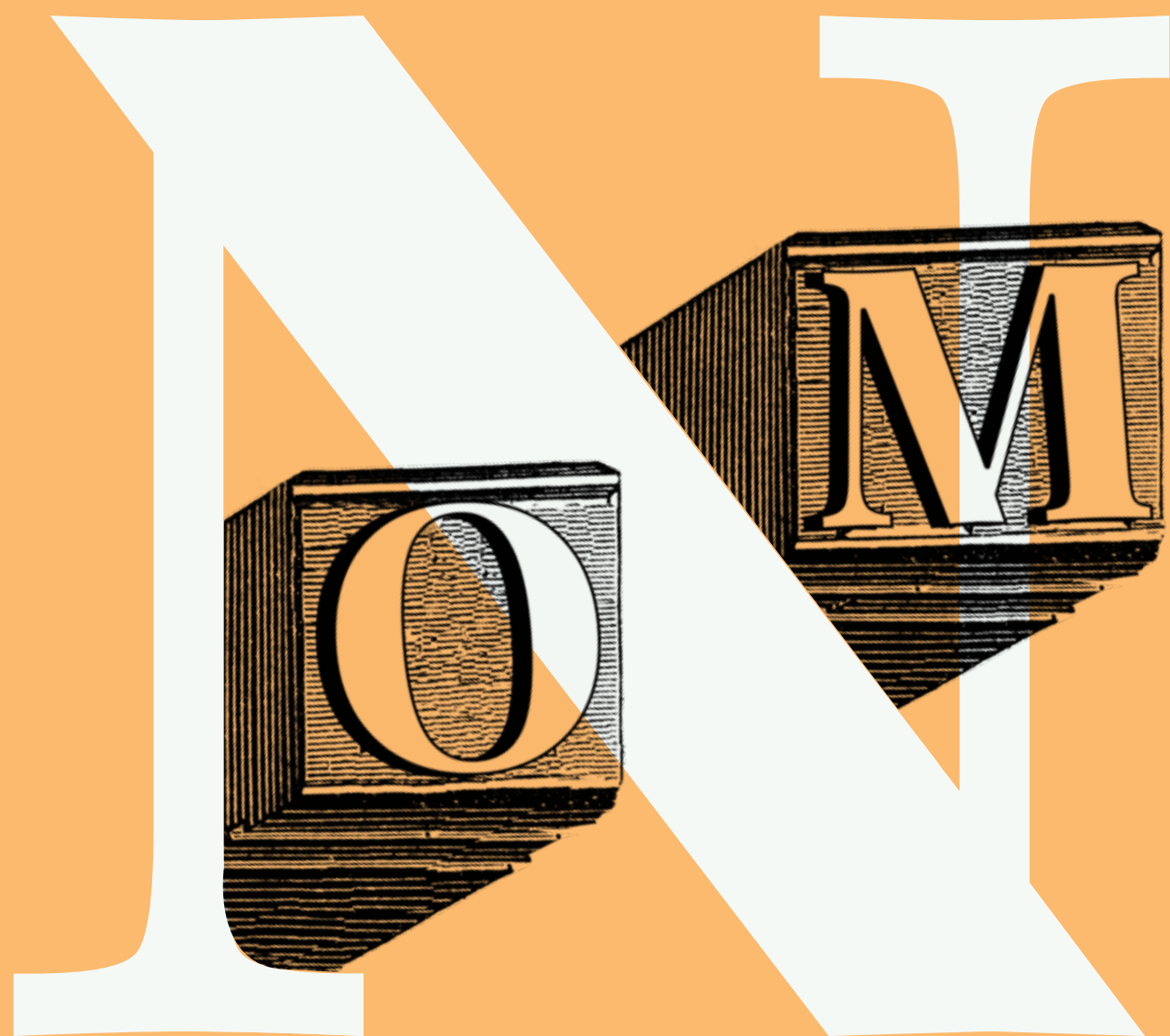
One of the greatest privileges of my role is meeting Old Malvernians and Ellerslie Old Girls around the world. Over the past year, I have enjoyed reconnecting with alumni in Lagos, Vienna and across the UK. Whether at reunions, lectures or networking events, I am always struck by the warmth and loyalty that alumni continue to show towards the College. It is equally encouraging to see the qualities fostered at Malvern continuing to shape lives and careers long after pupils leave. Whether you left six months ago or sixty years ago, the Malvern values remain evident in the positive contributions Malvernians make across the world.

This year has been the first full academic year under the leadership of our Chair of Council, Jonathan Penrice (5.77–82). We are grateful for the wisdom, energy and support he has brought to the role as we continue to build on the College's many strengths.

Thank you for the many ways in which you remain connected to Malvern, whether through attending events, supporting careers initiatives, contributing to fundraising or championing the College wherever life has taken you. Your continued engagement helps ensure future generations can benefit from the same transformative Malvern experience.

Best wishes,

**Keith Metcalfe**  
Headmaster, Malvern College



CHAPTER TWO

News

# A year of achievement, connection and impact

From professional milestones and sporting success to charitable endeavours and public service, this year's stories showcase the remarkable impact Malvernians continue to make around the world.

From receiving national honours and achieving sporting success on the international stage, to making an impact in public service, business, the creative industries and charitable fundraising, our alumni community continues to inspire through its talent, resilience and generosity.

We were delighted to celebrate a number of significant achievements this year, including OMs recognised in the King's New Year Honours and the appointment of one OM as King's Counsel. Alumni have also demonstrated extraordinary determination and resilience, from completing an English Channel relay swim to spearheading a national campaign for improved brain cancer research. OMs have continued to make their mark across the arts, media and business, while young innovators are breaking new ground through cutting-edge engineering projects and entrepreneurial endeavour.

Sport has once again provided many highlights. Alumni have represented Great Britain, made professional debuts, competed in major marathons and endurance events, and achieved success in disciplines ranging from cricket and rugby to sailing, handball and equestrian sport. Particularly impressive has been the commitment shown by so many OMs and EOGs who have combined sporting challenges with fundraising for charities close to their hearts.

Most importantly, we love celebrating your stories. Thank you to everyone who has shared their news and achievements with us this year. Please keep them coming! Email us at: [malsoc@malverncollege.org.uk](mailto:malsoc@malverncollege.org.uk).

## Keep up-to-date

Please follow our social media channels and join our professional networking community on LinkedIn.



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# Weddings

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Love has continued to bring the Malvernian community together over the past year, with Old Malvernians and Ellerslie Old Girls celebrating engagements and marriages around the world. From spectacular mountain settings in Thailand and Scotland to joyous multi-day celebrations in India and intimate ceremonies back at College, each occasion has been a wonderful celebration of union and love. We are delighted to share some of these special moments and extend our warmest congratulations to all those who have recently married or become engaged. We wish them every happiness for the future.

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**Simon Gibbs** (3.77–81) married Suzanne on 9th August at the breathtaking Tulchan Estate in the Scottish Highlands – a place close to Simon’s heart, having fished there for nearly 30 years. It was a fitting and meaningful setting for such a special occasion.

Simon Gibbs (3.77–81)



**Josh Hoang-Wilkes** (SH.08–10) married Giang in Vietnam last May, before travelling to the UK with family for a special holiday. Their visit culminated in a scenic walk on the Malvern Hills and a nostalgic return to the College.

Josh Hoang-Wilkes (SH.08–10)



Malvern College's own **Nick Tisdale** (Director of Rugby) married Alex on 12th August at the beautiful Homme House in Herefordshire.

Nick Tisdale



**Peem Krisanaracha** (2.05–07) married Jam on 10th January in the stunning surroundings of Khao Yai, nestled in the mountains north of Bangkok. **Bert Lacey**, his former Housemaster in No.2, had the honour of officiating the ceremony.

Peem Krisanaracha (2.05–07)



Congratulations to **Arjun ‘Joey’ Malhotra** (7.04–08) and Amanda on their wedding in March. The four-day celebration in India brought together family and friends from across the globe, including Joey’s former Housemaster **Roger Brierly**, friend **Ayo Afolabi** (SH.01–06) and Malvernian Society Director **Rebecca Merrett**.

Arjun ‘Joey’ Malhotra (7.04–08)



Congratulations to **Robyn Hammond** (3.21–23) and Luca. Their wedding day was a wonderful Malvernian occasion, with guests including **Rev Adam Wharton**, **Charlotte Quigley** (3.21–23), **Fiona Packham** (Housemistress of No.3), **Enya Nemetschek** (3.21–24) and **Nelly Faranski** (4.20–23).

Robyn Hammond (3.21–23)



It was a pleasure to welcome **Amy Elias** (3.10–15) back to College for her wedding to Jonah on 23rd May. We were honoured they chose Malvern College as the setting for their special day, with an intimate ceremony in The Grub and smiles all round.

Amy Elias (3.10–15)



**Seb Cheshire** (1.05–10) married Olivia on a glorious day in Cornwall. It was lovely to see so many OMs in attendance, with best man duties shared by **Harry Zinopoulos** (9.05–10) and **Tim Walker** (2.04–08).

Seb Cheshire (1.05–10)

**It is always a pleasure to see the lifelong friendships formed at Malvern College continuing to play such an important role in these special milestones.**

Have you recently celebrated a wedding or engagement? Let us know: [malsoc@malverncollege.org.uk](mailto:malsoc@malverncollege.org.uk).

# Achievements

Old Malvernians continue to excel across the globe, and this past year has once again been filled with remarkable achievements.



Lieutenant Colonel Rupert Manwaring Hope-Hawkins

**W**e were delighted to see **Lieutenant Colonel Rupert Manwaring Hope-Hawkins** (5.89–94) awarded the King's Commendation for Valuable Service in the 2026 New Year Honours. A member of The King's Royal Hussars, Rupert received the award in recognition of his service on a United Nations mission in the Democratic Republic of Congo during a period of intense instability.

Lieutenant Colonel Rupert Manwaring Hope-Hawkins (5.89–94)



Tommy Williams (2.92–97)

**C**ongratulations also to **Tommy Williams** (2.92–97), who has been appointed King's Counsel. Sworn in by the Lord Chancellor at Westminster Hall in March, Tommy joins the ranks of senior lawyers recognised for excellence in advocacy.

Tommy Williams (2.92–97)



Tristan Griffiths-Hughes



Sanzhar 'San' Abishev

**W**e are equally proud to celebrate the public service achievements of **Sanzhar 'San' Abishev** (7.06–11), who won the Westminster City Council election for St James's ward and now serves as Deputy Cabinet Member for Growth & Planning. Congratulations, too, to **Tristan Griffiths-Hughes** (7.84–89) on his election to Sutton Coldfield Town Council.

Sanzhar 'San' Abishev (7.06–11),  
Tristan Griffiths-Hughes (7.84–89)

**G**roup Captain **Pip Harding** (6.84–89) rallied support for a national petition calling for improved brain cancer research and treatment. Following his stage four brain cancer diagnosis in 2024, Pip and his supporters secured more than 100,000 signatures, resulting in the issue being debated in Parliament.

Group Captain Pip Harding (6.84–89)



Group Captain Pip Harding



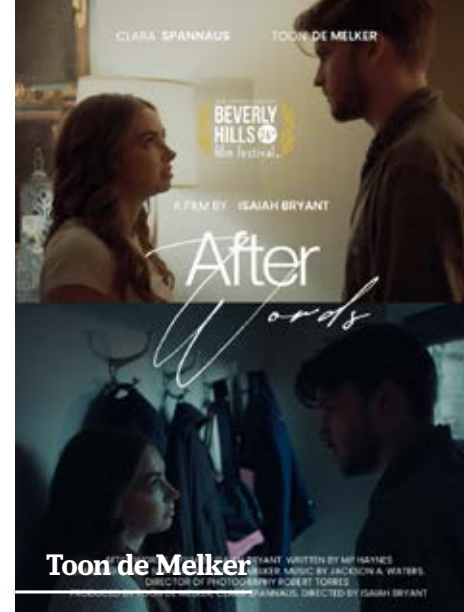
Another remarkable achievement came from **Jen Mugleston** (8.06–11), who completed a relay swim across the English Channel, raising more than £4,500 for The Alexa Trust. Alongside her relay partner, Mike, Jen swam for over 14 hours before reaching the French coast, having only returned to the sport in 2024.

Jen Mugleston (8.06–11)



In engineering and innovation, **Floris Tjan** (9.17–22) made waves as Airframe Lead for the Karman Space Programme at Imperial College London. The student team aims to become the first in the world to reach the Kármán Line with a reusable liquid-fuelled rocket.

Floris Tjan (9.17–22)



Congratulations to **Toon de Melker** (SH.17–19), whose short film *After Words* was selected for the Beverly Hills Film Festival. Since graduating from NYU Tisch School of the Arts, Toon has been building a promising career in film and theatre in New York.

Toon de Melker (SH.17–19)



**Amaka Okafor** (4.95–00) returned to our screens as The Rt Hon. Imogen Conrad MP in ITV's espionage thriller *Secret Service*, while **David Hill** (5.92–97) featured in the documentary *Bolivia Burning*, which highlights the country's deforestation crisis.

Amaka Okafor (4.94–00),  
David Hill (5.92–97)



**Danielle Close** (4.04–09) appeared on BBC's *Dragons' Den* to pitch her sustainable skincare brand, My Skin Feels. Although she declined the investment offered on the programme, her business has gone from strength to strength.

Danielle Close (4.04–09)



We were delighted to welcome back **Aaron King** (SH.09–14) to deliver composition masterclasses for Lower Sixth music pupils. Aaron is a highly versatile composer whose work spans film, theatre and choral music, with recent credits including *Mission: Impossible – The Final Reckoning*.

Aaron King (SH.09–14)



Finally, congratulations to **Christopher Nieper OBE DL** (9.77–82), who was awarded an Honorary Master of the University by the University of Derby in recognition of his outstanding contribution to manufacturing and education in the region.

Christopher Nieper (9.77–82)

# Sport highlights



Rose Harvey



Katie Sloane



Ellie Calderwood



Lara Vafiadis



Mary & Rupert Needham

From marathon majors to international honours and sporting milestones, Malvernians have continued to push boundaries and inspire with their achievements this year.

Running remains a strong passion among our community. In this year's London Marathon, six Malvernians took on the iconic 26.2 mile course with remarkable determination. Leading the OM charge was **Rose Harvey** (6.08–10), who delivered a phenomenal run to finish in 2:26:14, placing ninth female overall and second British female, and securing her place in the top 10 elite runners. Also flying the OM flag were: **Katie Sloane** (4.02–07); **Ellie Calderwood** (6.14–19); **Lara Vafiadis** (8.03–06); and **Mary Needham** (EH.18–23), running alongside her father **Rupert Needham**, Housemaster of No.2. Each runner performed superbly, all while raising thousands of pounds for charities including Cardiomyopathy UK, Muscular Dystrophy UK, Children with Cancer UK, Shelter and Prostate Cancer UK.

Rose Harvey (6.08–10), Katie Sloane (4.02–07), Ellie Calderwood (6.14–19), Lara Vafiadis (8.03–06), Mary Needham (EH.18–23), Rupert Needham, Housemaster of No.2



Maitie Wright & Sofia Storer



Martin Haggett

**Maitie Wright** (3.08–13) and **Sofia Storer** (3.08–13) reunited in Lisbon to run the city's iconic marathon in October; a first for Maitie, with Lisbon bringing Sofia's total marathons to three.

**Martin Haggett** (2.90–95) completed his first ultramarathon in Gloucestershire. The Forest of Dean Ultra Trail Marathon is a 55km race with 4400ft of elevation and Martin was delighted to finish mid-pack. He also reliably informed us that Malvern College's very own **Mr Faulkner**, Deputy Head Pastoral, placed a very impressive third!

Maitie Wright (3.08–13), Sofia Storer (3.08–13), Martin Haggett (2.90–95)

**Charlotte Hurst** (4.97–99) successfully completed the Select Ultra Trail Chianti, tackling an extraordinary 120km course. Runners were treated to checkpoints among vineyards and medieval castles, providing an unforgettable backdrop to an already demanding challenge. Charlotte crossed the finish line in an impressive 16:59:13, placing 4th in her age category.

Well done to **Sam Phillips** (SH.17-22) and **Will Hartley** (SH.18-22) who ran the London Landmarks Half Marathon in March, raising over £1200 for Suicide & Co.

**Julian Harris** (9.68–72) took on the ‘Tour de 4’ cycling challenge, organised by Sir Chris Hoy to raise funds and awareness for Prostate Cancer UK. Julian, who is courageously living with Stage 4 prostate cancer himself, is on a mission to support research and early detection.

**Shinan Zhang** (8.09–14) represented Great Britain at the World Handball Team Championships in Argentina. Shinan began playing rackets and fives at Malvern and won the Girls’ National Championships in Singles and Doubles in her final year at school.

In cricket, **Tommy Boorman** (2.18-23) made his First Class debut for Gloucestershire Cricket Club against Lancashire in April, while **Luke Tulacz** (5.15–20) was appointed captain of Herefordshire Cricket’s National Counties team.

After successfully completing a 3000 mile solo row across the Atlantic in 2023, **Lara Vafiadis** (8.03-06) has embarked on a new personal challenge - rowing 5,500 miles with three others, completely unsupported, across the Indian Ocean from Australia to Africa. Lara and her team ‘Monkey Fist’ are chasing two historic world firsts: the first mixed crew to row continent-to-continent, and the first women ever to complete this route. Lara is raising funds for two incredible charities through this incredible feat: Racing Dementia and Rock 2 Recovery.

Charlotte Hurst (4.97–99), Sam Phillips (SH.17-22), Will Hartley (SH.18-22), Julian Harris (9.68–72), Shinan Zhang (8.09-14), Tommy Boorman (2.18-23), Luke Tulacz (5.15–20), Lara Vafiadis (8.03-06)



Charlotte Hurst



Julian Harris



Lara Vafiadis



Sam Phillips & Will Hartley



Shinan Zhang



Tommy Boorman



**Izzy Hathaway**

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**Tom Hilton & Frank Jefferies**



**Will Lane**



**Rob Barnes**



**Frederick Brandis**

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**Mark Pougatch**

**Izzy Hathaway** (6.20-25) placed 7th in the National Schools Equestrian Association Individual Novice Dressage Championships at Addington Manor.

**Frederick Brandis** (SH.08-10) was crowned as a European Champion after skippering his boat, Earlybird, to victory in the prestigious ClubSwan 50 division at the Swan Tuscany Challenge, which saw 300 sailors from 25 countries competing in the race series.

In rugby, OMs battled it out on the pitch as **Frank Jefferies** (SH.18-23) lined up for University of Exeter and **Tom Hilton** (1.22-24) for University of Bath in a thrilling BUSC Super Rugby clash.

We were also delighted to welcome **Will Lane** (9.13-18) back to the College to deliver a masterclass in scrum half play for pupils. Will is currently playing for Worcester Warriors and our pupils benefitted enormously from his coaching.

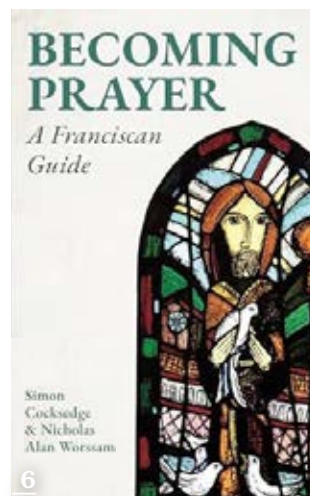
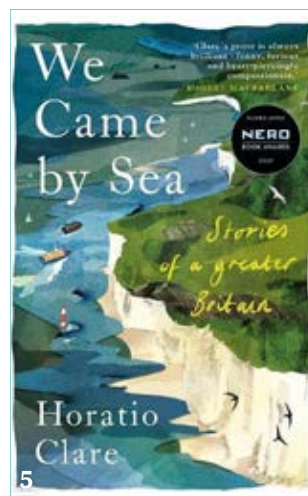
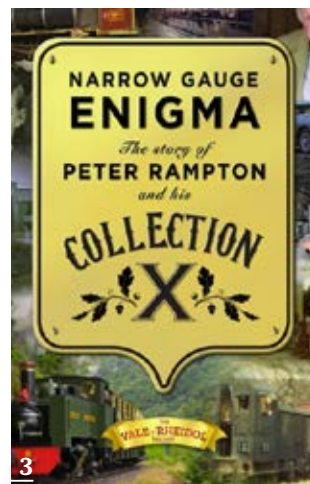
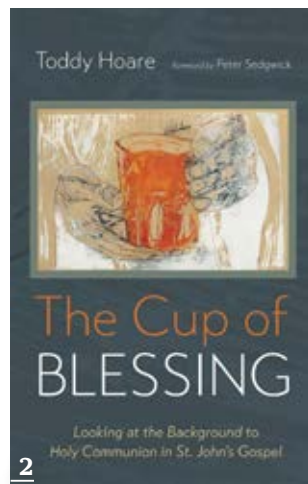
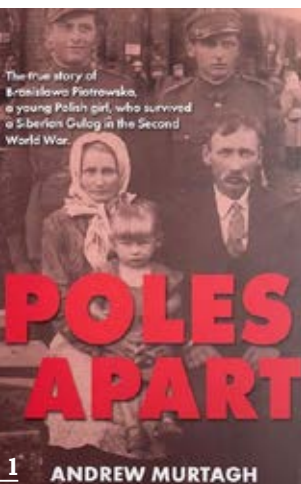
Malvern College was proud to sponsor the annual Malvern Hills Challenge, raising money for Help for Heroes. Among the 320 participants was **Rob Barnes** (9.63-68) who took part with his wife.

Finally, did you spot **Mark Pougatch** (2.81-86) presenting ITV's coverage of the FIFA World Cup? From his calm authority to his sharp insights and natural rapport with guests, Mark really brought the whole broadcast together and kept everything flowing seamlessly. It's certainly not easy anchoring such a huge global event, but he made it look effortless.

Izzy Hathaway (6.20-25), Frederick Brandis (SH.08-10), Frank Jefferies (SH.18-23), Tom Hilton (1.22-24), Will Lane (9.13-18), Rob Barnes (9.63-68), Mark Pougatch (2.81-86)

# Literature

Our alumni community continues to inspire through the written word, with a variety of new publications showcasing their talent, expertise and creativity.



## Get in touch

If you have recently published a book, we would love to hear from you - please get in touch at [malsoc@malverncollege.org.uk](mailto:malsoc@malverncollege.org.uk) so we can share your news with the Malvernian community.

1. **Andrew Murtagh:** Former Housemaster and English teacher Andy Murtagh has published *Poles Apart*, which uncovers the extraordinary wartime journey of Bronisława Piotrowska and the pivotal role **His Excellency Jam Sahib Sir Digvijaysinhji Jadeja, Maharaja of Nawanagar** (7.1910–1915). played in saving her life. Dubbed the 'Oskar Schindler of India', the extraordinary humanitarian action 'Sir Dig' took during World War II saved the lives of around 1,000 Polish children, including that of Bronisława. An essential read for all Malvernians.

(Staff.80-08)

2. **Toddy Hoare:** Toddy has published two books this year: *Uncle Peter's Story: Tracing St. Peter's Path to Spiritual Maturity*, which illuminates the human story inside the divine for those exploring the Bible, and *The Cup of Blessing: Looking at the Background to Holy Communion in St John's Gospel*, through which he offers a thoughtful and original perspective on Holy Communion.

(6.61-65)

3. **Peter Rampton:** A book about the life of Peter Rampton has been published. Peter's family owned the Freemans mail order company and Peter owned one of the world's largest collections of narrow gauge steam locomotives from all over the world, which he stored on his farm in Surrey. An English eccentric some might say, this book makes for an interesting read and includes a section on his time at Malvern College.

(9.48-52)

4. **Chris Stretton:** Chris has seen a long-standing personal project come to fruition with the publication of *27 Church Street: The Gathering Storm*, the first in a planned series of historical novels inspired by his family's remarkable medical heritage. At the centre of the story is Chris's grandfather, **John Weston Stretton** (3.03-06) and three generations of Stretton family surgeons who collectively provided nearly a century of medical service to the people of Kidderminster.

(8.64-65)

5. **Horatio Clare:** Shortlisted for the Nero Book Awards 2025, *We Came by Sea – stories of a greater Britain*, is an untold story of the people involved in the small-boat crossings of the English Channel and the UK's response to migration and asylum seekers. Rather than focusing on political slogans or headlines, Clare travels to places such as Calais, Dover, and communities across Britain to meet refugees, volunteers, lifeboat crews, aid workers, and local residents.

(6.87-90)

6. **Revd Dr Simon Cockledge:** *Becoming Prayer* is inspired by a vivid account of St Francis – where he didn't merely pray but became prayer – introducing readers to the heart of Franciscan spirituality. It is an invitation to an ancient yet ever-renewing journey of prayer.

(9.69-74)

# Visits and gatherings

## Celebrating connections

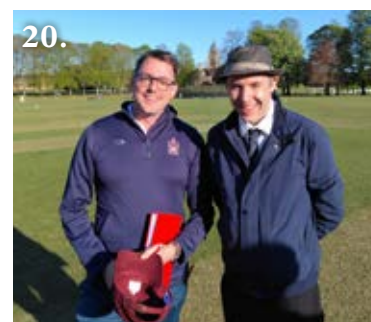
One of the greatest joys of the Malvernian community is seeing the friendships and connections forged at Malvern College continue to flourish long after school days are over.

Over the past year, OM's and EOGs have come together in every corner of the world for reunions, informal gatherings and return visits to Malvern, proving that the bonds created here remain as strong as ever.

From landmark year-group celebrations to impromptu meetups between old friends, each gathering has been a reminder of the shared experiences that unite our global community. We are always delighted to hear your stories, receive your photographs and learn where life has taken you since leaving Malvern.

The following pages showcase a selection of visits and reunions from the past year. For even more highlights, memories and opportunities to reconnect, be sure to follow our social media channels.





1. **Geoff Hunter** (5.50–56)
2. **Ishika Singhal** (née Agrawal, EH.15–17)
3. **May Lefebvre** (9.11–13)
4. **Annabelle Forster** (8.07–09)
5. **Relatives of Charles Toppin** (Staff.1885–1928) visited the College from Canada to see where this central figure in the history of the College spent so much of his life
6. **Anastasiia Gura** (4.18–22)
7. **Ms Virginia Liao**, Principal (Chinese) of Malvern College Preschools, Hong Kong
8. Brothers **Rupert Savene** (8.92–97) and **Alex Veal** (1.91–96)
9. **Charles Lister** (SH.01–06)
10. **James Scott** (7.15–17) with **Nick Tisdale**
11. **Christopher Williams** (7.69–74) and **Sarah Trinder** (née Williams, EOG.70–75)

12. The Class of 1995 at their annual November London catch up (left to right): **Chris Barrett** (4.90–95), **Andrew Inch** (1.90–95), **Dan Giddings** (6/3.90–93), **Pete Gentili** (1.90–95), **Lloyd Lewis** (1.90–95), **Andrew Randal** (1.90–95), **James Woodman** (1.90–95), **Jack Brough** (1/6.90–95), **Nader Khosrovani** (3.90–95)
13. School House OMs celebrating turning 60 in Spain: Back row (L-R): **Simon Nelson** (SH.78–83), **Chris Collins** (SH.78–83), **John Threshie** (SH.78–83), **Chris Mills** (SH.78–83), **Phil Wilson** (SH.78–83). Seated (L-R): **Tim Steel** (SH.78–83), **Sue Duff** (EOG.76–81), **Will Wilcox** (SH.79–83)
14. **Zainab Adewusi** (6.08–10)
15. **Simon Gibbs** (3.77–81) and **Tim Stockil** (7.65–70)
16. **Naomi Whiston** (née Wilson, 4.97–02)

17. **Peter Bachner** and **Donald MacLoed** (1.67–72)
18. **Patricia Terol Tolsa** (EH.09–11)
19. **Sebastian Sohn** (7.06–09) and **Roy Allen** (Staff.75–16)
20. **Tom Constable** (7.03–05) and **Dr Luke Purshouse** (Staff.04–06)
21. No.4 Christmas meet up: **Mike Ferguson** (4.82–87), **Sergio Garaguso** (4.83–88), **Dan Benwell Froggatt** (4.81–86), and **Mike Oliver** (4.83–88).
22. **Alex Baulcombe** (6.75–80) and **Ian Vickers** (6.75–80)
23. **Olivia Johnson** (née Henderson, 4.93–97), **Kirsty Coldicott** (4.92–95), **Cherie Lampitt** (3.92–97) and **Becky Donohugh** (née Deacon, 3.92–97).
24. **Christopher de Gruben** (2.98–01)
25. Ducks!



## CHAPTER THREE

# College News

# Shaping the future of Malvernians

One of the greatest strengths of the Malvernian community is its willingness to support and inspire the next generation. Over the past year, it has been wonderful to see alumni giving back through career talks, mentoring, networking and work experience opportunities, helping pupils and young OMs take their next steps with confidence.

In February, OMs returned to Malvern to support the College's annual **Careers and Futures Evening**. This popular event gives pupils an invaluable opportunity to explore a wide range of professions and hear first-hand from alumni who have forged successful careers across diverse sectors.

Our sincere thanks go to this year's speakers:

**Tom Bragg** (4.90–95), Medicine;  
**Nicholas Burt** (Parent), Catering;  
**Ben Donaldson** (2.09–14), Cyber Security;  
**James Glover** (3.89–94), Engineering;  
**Pip Harding** (6.84–89), Armed Forces;  
**Paul Kimpton** (6.79–81), Aviation;  
**Charlotte Lamb** (3.02–03), Events and HR;  
**Callum Lea** (5.13–18), Sports Agent and Charity Founder; **Holly Reed** (3.97–02), Marketing; **Philippa Roberts** (EH.92–93), Circular Economy; **Cezar Rugasira** (SH.11–16), Artificial Intelligence; and **Brett Welch** (1.86–91), Law.

The Society was also delighted to host a **Creative Industries Networking Evening** in London, bringing together alumni from marketing, media, design, architecture, performing arts and creative technology. A particular highlight was an inspiring talk from our host, **Adrian Coleman** (2.76–81), Co-Founder and Group Executive

Chairman of VCCP. Adrian shared insights into the rapidly evolving communications landscape, reflecting on VCCP's growth into a global agency of more than 1,600 people and the stories behind some of its most recognisable campaigns.

Supporting young OMs at the start of their careers remains an important part of the Society's work. Each year, the Malvernian Society offers a summer internship, providing valuable experience across all aspects of alumni relations and development. This year's intern, **Pia Flynn-Jones** (6.18–22), has embraced every opportunity, from helping with tours and events to database management, communications and copywriting, becoming an integral part of Society life.

It has also been heartening to see young OMs supporting current pupils as they consider university applications. During a recent visit to Oxford University, pupils met **Josi Jebens** (EH.17–22), now reading Biochemistry; **Alex Green** (1.19–24), studying History; and **Shuaichu Pan** (7.20–24), reading Philosophy, Politics and Economics. Their insight into university life and the admissions process provided pupils with an authentic and relatable perspective as they begin planning their own futures.



If you would like to return to the College to speak about your profession, offer careers guidance, or support pupils through work experience or placement opportunities, we would be delighted to hear from you at [malsoc@malverncollege.org.uk](mailto:malsoc@malverncollege.org.uk).

Tom Bragg (4.90–95), Ben Donaldson (2.09–14), James Glover (3.89–94), Pip Harding (6.84–89), Paul Kimpton (6.79–81), Charlotte Lamb (3.02–23), Callum Lea (5.13–18), Holly Reed (3.97–02), Philippa Roberts (EH.92–93), Cezar Rugasira (SH.11–16), Brett Welch (1.86–91), Adrian Coleman (2.76–81), Pia Flynn-Jones (6.18–22)

# International news

## Welcoming Riyadh and São Paulo to the Malvern College Family of Schools

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**M**alvern College continues to strengthen its international presence with the announcement of two new schools in Saudi Arabia and Brazil.

In Riyadh, Malvern College has entered a landmark partnership with Saudi education investment platform KEIP to establish Malvern College Riyadh, the College's first campus in Saudi Arabia. The new school will bring Malvern's distinctive approach to education - combining academic excellence with character development, leadership, sport, arts and culture - to pupils in Riyadh, with plans for further schools and nurseries across the region.

Malvern College has also announced its first venture in South America through a partnership with Bossa Nova Edulink LTDA. Malvern College São Paulo will become the first British heritage-branded school in South America. Located in the São Paulo metropolitan area, it will provide education for pupils aged three to 18, combining British educational principles with the International Baccalaureate.

These exciting developments mark another significant chapter in Malvern's global expansion, extending the College's educational philosophy to two dynamic international markets and welcoming new families into the worldwide Malvern community.



Malvern College Riyadh



São Paulo

## Malvern College Family of Schools gather in Vienna

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**L**eaders from across the Malvern College Family of Schools gathered in Vienna in March for the Annual Leadership Conference, bringing together partners, heads and senior staff from schools spanning four continents. The event reflected the growing strength of Malvern College, which now educates almost 5,000 pupils worldwide.

The conference welcomed representatives from all nine schools, including the newest Malvern schools in São Paulo and Riyadh, and incoming heads from Malvern College Hong Kong and Malvern College Tokyo Prep. Across two days, delegates explored strategic priorities including the Malvern Qualities, university and careers guidance, staff development through Malvern Pathways, and opportunities for greater collaboration between schools.

Delegates highlighted the value of sharing ideas, building connections and reinforcing a shared educational purpose, underlining the unique strength of the global Malvern community.



Malvern College Family of Schools gathering in Vienna

# Fond farewells

At the end of the academic year, Malvern College bid farewell to three much-valued members of staff whose combined service has left a lasting impact on generations of pupils.

After 33 years at the College, History teacher and former School House Housemaster Jamie Russell retired, bringing to a close a distinguished career defined by exceptional pastoral care, dedication and leadership. Joining Malvern in 1992, Jamie spent 15 years as Housemaster of School House, where he fostered a strong sense of community and guided countless boys through some of the most formative years of their lives. He also made significant contributions through the CCF, Duke of Edinburgh expeditions and College sport.

Also departing is Tom Tuthill, Housemaster of No.9. Since joining the College in 2019, Tom has been at the heart of house life, building strong relationships with pupils, parents and colleagues. Under his leadership, No.9 enjoyed notable successes, including its first House Singing Competition victory since 1986, while maintaining a warm and supportive house culture.

The College also said goodbye to John Nichols, who joined Malvern in 2008 following a distinguished military career with The Rifles. For nearly two decades he has been a much-loved mentor within the CCF, inspiring cadets through expeditions, shooting, adventure training and his legendary storytelling. His humour, warmth and dedication have made him a true Malvern character.

We thank Jamie, Tom and John for their inspiring service and wish them every happiness in the next chapter of their lives.

To read more, scan the QR codes:



Tom Tuthill



Jamie Russell



John Nichols



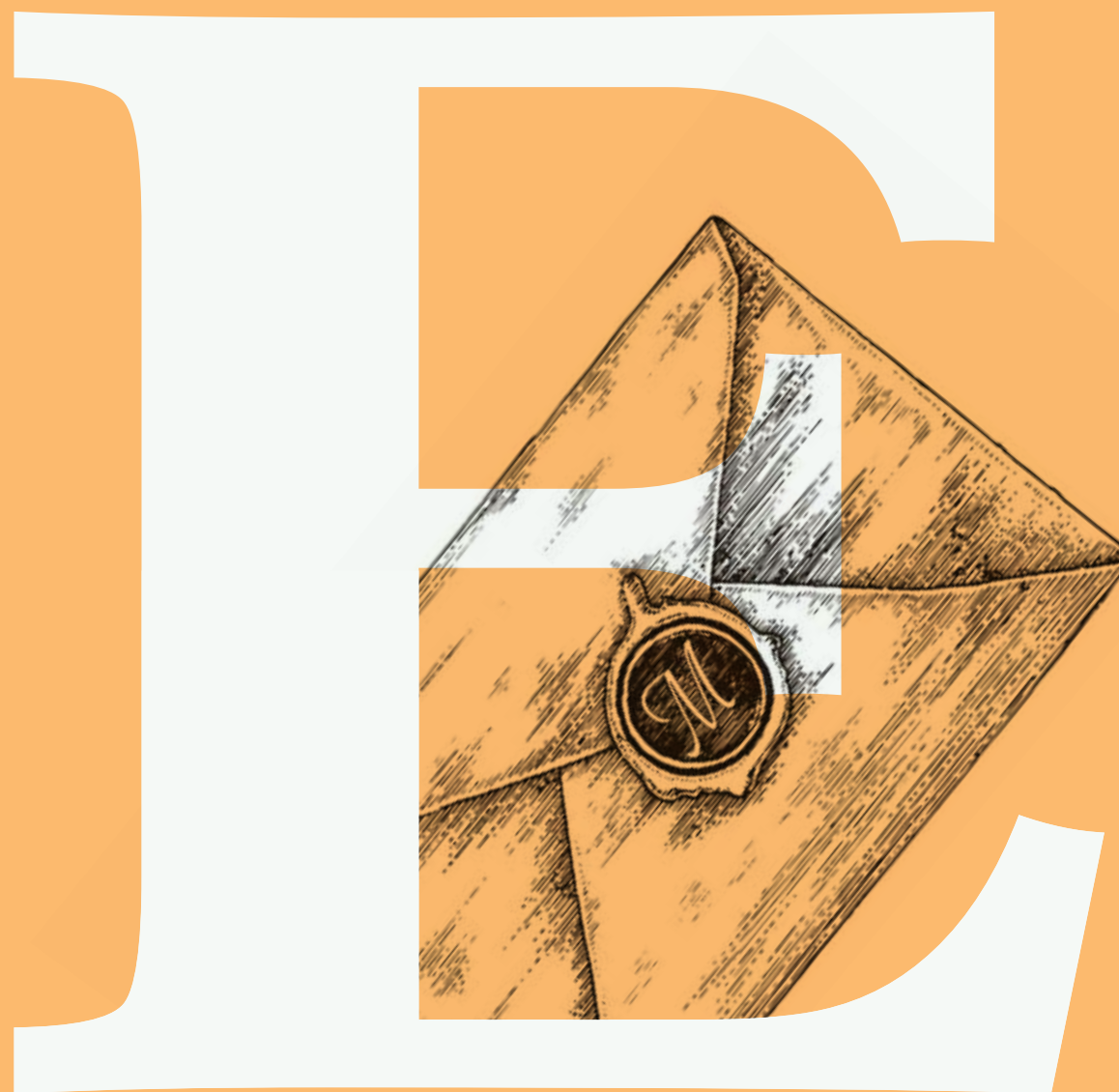
Jamie Russell



Tom Tuthill



John Nichols



CHAPTER FOUR

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# Events

# A connected community: the Malvernian Society year in events

The Malvernian community continues to go from strength to strength. Over the past year, hundreds of Old Malvernians, Eilerslie Old Girls and parents have joined us at events across the UK and around the world, reconnecting with old friends, making new connections and celebrating the lifelong bond that unites us all.

**O**ur programme has been more wide-ranging than ever. Alumni gatherings have taken place very locally here at Malvern College, and much further afield in Jersey, Nigeria, Hong Kong, Thailand and Singapore. Wherever we have travelled, we have been delighted by the warmth of the welcome and the enthusiasm with which OMs and EOGs continue to support one another and the College.

A particular highlight was our inaugural alumni gathering in Nigeria, where Headmaster Keith Metcalfe joined alumni, parents and guests in Lagos. The evening celebrated the significant contribution Nigerian pupils have made to Malvern over the past 50 years and helped strengthen connections within one of our most vibrant international communities.



No.3 Reunion



Alumni gathering in Nigeria



No.5 Reunion

**C**loser to home, House reunions continue to prove hugely popular. During the year we welcomed OMs and friends of both No.5 and No.3 back to College for memorable days of nostalgia. From tours of House and Chapel services, to shared lunches and conversations with current pupils, these reunions always perfectly capture the enduring spirit of House life at Malvern.



Malvern in Guildford



Malvern in Cheltenham

Supporting our younger alumni remains a key priority. Building on the success of the previous year, we hosted a series of 'Malvern at University' events for OMs studying in Oxford, London and Newcastle. These gatherings provided opportunities for students to reconnect with Malvern friends and learn more about the support available through the wider Malvernian community as they prepare for life beyond university.



Malvern in Newcastle



Malvern in Brighton



Malvern in Jersey



Malvern in London



Malvern in Malvern



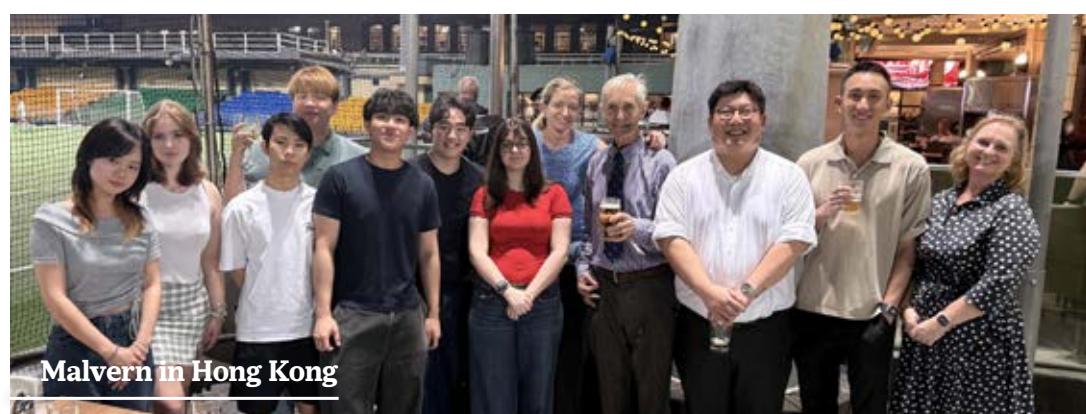
Malvern in Oxford



Malvern in Vienna



Malvern in Worcester



Malvern in Hong Kong



Malvern at University, London

Commemoration was once again a wonderful occasion. More than 60 members of the Class of 2016 returned for their 10-year reunion, while OMs and EOGs of all generations joined pupils, staff, parents and friends for the Act of Commemoration, lunch and the ever-popular alumni versus pupil sports fixtures. The weekend served as a powerful reminder that while much changes over the years, the friendships formed at Malvern remain remarkably strong.

We were also delighted to welcome alumni back to College for a number of cherished annual traditions, including the Remembrance Service, Carol Service and the Blumenau Lecture. This year's lecture, delivered by Professor Zheng from The University of Manchester, attracted more than 130 attendees and generated lively discussion long after the formal proceedings had ended.

The summer term concluded with a particularly special reunion which saw us welcome more than 60 OMs and EOGs who attended the College during the 1960s back for a memorable 60-Year Reunion. The event (held in the middle of the June heatwave!) was a wonderful celebration of the friendships and shared experiences that have continue long after their school days ended.

Wherever we have been, and whatever the occasion, we have been reminded of the extraordinary strength of the Malvernian network. Thank you to everyone who has attended, hosted or supported an event during the year. We look forward to seeing many more of you in the months ahead.



10 Year Reunion



Blumenau Lecture



Carol Service



Commemoration



Remembrance Service



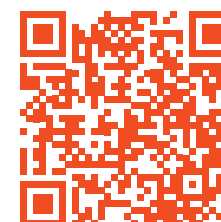
Summer Jam



60 Year Reunion

## Further information

To read more and view photographs from our events, scan the QR code or follow the Malvernian Society on Facebook and Instagram (@malverniansociety). If you have organised your own reunion, please do let us know at [malsoc@malverncollege.org.uk](mailto:malsoc@malverncollege.org.uk) as we would be delighted to feature it.





CHAPTER FIVE

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# Ellerslie School

# Reunions and updates

One of the great joys of our alumni community is seeing friendships flourish, connections remain and achievements celebrated long after school. Over the past year, we have been delighted to hear stories of reunions both in Malvern and further afield, as former Ellerslie School classmates have come together to reminisce, reconnect and celebrate shared memories. We have also received updates from Old Girls who are embarking on new adventures, pursuing successful careers and continuing to make their mark around the world. Here is a selection of news from the Ellerslie community over the past year.

**L**ast summer it was a pleasure to welcome back a wonderful group of Ellerslie Old Girls as part of their reunion in Malvern. The day began with a lunch at Audsley Ellerslie, which is the retirement village built on the site of the former Ellerslie School. The group then headed to Malvern College where they enjoyed a guided tour, culminating with refreshments in the dining room of Ellerslie House girls boarding house. There, surrounded by old photo albums and cherished memories, this group shared stories, laughter and plenty of cake!

Thank you to everyone who was able to join us on the day, with special thanks to **Christine Weidgang** (née Bennett, EOG.71–78) for organising such a memorable gathering.

Christine Weidgang (née Bennett, EOG.71–78)



Pictured left to right: Shan Shirlaw (née Parry), Angie Merriman (née Davies), Teresa Pritchard (née Meredith), Helen Greehy (née Powell), Penny Lederer (née Wood), Christina (Brooks), Claire Dickinson (née Weaver), Wendy Bartlett (née Hargreaves), Susie Scholes (née Cheshire)

We were also delighted to receive this photograph of a lunch with nine Ellerslie Old Girls, which we understand was a truly joyful meal filled with laughter, memories and reconnection – some of the party hadn't seen each other in half a century!

If you have recently met up with your Ellerslie School friends, do get in touch to let us know as we would love to hear about your reunions and see your photos. Simply email us at: [malsoc@malverncollege.org.uk](mailto:malsoc@malverncollege.org.uk).

We are hoping to hold an Ellerslie Old Girls Reunion next year – details to follow as soon as they are available!

### An exciting new chapter

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**B**estselling author and Ellerslie Old Girl **Cally Taylor** (EOG.84-91) has been hard at work on her highly anticipated next novel, *Notes on an Obsession*, due for publication in February 2027. The book marks a new chapter in her career following a move from Avon HarperCollins to Headline Hachette, giving her the opportunity to explore a fresh creative direction while remaining true to the psychological thriller genre for which she is renowned.

Cally (who writes as C. L. Taylor) leaves Avon with an impressive record, including nine Sunday Times bestsellers, three Richard and Judy Book Club selections, a Capital Crime Award for *Sleep*, and more than two million books sold worldwide.

Set against the backdrop of an Oxford college, *Notes on an Obsession* weaves together two timelines, combining first love, tragedy and mystery. Inspired in part by an idea she first had while studying psychology three decades ago, Cally describes it as both the most emotional and one of the most ambitious books she has written. *Notes on an Obsession* is now available to preorder.

### From the NHS to Newquay

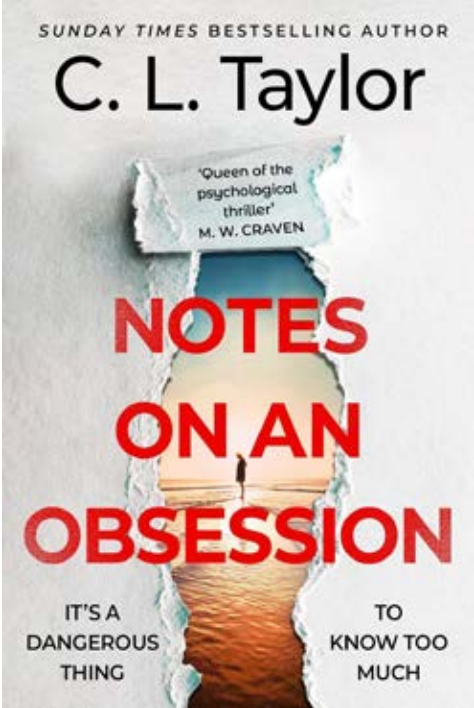
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**S**ince taking early retirement from the NHS in 2023, **Sarah-Jane Hamilton** (née Platt, EOG.79-85) has embraced a completely different pace of life. Together with her husband and two cats, she packed up a truck and relocated to Newquay, Cornwall, where life by the sea has brought a welcome sense of peace after a busy healthcare career.

While officially retired, Sarah-Jane still enjoys the occasional shift as a bank MRI radiographer at Treliske Hospital when extra support is needed. The move has allowed her to fully embrace the Cornish coastal lifestyle, sharing her new home with a steady stream of visiting friends and family eager to enjoy a seaside escape.

Although surfing mastery remains a work in progress, she is happily settling for bodyboarding. She enjoys both the excitement of the bustling summer season, including the annual Boardmasters festival, and the tranquillity of winter, when Newquay returns to being a sleepy coastal town.

As she looks ahead to next year, Sarah-Jane reflects fondly on her Ellerslie days: “I can't believe that I will be turning 60 in January - how did that happen? It only seems like last year when we were backcombing our hair, crushing over Simon Le Bon (still do!) and fighting for a good spot in the Common Room to watch *Top of the Pops*. Happy memories.”



### Flying the Welsh flag around the world

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**N**ell Williams (née Pritchard-Gordon, EOG.81-85) has enjoyed reconnecting with fellow Ellerslie Old Girls on her travels across the globe. A couple of years ago she caught up with **Anna Mari Antona Davies** (EOG.84-88) in Singapore while en route to visit her eldest child, who has since moved to Australia. Last year, Nell stayed with Anna Mari in Kuala Lumpur, where she also enjoyed a whirlwind catch up evening with fellow Old Girl **Jacqueline Wong** before continuing her journey to Perth.

Alongside her travels, Nell continues to champion her Welsh roots at every opportunity. She remains active as a writer and can often be heard contributing on the radio, proudly flying the Welsh flag wherever her adventures take her.

Sarah-Jane Hamilton (née Platt, EOG.79-85),  
Nell Williams (née Pritchard-Gordon, EOG.81-85),  
Cally Taylor (EOG.84-91)

# From the archives

## Who remembers this visit by Margaret Thatcher to Ellerslie School?

In 1970, Margaret Thatcher visited Ellerslie School in her role as Secretary of State for Education and Science, following a speech at the Winter Gardens (now Malvern Theatres). This photograph captures her in the School House Common Room speaking with pupils during her visit.

Were you there that day, or do you have any memories of the occasion? We would be delighted to hear your recollections and see any photographs you may have from this notable moment in Ellerslie's history.



Mrs. Thatcher with some of the VIth

## Under Milk Wood 1966

For many, 1966 was the year England won the World Cup. For Malvernians, however, one of the highlights was a memorable production of Dylan Thomas's *Under Milk Wood*, performed by pupils from both Ellerslie School and Malvern College.

Thomas's celebrated 'play for voices' paints a vivid picture of a day in the life of the fictional Welsh village of Llareggub, weaving together the dreams, memories, humour and humanity of its colourful inhabitants. Bringing such a complex and much-loved work to the stage was an ambitious undertaking, but one that was warmly received by audiences and critics alike.

An extensive review in the March 1967 edition of *The Malvernian* praised the cast's performances, noting: "The girls also acted well, especially **Susan Roberts** as Polly Garter, **Elizabeth Williams** as Mrs Pugh and Anne Alpass as Gossamer Beynon. Mrs Polgreen captured the mood of the gypsy woman, Mrs Dai Bread Two and Mrs Knott provided an amusing Mrs Ogmore-Pritchard who would "beeswax the lawn to make the birds slip." The reviewer also singled out other memorable character portrayals, capturing the wit and charm of Thomas's richly drawn characters.

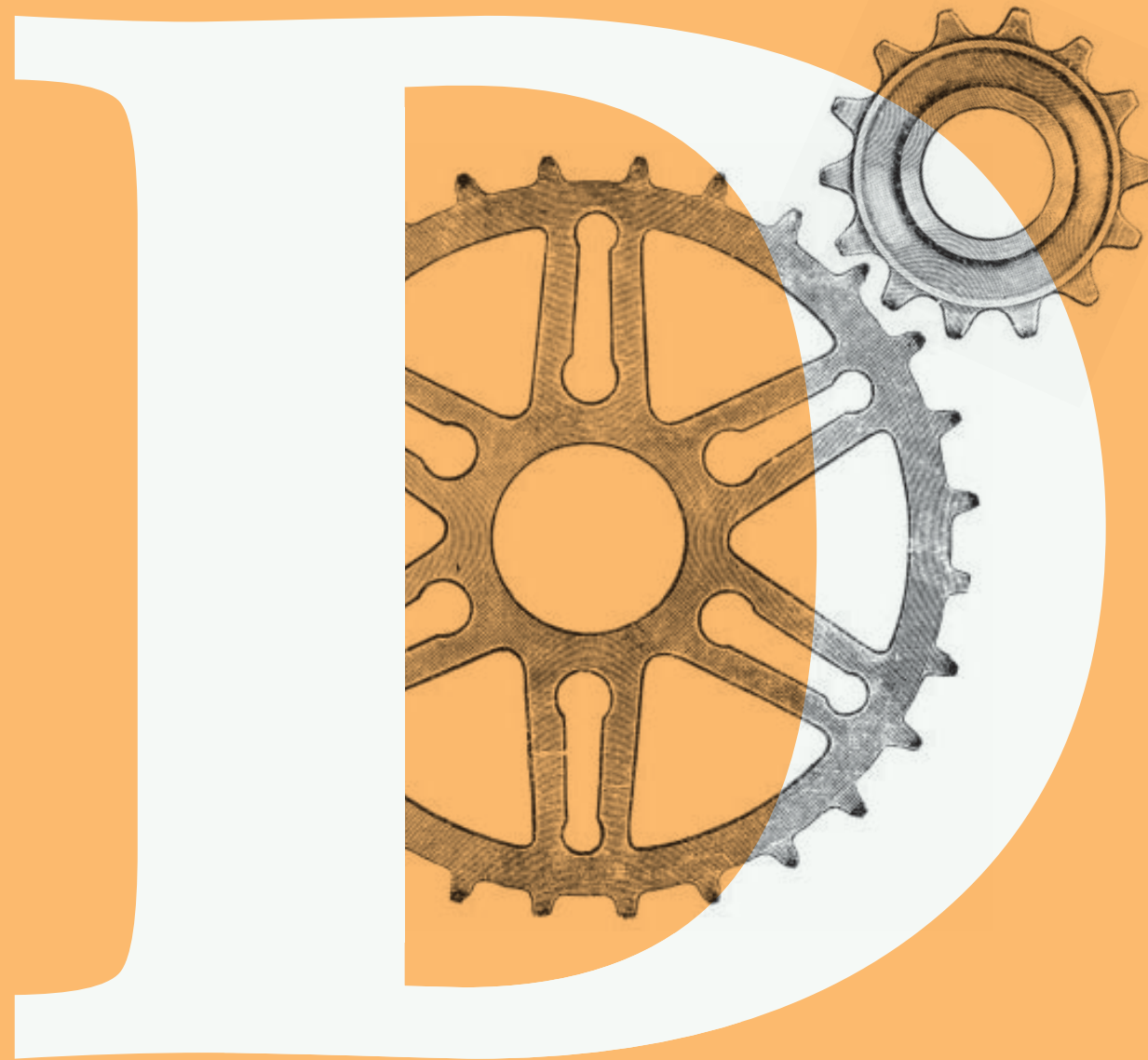
The production was staged at the Festival Theatre (now Malvern Theatres), as *Under Milk Wood's* large cast made it impractical to perform in the College Gymnasium, now The Rogers Theatre. The reviewer described it as "the best school play for many years" and concluded: "Let us hope for many more such ambitious projects."

The success of the production reflected the close ties between Ellerslie and Malvern College at the time. Joint dramatic productions were a regular feature of school life, while Sixth Form pupils frequently came together for lessons, particularly in subjects such as science. Looking back nearly 60 years later, *Under Milk Wood* remains a wonderful example of the collaboration and shared experiences that connected the two schools long before their merger.

Cast list for *Under Milk Wood* 1966:

| Character    | Actor/Actress      |
|--------------|--------------------|
| Narrator     | Andrew Lewcock     |
| Captain Cat  | Edmund Doherty     |
| 1st Downend  | Stanton Liddiard   |
| 2nd Downend  | Ralph Andrews      |
| 3rd Downend  | Anne Power         |
| 4th Downend  | Hugh Skillingham   |
| 5th Downend  | Hugh Roberts       |
| 6th Downend  | Robert Barnes      |
| 7th Downend  | Jane Scousell      |
| 8th Downend  | James Haddy        |
| 9th Downend  | Jeremy Preece      |
| 10th Downend | John de la Caze    |
| 11th Downend | Joanna Jack        |
| 12th Downend | Diane Telford      |
| 13th Downend | Jane Keck          |
| 14th Downend | Judy Bell          |
| 15th Downend | Clare Meyson       |
| 16th Downend | Helen Lightfoot    |
| 17th Downend | Patrick Field      |
| 18th Downend | Amrita Harland     |
| 19th Downend | Jane Birchall      |
| 20th Downend | Timothy Myers      |
| 21st Downend | Julia Koon         |
| 22nd Downend | Robert Mather      |
| 23rd Downend | Susan Forbes       |
| 24th Downend | Anne Alpass        |
| 25th Downend | Philip Allen       |
| 26th Downend | Jackie Goodbody    |
| 27th Downend | Anthony Hamer      |
| 28th Downend | Carole Stallard    |
| 29th Downend | Robert Nibbet      |
| 30th Downend | Anna Penn          |
| 31st Downend | Robert Barnes      |
| 32nd Downend | William Banks      |
| 33rd Downend | Elizabeth Holbeare |
| 34th Downend | Diana Osborne      |





CHAPTER SIX

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# Development

# The difference you make

A thriving school is built not only on its history and traditions, but on the people who choose to invest in its future. Year after year, the Malvern community demonstrates the extraordinary impact that collective support can have on the lives of young people.

Value of gifts received

£849,182

Value of gifts from legacies

£71,073

Gift Aid

£15,802

Total

£936,056

Age of youngest donor:

29

Age of oldest donor:

96

\*unaudited accounts

\*\*financial year ending 31st July 2026

We extend our heartfelt thanks to every Old Malvernian, Ellerslie Old Girl, parent, staff and friend who has supported Malvern College this year. Your generosity has taken many forms: making monetary donations, sharing expertise, opening professional networks, offering guidance and encouragement, and giving your time to support our pupils and wider community.

These contributions help ensure that Malvern College remains a place where young people can flourish, discover their potential and develop the skills needed to navigate an increasingly complex world. The value of this support cannot be overstated. It enriches the pupil experience, strengthens our community and helps us deliver on our ambitions for the future.

There are countless ways to make a difference. We understand not everyone is in a position to give financially, but everyone has something valuable to offer. A conversation, a mentoring opportunity, an introduction, or participation in Malvernian Society events, all can have a lasting impact on a young person's journey.

This support is invaluable. It helps enrich pupils' educational experience, broadens horizons and equips young people with the confidence, skills and perspective needed to thrive in an increasingly interconnected world.

If you are considering making a charitable gift, we encourage you to do so. Every donation, regardless of size, helps us invest in initiatives that will shape the future of Malvern College and support the next generation of Malvernians.

Thank you for your ongoing support and for the many ways you help our community flourish.

## Further information

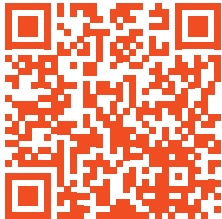
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# Fostering a lifelong love of music

The opening of Malvern College's newly redeveloped Music School this academic year marks an exciting new chapter for music at the College. The transformation has created an inspiring, modern and highly versatile environment designed to support musicians at every stage of their journey.

Carefully designed with acoustic excellence in mind, the Music School now offers specialist teaching and rehearsal spaces, individual and group practice rooms, and two performance venues – the Tia Tanna Room and St Edmund's Hall - for concerts, ensembles and recitals. A state-of-the-art digital recording studio will further enhance the facilities in the near future.

As a proud All-Steinway School, Malvern College already provides an exceptional musical environment, with 30 Steinway pianos across the campus, including eight grand pianos and a world-class Steinway Model D concert grand. The new Music School builds on this strong foundation, providing facilities that match the talent, ambition and creativity of our pupils.

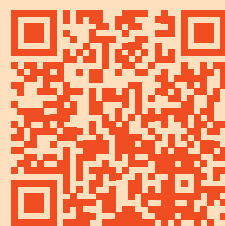
Whether a pupil is discovering the joy of music for the first time, pursuing music alongside other interests, or preparing for conservatoire study, the new Music School offers an environment where talent can flourish and passion can grow.

This transformational project was made possible through the generosity and support of the Malvernian community. We are deeply grateful to everyone who helped bring this vision to life, creating a lasting legacy that will inspire generations of musicians to come.

## Further information

If you would like to get involved in supporting capital projects at the College, please scan the QR code or contact:

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# Leaving a legacy. Shaping futures.

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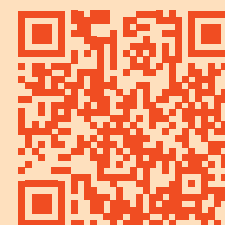
**B**y leaving a gift, of any size, you are helping future generations of Malvernians to thrive, as well as honouring your connection with the College. Your support helps to fund life-changing bursaries, as well as preserving our heritage buildings.

If you have already made this special commitment, we would be delighted to hear from you. It allows us to thank you properly, keep you connected with the College, and welcome you into our 1895 Association.

If you are considering a gift, we would be pleased to show you how simple it can be - and how your legacy can honour your time at Malvern while inspiring generations to come.

## Further information

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CHAPTER SEVEN

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# Role Models

From innovators and entrepreneurs to leaders, creatives and pioneers, Malvernians continue to make a positive impact around the world. Since 1865, Malvern College has encouraged pupils to think independently, embrace opportunities and pursue their ambitions with confidence.

**O**ur Role Model series celebrates the diverse paths taken by members of our alumni community and the achievements that have followed. Here, we highlight just a few of the inspiring Malvernians we have featured over the past year.

Have a story of your own to share? We'd be delighted to hear from you.

### Further information

To explore these profiles and discover many more, scan the QR code or visit [www.malverniansociety.org.uk/om-role-models/](http://www.malverniansociety.org.uk/om-role-models/).

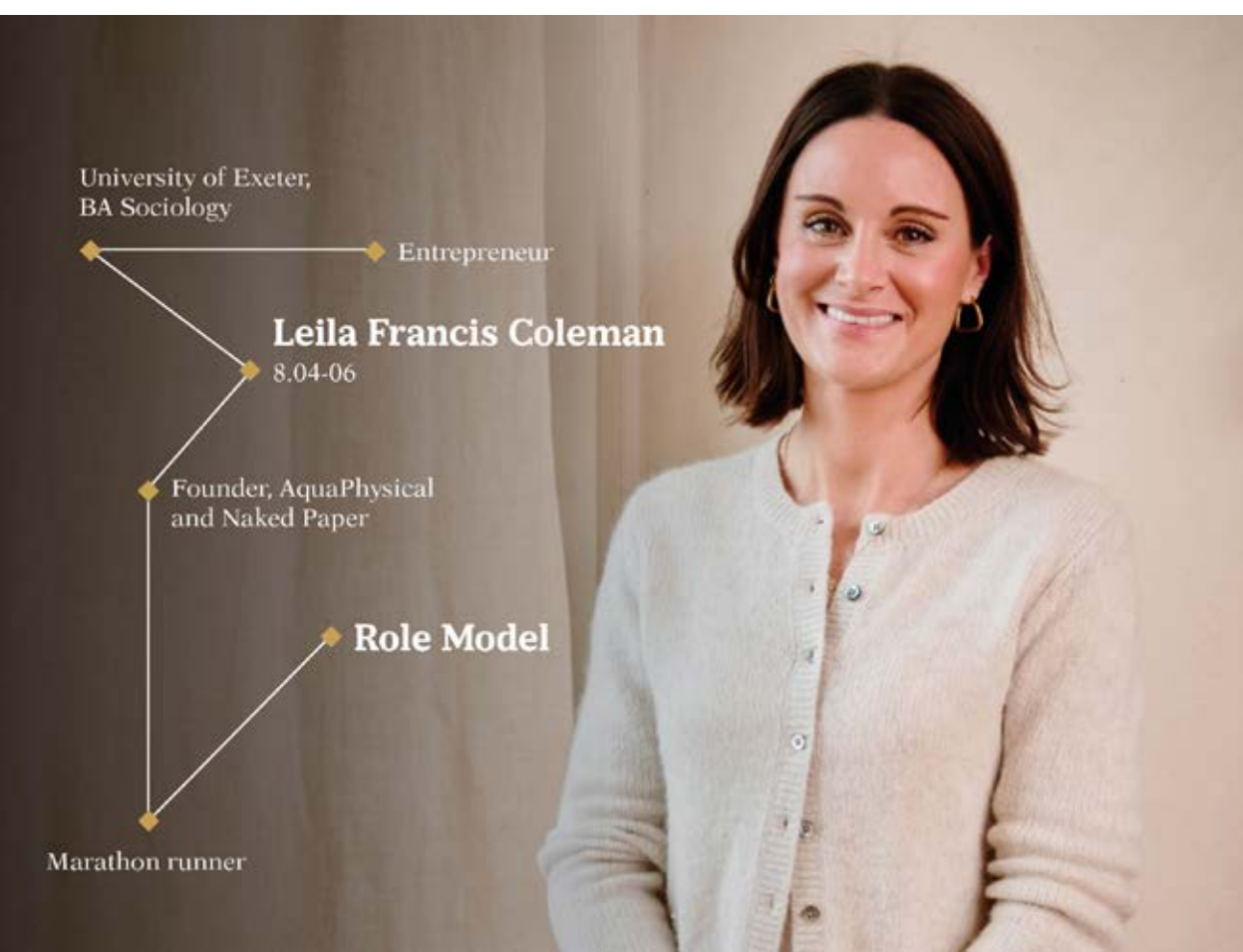


## Muktar Shagaya (2.03-08)

After leaving Malvern, Muktar studied International Development at the University of Plymouth and armed with a global perspective, returned to Nigeria with a mission: to address one of the country's most pressing challenges - energy access. He co-founded Let There Be Light, a renewable energy enterprise delivering affordable solar home systems to rural communities. Muktar's dedication to innovation and community empowerment led him into public service, culminating in his election to Nigeria's House of Representatives in 2023 - making him one of its youngest ever members.

Now Deputy Chairman of the House Committee on Basic Education Services, Muktar champions reforms to strengthen Nigeria's education system and increase government investment in young learners.

Reflecting on his formative years at Malvern, he credits the College with instilling lasting values of discipline, curiosity, and service, all qualities he continues to draw upon in public life. "If you've had the privilege of an education like Malvern's," he says, "you have an obligation to give back."



## Leila Francis Coleman (8.04-06)

Malvernians are known for their risk-taking, integrity and ambition to forge their own paths, and Leila exemplifies all three.

After Malvern College and a Sociology degree at University of Exeter, Leila spent four years in management consultancy before launching AquaPhysical at just 25, bringing floating fitness to pools worldwide. AquaPhysical is now used in health clubs and hotels across 60 countries.

In 2019, motivated by a desire to create everyday products with a positive she co-founded Naked Paper, now one of the UK's leading sustainable tissue brands and winner of the 2025 King's Award for Enterprise in Sustainable Development. Naked Paper now supplies over 200,000 households and has sold more than 25 million loo rolls to date.

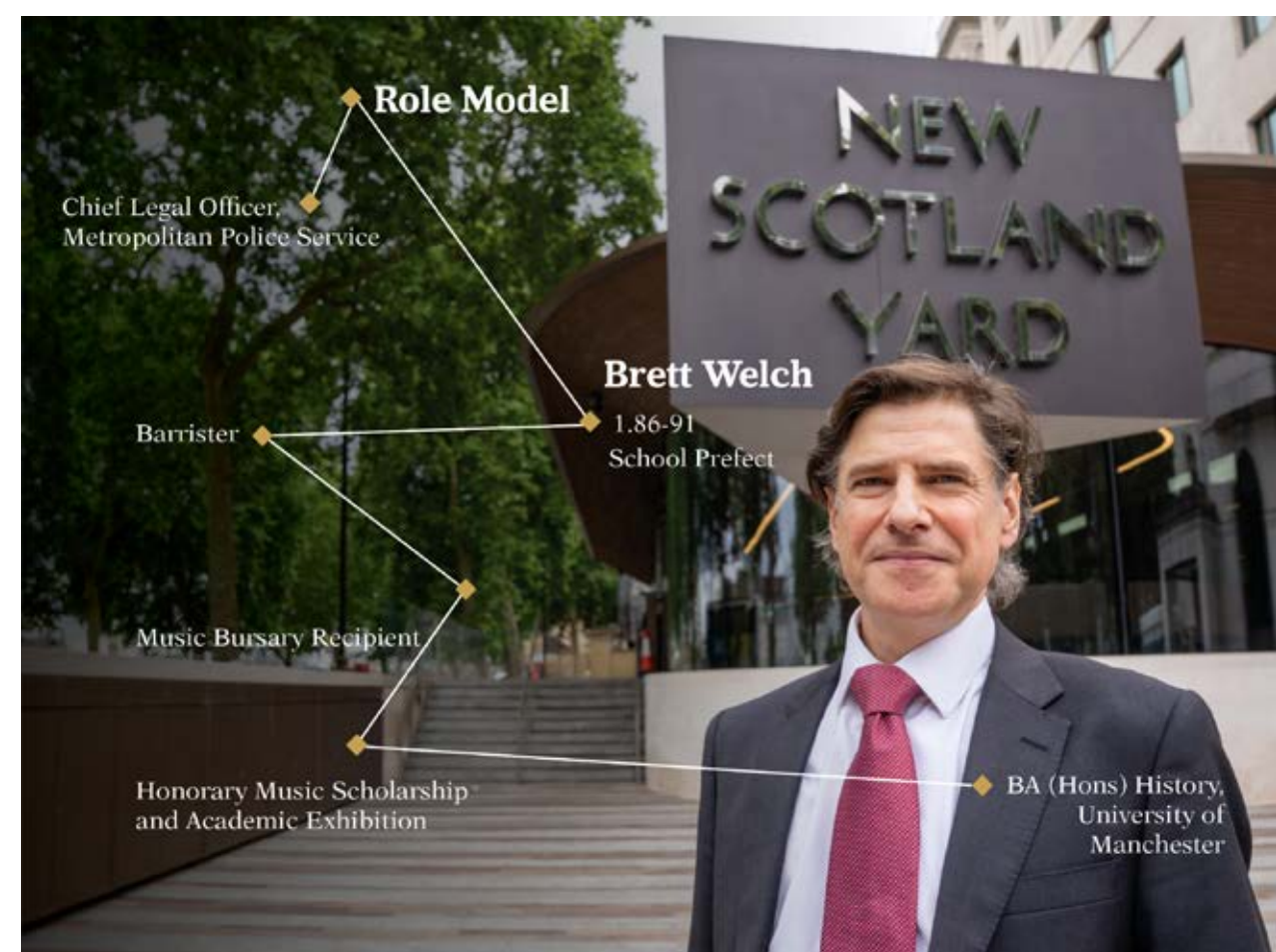
Leila credits Malvern with giving her the confidence to pursue bold ideas; her journey is a powerful example of how a Malvern education can inspire entrepreneurial spirit, resilience and a determination to make a meaningful difference.

## Brett Welch (1.86-91)

Brett has enjoyed a distinguished legal career spanning advocacy, public service and senior leadership. After studying History at the University of Manchester and qualifying as a barrister, he began practice at the Bar in 1996, gaining broad courtroom experience across criminal, immigration and civil law.

In 2000, Brett joined the Civil Service, embarking on a 24-year career in a series of high-profile legal roles. His work ranged from tackling VAT fraud, money laundering and organised crime with HM Customs and Excise, to helping establish the Assets Recovery Agency. He later held senior positions in the Department for Education, HM Treasury and the Department for Transport, advising on major national issues including financial regulation, Brexit and the Covid-19 response.

Today, Brett is Chief Legal Officer at the Metropolitan Police Service, advising senior leadership and leading a team of 180. He credits Malvern College with giving him the confidence to embrace opportunities, developing the discipline, curiosity and resilience that have underpinned a career dedicated to public service and positive societal impact.





## Alistair Coomer (1.89-94)

Alastair is Director of Casting at the National Theatre, where he helps shape the artistic vision of one of the world's leading cultural institutions. Working closely with actors, directors and writers, he oversees casting across a diverse programme of productions, ensuring work on stage reflects both excellence and the diversity of modern Britain.

Alastair's passion for theatre began at Malvern College, where he spent countless hours in the Rogers Theatre and was inspired by trips to see Royal Shakespeare Company productions. After studying English at the University of Exeter and directing student productions, he trained at LAMDA, where he discovered casting as the ideal blend of creativity, performance and talent-spotting.

He began his career at Sylvia Young's acting agency before joining the National Theatre in 2003. After progressing through the casting department and spending six years as Casting Director at the Donmar Warehouse, he returned to lead the National Theatre's casting team. He credits Malvern with giving him the confidence and opportunities to pursue a successful career in the arts.

## James Strawbridge (1.97-02)

James has built a diverse career that brings together his passions for food, sustainability, photography and storytelling. Based on the South Cornish coast, he works as a chef, food photographer, author and content creator, collaborating with leading food and drink brands while championing seasonal cooking and sustainable living.

After studying History at the University of York, James began his television career on the BBC series *It's Not Easy Being Green*, which followed his family's move to Cornwall and their efforts to live more sustainably. He went on to present programmes including *The Reinventors*, *Saturday Farm* and *The Hungry Sailors*.

Alongside television, James has authored 12 cookery and lifestyle books, co-founded the award-winning Posh Pasty Company, and developed products for retailers including Waitrose, Ocado and M&S. More recently, he has expanded into food photography, shooting both his own publications and commercial campaigns.

An Art Scholar at Malvern, James credits the College with fostering the curiosity, confidence and adaptability that have enabled him to pursue a varied and rewarding career.





CHAPTER EIGHT

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# The OM Club

# Court Games Club

The Old Malvernian Court Games Club has enjoyed a busy and successful year, with members representing Malvern across a wide range of racket sports while continuing to celebrate the friendships and traditions that lie at the heart of the club.

In rackets, **Ben Bomford** (7.92-97) and **Will Annetts** (9.12-17) enjoyed an excellent run to the final of the prestigious Noel Bruce Cup, following a thrilling semi-final victory over fellow OMs **Ryan Tully** (2.95-00) and **Tom Bomford** (7.94-99). Their appearance in the final was another notable achievement for Malvern in one of the game's most demanding disciplines.

Members also gathered at Moreton Morrell for a special game of Real Tennis held in memory of Ron Hughes, Bernard Weatherill and Keyvan Farmanfarmai. This annual event combined competitive play with a warm celebration of three much-loved figures whose contributions to the game and the Malvernian community continue to be fondly remembered.

Club members also ventured onto the padel court, with **John Threshie** (SH.78-83) and **Mark Farrer-Brown** (SH.80-84) representing Malvern in the Jarvis Cup Old Boys' Over-50s Tournament. Competing against alumni teams from leading independent schools, the pair recorded an impressive victory over St Edward's and contributed to the growing success of this exciting competition.

Perhaps most impressively, OMs continued to excel at the highest levels of the sport. Across domestic and international competitions, OMs secured tournament victories, reached major finals and won national titles. Five OMs represented Great Britain at the World Masters in Australia, achieving world titles, team successes and numerous finals appearances. Thank you to **Tom Bomford** (7.94-99), **Simon Constantine** (3.72-76), **Mike Henman** (5.82-87), **Mark Nicholls** (9.70-74), **Philip Shaw-Hamilton** (3.65-70), **Nigel Draffan** (1.64-69), **Jonathan Fisher** (1.67-71) and **Simon Shenkman** (6.77-82).

The year once again demonstrated the remarkable depth of talent within the Court Games Club and the enthusiasm of OMs to represent Malvern with distinction across a variety of sports.

## Further information

Members of all ages are warmly invited to join. If you are interested in finding out more about the OM Court Games Club, please see page 60 or scan the QR code.



**Ben Bomford** (7.92-97), **Will Annetts** (9.12-17), **Ryan Tully** (2.95-00), **Tom Bomford** (7.94-99), **John Threshie** (SH.78-83), **Mark Farrer-Brown** (SH.80-84), **Tom Bomford** (7.94-99), **Simon Constantine** (3.72-76), **Mike Henman** (5.82-87), **Mark Nicholls** (9.70-74), **Philip Shaw-Hamilton** (3.65-70), **Nigel Draffan** (1.64-69), **Jonathan Fisher** (1.67-71), **Simon Shenkman** (6.77-82)



Noel Bruce



Mark Nicholls, Philip Shaw-Hamilton, Nigel Draffan, Jonathan Fisher, Simon Shenkman at the Australian Club Melbourne



Philip Shaw-Hamilton, Simon Constantine, John (Fred) Elford, Jim Foxall



Tom Bomford (left) v Paddy Sutton



Cricketer Cup final 2026



Cricketer Cup final 2026

# Cricket Club

The 2026 season will be remembered as a hugely successful one for the OM Cricket Club, culminating in a place in the final of the prestigious Beechbrook Capital Cricketer Cup for the 17th time in the Club's history.

Led by captain **Josh Haynes** (5.12-17), the OMs produced an outstanding cup run, recording impressive victories over Rugby, Harrow, Bradfield and Wellington to reach Finals Day at the magnificent Arundel Castle Cricket Ground. Along the way, the team demonstrated the talent, resilience and competitive spirit that have made the Club one of the most respected sides in the competition.

The final against Clifton College proved a thrilling encounter, with the match tied after 50 overs before being decided by a dramatic super over. Although the trophy ultimately went Clifton's way, the OMs could take enormous pride in their performance throughout the tournament and their contribution to one of the most memorable finals in recent years.

The Club is also grateful for the tremendous support received from OMs, parents, patrons and supporters across the country, whose encouragement and commitment continue to play a vital role in the Club's success. With a strong squad and plenty of emerging talent, the future remains bright for OM cricket.

## Further information

Members of all ages are warmly invited to join. If you are interested in finding out more about the OM Cricket Club, please see page 60 or scan the QR code.



Josh Haynes (5.12-17)

# OM Gryphons

The OM Gryphons enjoyed a second successful season, continuing to establish themselves as an important and thriving part of the OM Cricket Club. A strong fixture list included excellent, well played matches against Chipping Campden, Denstone College (who went on to win the Cricketer Cup Trophy in straight victories), Madresfield, East Garston (kindly hosted by the Tulloch family), Old Vigornians plus their annual Bank Holiday match at the College, providing plenty of opportunities for players to represent the Club and enjoy cricket in great spirit.

A major milestone came in June when the Gryphons made their debut in The Cricketer Trophy, becoming the only Old Boys' 2nd XI side to compete in the competition. Facing Denstone College, the Gryphons recovered brilliantly from a difficult start, thanks to an outstanding unbeaten 152 from **Sam Clements** (SH.20-25), one of the finest innings in the team's history, helping the side post a competitive 229-6.

With the ball, **Toby Newman** (2.19-24) struck early to leave Denstone 25-3, before their experienced middle order fought back to secure victory. Although the result did not go the Gryphons' way, the performance demonstrated the quality, depth and potential within the squad.

The season also highlighted the fantastic support the team enjoys from OMs and spectators, with **Nigel Bradford** (1.73-78) earning particular praise for travelling to every match to cheer the side on. With growing momentum and competitive fixtures, we are looking forward to the team's third season.

## Further information

Members of all ages are warmly invited to join. If you are interested in finding out more about the OM Gryphons, please see page 60 or scan the QR code.



Sam Clements (SH.20-25), Toby Newman (2.19-24), Nigel Bradford (1.73-78)



Gryphons vs Chipping Campden CC



Gryphons vs Denstone College

# Fly Fishing Club

The OM Fly Fishing Club enjoyed another varied and successful year, with members casting their lines on rivers and lakes across England.

In September 2025, **Robert Leachman** (7.66-71), **Bill Bowler** (2.75-80) and **Nigel Milroy** (1.66-70) returned to the River Derwent between Matlock and Bakewell. Following several days of heavy rain, the river initially ran high and coloured, but conditions soon improved, rewarding perseverance with both trout and grayling caught around the historic Baden-Powell fishing hut.

In May, club members joined College pupils for a day at Kingfisher Lake near Bromyard. **Chris Price** (7.73-78), **Tony Butler** (5.66-71), **Robert Leachman** and **Oli Hutton** (9.21-25) were among those attending and it was a brilliant opportunity to pass on knowledge and skills to the next generation of anglers.

**Nigel Draffan** (4.64-69) made the journey from Sussex to fish the River Wylfe at Stapleford, and a new destination for the Club this year was Devon, where Robert Leachman and Bill Bowler explored the River Taw. Brown trout were caught on several of the river's beats before the pair moved on to Lynmouth to fish the East Lyn. Its steep-sided valley, fast-flowing waters and spectacular scenery provided both a challenge and an unforgettable experience. Joining them was host **Sam Glover** (5.90-92), who quickly developed a keen interest in fly fishing under Bill's guidance.

## Further information

Members of all ages are warmly invited to join. If you are interested in finding out more about the OM Fly Fishing Club, please see page 60 or scan the QR code.



Robert Leachman (7.66-71), Bill Bowler (2.75-80), Nigel Milroy (1.66-70), Chris Price (7.73-78), Tony Butler (5.66-71) and Oli Hutton (9.21-25), Nigel Draffan (4.64-69), Sam Glover (5.90-92)



With pupils at Kingfisher Lake



At the historic Baden-Powell fishing hut

# Football Club

The OM Football Club enjoyed another encouraging season on and off the pitch, with strong performances in cup competitions and continued growth in playing numbers.

The season began in October with a challenging first-round tie in the prestigious Arthur Dunn Cup against a strong Old Tonbridgians side. Despite a determined defensive display and plenty of effort throughout, the OM's were ultimately beaten by worthy opposition.

Attention then turned to the David Woolcott Trophy, where the team produced some excellent football. A thrilling 4-2 victory over Old Wellingtonians saw goals from **Kume Feese** (7.08-10) and **Ollie Tulloch** (7.17-22), both scoring twice, as the OM's combined attacking flair with resolute defending to secure their place in the next round.

In round two, a youthful side captained for the first time by **Billy Tulloch** (7.16-21) travelled to face Old Kingstonians. After an impressive and disciplined performance, a late winner from debutant **Josh Dickenson** (9.16-21) secured a hard-fought victory and a place in the quarter-finals. The defensive unit was particularly impressive, with **Charlie Williams** (5.16-21) standing out at the heart of the back line.

Off the field, the Club continues to go from strength to strength, welcoming a number of new players and building excellent momentum for the future. We are delighted that the OMFC have re-joined the Arthurian League and are very much looking forward to following their return with great anticipation and enthusiasm. It is wonderful to see the club back in the League and we wish everyone involved every success for the season ahead.

## Further information

Members of all ages are warmly invited to join. If you are interested in finding out more about the OM Football Club, please see page 60 or scan the QR code.



Kume Feese (7.08-10), Ollie Tulloch (7.17-22), Billy Tulloch (7.16-21), Josh Dickenson (9.16-21), Charlie Williams (5.16-21)



# Hare & Hounds Club

We are looking for an enthusiastic OM to lead the alumni running club. As well as being a great way to catch up with like-minded OM's, we love to enter a team into the Annual Alumni Cross Country Race on Wimbledon Common. Please get in touch with Abbie Elliston, Senior Officer, Events and OM Club: [malsoc@malverncollege.org.uk](mailto:malsoc@malverncollege.org.uk).



# Golfing Society

Now in its 104th year, the OM Golfing Society remains one of the largest and most active old pupils' golfing societies in the country, with more than 300 members and over 30 fixtures each year at renowned courses including Sunningdale, Royal Cinque Ports, Formby, St George's Hill and Royal Porthcawl.

The 2026 season began with a victory over Royal Cinque Ports before the Society returned there for the Halford Hewitt, the world's largest amateur foursomes tournament. Despite a strong team featuring new members **Alex Taylor** (5.11-15) and **Charlie Hickman** (5.13-18), the OMs were narrowly defeated by the Salopians.

Other highlights included a successful Spring Dinner at St George's Hill, the annual match against College golfers at Sunningdale, and popular fixtures at Fulwell and Blackwell.

A particular success was reaching the final of the Bernard Darwin Trophy after victories over Radley, Clifton and Repton, before eventually losing to Eton at Woking.

The season concluded with the historic Formby meeting, matches against other schools, and the Autumn Meeting at Deal. New members of all abilities are always welcome, particularly women golfers; under-30s are heavily subsidised and golf club membership is not required.

The Society has also committed significant support towards a new Golf Simulator at the College to further enhance golf facilities for pupils and the wider Malvern community.

## Further information

Members of all ages are warmly invited to join. If you are interested in finding out more about the OM Golfing Society, please see page 60 or scan the QR code.



Alex Taylor (5.11-15), Charlie Hickman (5.13-18)



The Bernard Darwin Team: Philip Manduca (SH.73-75), Will Beeson (2.86-88), Adrian Barret Greene (SH.76-81), Tim Duerr (1.80-85), Andrew Hartley (SH.72-76), Ian Timberlake (6.83-88)



# Hockey Club

The annual Old Malvernians vs Malvern College hockey match during Commemoration was a thoroughly enjoyable occasion, bringing together a fantastic mix of former pupils from across the years, alongside current College players.

The OM's started strongly, making the most of some early attacking opportunities to take a two-goal lead. However, the College side, aided by a steady stream of fresh legs from the sidelines, fought their way back into the game and edged ahead to lead 3–2 at half-time. Despite the OM's determination and continued efforts throughout the second half, the College maintained their momentum and eventually secured a 5–2 victory. While the result did not go the OM's way, it was a wonderful day of hockey and camaraderie for both men and women, and the OM's will undoubtedly return next year determined to exact their revenge!

## Further information

Members of all ages are warmly invited to join. If you are interested in finding out more about the OM Hockey Club, please see page 60 or scan the QR code.





Rifle Club at Bisley



OM Rifle Club Gryphons Cup

# Rifle Club

The Old Malvernian Rifle Club enjoyed another excellent year, with members gathering for a series of competitive fixtures that combined high-quality shooting with the camaraderie that has long been a hallmark of the Club.

The season began at Bisley in September for the annual Gryphon Cup. Members were delighted to welcome **Anna Yaud** (6.11-15) to fullbore shooting for the first time, and she quickly adapted to the challenges of 7.62mm rifle competition. Despite difficult weather at 900 yards, strong performances were recorded throughout the field, with **Tom Harrison** (6.80-84) taking overall honours ahead of **Matthew Kerfoot** (SH.78-83) and **Kenji Shermer** (8.87-92). The fixture concluded with the traditional Club dinner, providing an opportunity to celebrate both achievements and friendships.

In November, the Club returned to Malvern College for the annual Rifle Challenge Cup, competing against teams from the College Rifle Club and CCF. The competition was one of the closest in recent memory, with the OMs and Rifle Club tied on aggregate scores before the fast-paced 'Bingo' challenge determined the final result. The OMs finished a commendable second, just ten points behind the winners, while the CCF secured third place. The event provided an excellent opportunity for current pupils and OMs to compete side by side, and the Club was also delighted to take part in Commemoration, helping introduce more pupils to the sport.

July saw members return to Bisley for the annual Veterans Match, where long-standing friendships were renewed, including the welcome presence of former schoolmaster **Frank Harriss** (Staff.67-05). The OM A Team performed particularly strongly, finishing 15th out of 39 teams, while the B Team also competed creditably despite being one shooter short.

Across all fixtures, the year demonstrated the Club's strength and enthusiasm, bringing together generations of Malvernians through their shared passion for shooting.



OM Rifle Club Gryphons Cup

### Further information

Members of all ages are warmly invited to join. If you are interested in finding out more about the OM Rifle Club, please see page 60 or scan the QR code.



Anna Yaud (6.11-15), Tom Harrison (6.80-84),  
Matthew Kerfoot (SH.78-83), Kenji Shermer  
(8.87-92), Frank Harriss (Staff.67-05)

# Netball Club

It was a pleasure to welcome the OM Netball Club back to Commemoration this year, with 11 OM's taking on a talented team of current pupils. The squad brought together players of all experience levels, from regular university competitors to those dusting off their netball skills for the occasion.

The match was closely contested, with excellent shooting, strong defensive play and energetic teamwork on display throughout. In the end, Malvern edged a thrilling contest 21-20, although the result was very much secondary to the fun and camaraderie of the day.

We look forward to seeing even more OM's on court next year.

### Further information

Members of all ages are warmly invited to join. If you are interested in finding out more about the OM Netball Club, please see page 60 or scan the QR code.



# Rugby Football Club

The OM Rugby Football Club enjoyed a successful and thoroughly enjoyable outing at the Cheltenham 7s Festival this year, combining competitive rugby with the camaraderie that remains at the heart of the Club.

## Further information

Members of all ages are warmly invited to join. If you are interested in finding out more about the OM Rugby Football Club, please see page 60 or scan the QR code.



Will Richardson (7.20-25),  
Fred Shute (9.20-25),  
George Skerrett (5.19-24),  
Louis Staley (5.16-21),  
Rory Cooper-Smith (5.23-25)

The OMs began the day in impressive fashion with a commanding 42-10 victory. **Will Richardson** (7.20-25) starred with four tries, while **Fred Shute** (9.20-25) made an immediate impact from the bench, scoring a superb length-of-the-field try just seconds after entering the game before adding a second later on. **George Skerrett** (5.19-24) also impressed with two excellent tries, showcasing his pace and footwork.

Momentum continued into the second match, where the OMs demonstrated real character to secure a hard-fought 14-12 victory. **Louis Staley** (5.16-21) helped spark the comeback before **Rory Cooper-Smith** (5.23-25) crossed for the decisive score, sealing a place among the leading teams on the day.

The final pool match saw the OMs face one of the tournament's strongest sides. Despite a spirited performance, tired legs eventually told and the opposition proved too strong.

Results aside, the festival was a fantastic occasion, bringing together OMs from different generations to enjoy a day of rugby, friendship and shared memories. With strong performances on the field and excellent support throughout, the Club continues to thrive and looks forward to future fixtures both on and off the pitch.





## Sailing Club

Whether you're a seasoned skipper or a fledgling crew member, the annual Arrow Trophy alumni regatta held in Cowes from 3rd to 5th October was a brilliant demonstration of why, despite being a landlocked school, the OM Sailing Club is fast becoming a force to reckon with on the water. Joining alumni crews from 20 leading independent schools, the Arrow Trophy is certainly a highlight of the sailing calendar.

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**A**n eight-strong Malvern crew made the journey to the Isle of Wight, and while Saturday's racing was cancelled due to severe weather, the setback provided an opportunity for crews to enjoy the camaraderie and social traditions for which the event is renowned.

As host school for the next three years, **Bob Clitherow** (7.70-75) welcomed participants at the Royal Ocean Racing Club dinner, where old friendships were renewed and plans made for future competitions.

Conditions improved on Sunday, allowing a full day of racing on the Solent for both Fairview and Sunsail divisions.

Following a skipper's briefing and welcome breakfast, crews enjoyed sensational sailing in challenging but rewarding conditions.

Although Malvern did not claim top honours this year, the Club continues to grow in strength and enthusiasm.

### Further information

Members of all ages are warmly invited to join. If you are interested in finding out more about the OM Sailing Club, please see page 60 or scan the QR code.



## In other news:

### Cricket partnership announced with Worcestershire County Cricket Club

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**M**alvern College has strengthened its long-standing relationship with Worcestershire County Cricket Club by signing a new three-year partnership agreement, confirming the College as the Club's official winter training venue until 2028. For more than 15 years, Worcestershire's professional, academy and pathway players have trained at the College's Sports Complex during the off-season. The renewed partnership will support the development of players at all levels, including women's and girls' squads, while reinforcing Malvern's reputation as one of the UK's leading cricket schools.



CHAPTER NINE

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# Remembered

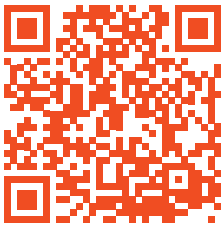
We are saddened to share the news of the passing of the following OMs, EOGs, and staff members, as notified to us since the last edition of the OM Newsletter. Our heartfelt condolences go out to their families and friends.

|                           |          |                |
|---------------------------|----------|----------------|
| Stephen Brown             | 2.39-42  | October 2025   |
| Timothy Slessor           | 4.46-50  | April 2026     |
| Geoffrey Try              | 3.45-50  | September 2025 |
| Richard Forte             | SH.48-51 | April 2026     |
| Thomas 'Geoff' Cunningham | 7.48-52  | October 2025   |
| Lawrence 'Paddy' Linaker  | 9.48-52  | January 2026   |
| William 'Bill' Hitchins   | 4.49-54  | March 2026     |
| Paul Sorensen             | 8.49-54  | May 2025       |
| George 'Tony' Ensor       | SH.50-55 | August 2025    |
| Peter Hughes              | 4.51-55  | November 2025  |
| John Pepper               | 9.50-55  | October 2025   |
| David Swift               | SH.51-55 | October 2025   |
| Gordon Williamson         | 8.50-55  | April 2026     |
| Timothy Hargreaves        | 6.52-56  | August 2025    |
| James McEntyre            | 8.51-56  | June 2026      |
| John Oddy                 | 2.53-56  | November 2025  |
| Timothy Carter            | 8.52-57  | June 2025      |
| David Davies              | 1.53-57  | February 2026  |
| Philip Lewis              | 6.52-57  | September 2025 |
| Michael Bowler            | 9.53-58  | August 2025    |
| Michael Kennan            | 8.53-58  | May 2026       |
| Derek Long                | 8.55-59  | September 2025 |
| Christopher Haig-Prothero | 1.56-61  | May 2026       |

|                          |               |                |
|--------------------------|---------------|----------------|
| John Sandiford           | 5.56-61       | July 2025      |
| Starling Lawrence        | SH.60-61      | August 2025    |
| Michael Harvey           | Staff.59-93   | July 2026      |
| Michael Sambidge         | 4.59-64       | October 2025   |
| Ernest 'John' Huntington | 3.61-65       | February 2026  |
| Edward Widgery           | 1.60-65       | September 2025 |
| Fred 'Thorne' Warner     | 1.66-67       | February 2026  |
| Jeremy Havard            | 8.65-68       | June 2026      |
| David Taplin             | 5.67-68       | April 2026     |
| Geraldine Browning       | EOG.64-69     | May 2025       |
| Jonathan Ormsby          | 1.66-68       | July 2026      |
| Charles Scott            | 4.71-75       | January 2026   |
| Nicholas Redfern         | 4.72-76       | May 2026       |
| Pat Purcell              | Staff.66-90   | February 2026  |
| Tony Brown               | Staff.83-00   | December 2025  |
| Kim Tutchter             | Staff.92-22   | August 2026    |
| Thomas Pardhy            | SH.01-06      | March 2026     |
| Dermot O'Keeffe          | Satff.15-19   | June 2026      |
| Carey Leonard            | Council.14-25 | September 2025 |

Further information

To read available obituaries on our website, please scan the QR code or visit: [www.malverniansociety.org.uk/remembered](http://www.malverniansociety.org.uk/remembered)





CHAPTER TEN

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# Annual Report

# Year end 31<sup>st</sup> July 2025

|                        | Year ended<br>31.07.2025<br>£ | Year ended<br>31.07.2024<br>£ |
|------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Income                 |                               |                               |
| Donations              | 48,018                        | 841,262                       |
| OM Merchandise         | 5,250                         | 11,391                        |
| Other income           |                               |                               |
| Investment income      | 119,415                       | 234,568                       |
| Income tax recoverable | -                             | 80,833                        |
| Bank interest          | 38,357                        | 42,533                        |
| Rents received         | -                             | 19,500                        |
|                        | 211,040                       | 1,230,087                     |
| Legacies               | (2,000)                       | (69,979)                      |
|                        | 209,040                       | 1,160,108                     |

## Less: Expenditure

### Grants to Malvern College, Unrestricted

|                                |   |       |
|--------------------------------|---|-------|
| Malvern College – Volunteering | - | 500   |
| OM Clubs                       | - | 4,380 |

### Grants to Malvern College, Restricted

|                                       |   |        |
|---------------------------------------|---|--------|
| Malvern College Centenary Appeal Fund | - | 91,800 |
| Assisted Places                       | - | 4,799  |
| Assisted places (Hayter)              | - | 31,650 |
| The Capt. H L Grant Fund              | - | 3,750  |
| Marston-Riley Scholarship             | - | 1,660  |
| CTM Dunn                              | - | 23,325 |

|                                       | Year ended<br>31.07.2025<br>£ | Year ended<br>31.07.2024<br>£ |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>Less: Expenditure cont.</b>        |                               |                               |
| Shand-Kydd Special Fund               | -                             | 500                           |
| Chesterton Cricket Award              | -                             | 4,000                         |
| Steinway                              | -                             | 17,000                        |
| James Cox                             | -                             | 1,000                         |
| Rachael Heyhoe-Flint                  | -                             | 2,000                         |
| Clark Scholarship                     | -                             | 40,787                        |
| Cricket Sight Screens                 | -                             | 5,175                         |
| Outdoor Pursuits                      | -                             | 14,829                        |
| Memorial Library Sixth Form Centre    | -                             | 250,000                       |
| The Grub                              | -                             | 250,000                       |
|                                       | -                             | 747,155                       |
| <b>Other charitable expenditure</b>   |                               |                               |
| Gift of assets to Malvern College     | 17,674,577                    | -                             |
| Investment management fees            | 22,686                        | 38,306                        |
| Staff costs                           | -                             | 295,000                       |
| Postage                               | (6)                           | 23                            |
| Printing and stationery               | -                             | 762                           |
| Events                                | -                             | 22,000                        |
| Audit fees                            | 12,450                        | 10,170                        |
| Office expenses                       | 36,009                        | 47,269                        |
| Bank charges                          | 1,359                         | 1,634                         |
|                                       | 17,747,075                    | 415,164                       |
| <b>(DEFICIT) / SURPLUS</b>            | (17,538,035)                  | (2,211)                       |
| Revaluation of tangible fixed assets  | -                             | 60,000                        |
| Gains / (losses) on investment assets | 145,621                       | 586,885                       |
| <b>NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS</b>          | (17,392,414)                  | 644,674                       |

# Balance sheet at 31<sup>st</sup> July 2025

|                                       |          | 31.07.2025 | 31.07.2024 |
|---------------------------------------|----------|------------|------------|
| Fixed assets                          | £        | £          | £          |
| Tangible assets                       |          | 16,300     | 6,681,300  |
| Investments                           |          | -          | 7,015,299  |
|                                       |          | 16,300     | 13,696,599 |
| Current assets                        |          |            |            |
| Stocks                                | -        | 20,823     |            |
| Debtors falling due within one year   | 10,927   | 106,033    |            |
| Cash at bank and in hand              | -        | 3,598,231  |            |
|                                       | 10,927   | 3,725,087  |            |
| Creditors                             |          |            |            |
| Amounts falling due within one year   | (23,880) | (25,925)   |            |
| NET CURRENT ASSETS                    |          | (12,953)   | 3,699,162  |
| TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES |          | 3,347      | 17,395,761 |
| Funds                                 |          |            |            |
| Endowment                             |          | -          | 293,906    |
| Restricted                            |          | -          | 3,691,622  |
| Unrestricted - Designated funds       |          | -          | 3,311,145  |
| Unrestricted- other charitable funds  |          | 3,347      | 10,099,088 |
|                                       |          | 3,347      | 17,395,761 |



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# Directory

# OM contacts – country representatives

Our alumni network spans 94 countries, with many of our Old Malvernians and Ellerslie Old Girls living or working overseas. Country Representatives help to keep connections for those abroad and help organise or facilitate gatherings in their home countries and we are so grateful for their support.

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# OM Club – club representatives

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# OMs at university – university representatives

If you are at university and would like to meet up with other OMs then you are very welcome to get in touch with our university representatives. We are currently growing our network of University Representatives so if there is no-one listed for your university, please get in touch and we may be able to help connect you. Similarly, if you would be happy to be a University Representative (for a UK or an international university), please get in touch with us at: [malsoc@malverncollege.org.uk](mailto:malsoc@malverncollege.org.uk)

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We love hearing from you! Whether you are looking to reconnect with fellow alumni, have questions about upcoming events or want to share an update, we are here to help.

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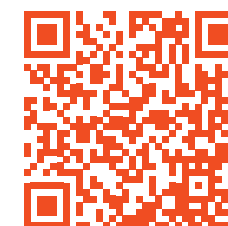
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