



OLD TRIDENTS SOCIETY

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Dear Old Trident,

From England Rugby debuts, hockey World Champions and Cheerleading Worlds, to generous acts of kindness in efforts to raise funds and awareness for good causes, to a nostalgic trip down memory lane and professionals sharing experience with the future generation, this month's newsletter is packed with celebration and great community spirit.

The Old Tridents Society Trustees are inviting OTs to join them for drinks in London in June, please read on to find out more and to book on to that event.

We are also sharing our calendar for later in the year, including a BBQ event for the leavers of the past 5 years and a 10th anniversary reunion dinner for the class of 2012 - for those in leaving years 2010 and 2011, we are also looking at dates to put on a special event for you, as those events were missed due to the Covid restrictions. Looking ahead to 2023, there are some events to note. If you have any event ideas that you would like to talk to us about, then please get in touch.

Please continue to share your news, we love to hear from you and celebrate all that is wonderful about the Trent College alumni community.

With very best wishes The Development & Alumni Team Trent College



SAVE THE DATES!





Friday 9 September

Evening BBQ (for past 5 year's leavers)

Saturday 8 October

'Class of 2012' 10 Year Reunion Dinner

Thursday 8 December (prov.)

Old Tridents v Trent Sports Fixtures

Events for 2023:
Whole School Reunion
Mixed Hockey 7s
75th Anniversary CCF Dinner
Class of 2013 10 Year Reunion Dinner





Classes of 2010 and 2011 10 Year Reunion Dinner Events
We are arranging dates to celebrate these belated anniversaries and will be contacting those year groups soon.



MIXED HOCKEY 7s





It was a beautiful sunny morning for the Mixed Hockey 7s tournament last Sunday. Everyone had a great time on what was a fun, family occasion which brought together people from across our school community; parents, Old Tridents, pupils and friends.

Teams were assembled and played 3 very competitive fixtures each.

The Parker family team, which included Old Tridents James and Abigail Parker and Alex Fasey, won all three of their games - Youth prevailed over experience as the average age was significantly lower than the other teams by about 25 years!

The Penty/Davis squad was full of quality and performed superbly well but ran into a player on fire in the staff team in their last game! Iain Randall, Trent's Head of Hockey dipped into the transfer market and secured a deadline day deal for the









experienced Bill Penty, Headmaster. Although not having played for some time, class was proved to indeed be permanent as he went on to score a hattrick in a 3-2 win.

Player of the Tournament went to the inspired Mr Guy Hope (Trent's Head of Main School) who performed heroics in the staff goal!

Thank you to all who came along to play and support. Also thanks to the Trent College Sports Department for their help in arranging the format and staff team, and the Catering Department for a hearty post-match brunch.





FORTHCOMING EVENTS



London Drinks Evening Wednesday 15 June 2022

Old Tridents are invited to join us at 'London's most convenient meeting place' for evening drinks from 6.00 pm. The Tokenhouse is within walking distance of several tube stations in the City, so perfectly located for London based OTs to pop in for a drink after work, or just as easy for anyone to make their way in to the City from farther afield.

The OT Society has kindly offered to set up a bar tab for a fixed amount to get the evening started, on a first come first served basis. There will also be accompanying light bites offered. The bar will become payable once the tab has run dry!

We look forward to seeing you there!

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Arboretum

Trent College Arboretum Tours
25 & 30 May 2022

Book your place here



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CONGRATULATIONS TO...



Old Trident **Sofie Ter Kuile** on receiving her Gold Medal as u21 World Champion for The Netherlands! During the Championship, Sofie broke the U21 FIH (International Hockey Federation) record, by letting only 1 goal pass throughout the competition!

Next Season, Sofie will join HGC Ladies 1 as 1st Goalkeeper, having played for the Club at U12 when in 2014 they were Luxembourg Indoor and Outdoor Champions.

During her time at Trent College, as well as representing the Trent 1st XI, Sofie also played for Beeston Hockey Club Ladies 1st team and was selected for the England Performance Centre.

We will continue to follow Sofie and wish her well for next season.

Rob Carmichael (class of 2021) and year 13 student **Simon** on their England Rugby U19 debut, in the 20-41 victory over Italy U19, played at the Payanini Centre Verona, on St George's Day!

Rob, a member of the Leicester Tigers Academy, has been playing for the University of Nottingham 1st team, scoring the match winning try in their promotion to the BUCs Super League. He remains with the Leicester Academy and has been awarded another contract for next season.

Simon recently graduated the Leicester Tigers Academy and has been playing for the 1st Team in the Premiership Cup, having game time this week in their semi-final loss to London Irish.

We look forward to following their success.









Martha Manson (class of 2019) on her nomination for an 'I am BCU' award!

Martha is in her third year studying Photography at Birmingham City University. The students are invited to host a graduate show, on campus, with the option of exhibiting at Free Range, the graduate art & design show in London.

The London exhibition is optional, with significant costs associated. It is student led and this year, around 20 people on Martha's course will exhibit.

Martha told us "I volunteered to oversee it all, to make sure it happens. I have been writing to companies looking for sponsorship, setting up fundraising, organising students, and making sure everything is on track to help us get there in June."

Martha has been nominated for 'Entrepreneurial Student of the Year' by her tutor, in recognition of the hard work she has been putting in to organising the graduate shows. The University will shortlist the nominees with a ceremony taking place in June for the winners.

"It's really rewarding to know that the hard work I've been putting into organising our graduate shows has been recognised".

Good luck Martha!





Niamh Cullen (class of 2017) and her Cheerleading team, Nottingham based EMCA C-Lebrities, finished second in their category at The Cheerleading Worlds 2022, held in Florida.

The team, aged between 14 and 30, competed against 24 others to land the silver globe on Monday.

Cheerleaders from more than 40 countries took part in the three-day event in Orlando and it was EMCA C-Lebrities's first time competing since they formed in 2018. The team, consisting of four male and 18 female cheerleaders, performed a two-and-half minute routine in the final for a panel of judges.

Niamh started Cheering at the age of 7, with Derby Diamonds. She moved to EMCA when she was 14 and has been there since. She told us "I started on the senior teams and then became part of the Worlds team in 2018. I competed at Worlds 2019 in the International All Girl Level 5 Division, coming 17th, but there was no cheering in 2020 and 2021 due to Covid. It was amazing to get to Florida for the Worlds this year, coming 6th in the qualifying and then to take second place and get the Silver, it's absolutely fantastic".



CAREERS EDUCATION

Giving time to support a young person exploring their future career options is a wonderful way to give back to your school. We were very grateful to four Old Tridents who provided their time and industry expertise on Wednesday evening at the 'Three School Careers Fair'.



L-R Mark Leaper (class of 1988), Chemical Engineering. Jack Smedley (class of 2015), Engineering. Anna-Maria Baines (class of 2005), Recruitment. Kevin Rees (class of 1976), Aerospace Engineering.

In a change to previous format, this year Trent College hosted the careers event in conjunction with Wilsthorpe School and Friesland Sixth Form. With more than 10 Universities, the Armed Forces, Police, Study Abroad and Apprenticeships amongst the exhibitors, as well as over 30 Industry Experts including engineering, law, finance, marketing, medicine, veterinary, recruitment, forensic psychology and so much more - pupils from years 9 to 12 from all three schools were offered a wide variety of career paths to explore.

If you would like to speak to pupils about your career path, sharing your industry expertise and experience, please get in touch.

As well as the annual Careers Fair, the school also has a career speakers programme benefiting pupils of all ages. Careers talks can be held virtually as well as in person.

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IN OTHER NEWS...



The Halford Hewitt returned to its usual pre-Covid schedule of early April and, as with most previous years, it coincided with Masters week!

The team headed down to St George's with probably the strongest Trent team they have ever had. Tuesday and Wednesday were practice days but unfortunately on practice day 1, Captain Rob Cox was injured, so a call was made to Mark Layfield who thankfully travelled down late on Wednesday night to play the next morning.

The first round was against a good Shrewsbury team, the OTs going into the 2nd round with a 3.5-1.5 victory. The second round was against Gresham on the Friday. The first to finish, Sam and Adam Prime, set the tone with an emphatic 7/6 victory. Ian and Alex secured their 2nd victory of the week soon after, and Toby and Mark won their match on the 18th. Unfortunately, Mike and Nick came out the wrong side of a close game but Captain Elect Adam Hinchley, with his partner Dom Leckie completed a deserved 4-1 victory. The OTs were into the 3rd round for only the second time in the OT Golf Society's history.

The OTGS' half of the draw then joined the other half at Royal Cinque Port GC for the weekend.









Last year's winners, Loretto, were the OT's Saturday opponents, it was to be a tough game, but OTs were full of confidence.

After a few days' recovery, Rob partnered Nick and fought hard from being 5down to take their match down the 17th. Sam and Adam Prime, who were also 5down early in their round, fought back hard eventually losing on the 18th.

lan and Alex, who had a close game from start to finish, also went down the 18th. Loretto proved too strong, and the OT's tournament came to an end; with 2 matches going down the 18th and one down the 17th the 5-0 score line didn't reflect how close they came.





A great week with some fantastic golf and the OTs can take some consolation that Loretto went on to win the tournament for a second year running!

The Old Trident golfers want to say a huge thank you to Old Trident Bill Harvison who made his debut for the OTGS back in 1977, and travelled with his friend Dixon to support them in the first round.

Scan here to read the full Blog





Next competition: The Grafton Morrish qualifier in May. Adam Hinchley, who has now taken over the captaincy, will lead a team of 6 to hopefully secure a place in the tournament which takes place in October.

Past, Present & Future Golfers: On 12 June 2022 the OTGS are getting together at Hollinwell, for a 'past, present and future' members [of the Hewitt team] day. If you have previously played in the Hewitt and would like to come along, then please get in touch.

If you are low single figure handicap and would like to be involved in future tournaments, get in touch.

The Old Tridents Golf Society will be arranging a community Golf Day later in the year as well as other golfing social events, involving Old Tridents, pupils, parents and teachers, so please keep up to date with the Trident newsletters for more information.



PEDALO CHALLENGE FOR UKRAINE

On Saturday 30 April, Old Tridents Rob Avery-Phipps and Ashley Davidson (class of 2009) will embark on a three-day watery challenge, along with two other friends, in support of the DEC's appeal for Ukraine. They aim to record the first known time for a pedalo to bisect Nottinghamshire!



Rob told us "It was about 6 months ago that Ash came up with the wild idea to do a pedalo challenge together! To begin with, it was just a bit of fun, a way to reconnect properly. We were best mates at school but, due in part to the fact that I had moved to China, we only loosely stayed in touch."

"It was all thanks to the Trent College 10-year anniversary reunion event in 2019 that we reconnected, and we have been close friends since."

Having heard about the efforts of the Disasters Emergency Committee, in its appeal to raise urgent funds to help those forced to flee their homes amid the escalating conflict in Ukraine, Rob and Ashley decided that they would put their 'Pedalo Challenge' to good use and turn it into a fundraising challenge.

Their challenge will take them 60km across Nottinghamshire, starting at Sawley Marina and finishing in Newark.

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They have already exceeded their £1000 fundraising target and hope their total continues to rise. Rob and Ashley invite anyone to go and support them along their route, and even jump aboard to help them reach the finish!



To support Rob & Ashley's challenge, please scan HERE



SPONSORED SLEEPOUT











Last week, Lucy Matthews, Trent College Deputy Head Co-Curricular and Trent Parents Association member Allison joined The Canaan Trust 'Sleepout' raising over £500 in support of the Trust's critical work in supporting all who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless. They were joined by the Mayor of Erewash, Councillor Donna Briggs, to wish them luck!

The Sleepout, which was the first time in two years the Trust had been able to hold the fundraiser, commenced at 8pm on Friday night, in Long Eaton Market Place, and ended at 7am on Saturday morning.

TRENT YOUNG MUSICIAN OF THE YEAR 2022

This week the Trent College Music Department has been holding closed auditions, led by Director of Music Nick Parrans-Smith, for the 2022 Trent Young Musician of the Year.

There have been 38 entries this year, from pupils in years 7 to 12. Following the auditions, internal adjudicators have had the difficult task of selecting 12 finalists and we eagerly await the announcement of who these are.

Always a tremendous celebration of individual music-making across all genres, the Grand Final will be held in The Chapel on the evening of Friday 13 May, before a panel of external adjudicators including talented flautist, Old Trident Chris Hill (class of 2016), Fellow of Guild of Musicians and Singers, Fellow of the Fraternity of St Cecilia.



A TRIP DOWN MEMORY LANE FOR FORMER HEADMASTER'S DAUGHTER





It was great pleasure for Rosemary Dobbin, Trent's recently appointed Volunteer Archivist and daughter of Trent College headmaster Rutherford Ikin (1936 to 1968) to accompany James Gregory and David Pinney to Catterns House recently, the home where she spent much of her childhood.

Known then as School House, Catterns (renamed in 1971 after Basil Gage Catterns, Old Trident 1896-1900 and former Bank of England Chief Cashier) is a handsome Edwardian property built in 1908, in the Arts and Craft style of the day, located to the rear of The Elms Junior School, Upper School complex.

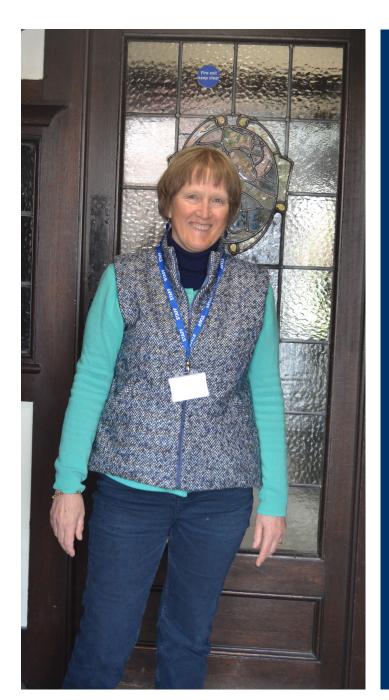




Rosemary brought along a selection of photographs as an aide memoir; she pointed out an orchard of fruit trees that was part of the grounds to the front of the house, along with a tennis court, and explained that as a child she enjoyed climbing the trees and cycling around the grounds. Today that area is the Trent College and The Elms' 'Catterns' all-weather hockey Astro.

On entering the large foyer area of the House, Rosemary recalls the main sitting room on the left with a wonderfully ornate fireplace, which she was pleased to see is still in place. Today this room is used as one of the many music teaching rooms by The Elms Junior School.

Upon further exploration of the house, they visited former residential rooms, upstairs and downstairs, such as the butler's pantry, au-pairs' room and study. Many of these rooms have now been adapted for teaching.



"It was a lovely family home, and I still have enormous fondness for the place. The garden was a wonderful playground for dens, tree climbing and bicycling.

I was so pleased to see the house, although very different, being used for music teaching, as I'm a musician, and my father had been a Choral Scholar at King's Cambridge. I remember him singing at the piano, so it was delightful to observe a pupil being taught the Cello."





James said "It was absolutely fantastic to hear Rosemary's recollections of her time living in Catterns, so many original features of the building remain clear in her mind and it's lovely many of them are still in place today; the original doorbell chains and hard wood carvings".

"I feel that I now know far more about what can often be one of the Trent's lesser-known areas. Many people don't realise the origin of Catterns".

Scan here to read about music at The Elms, and to hear from The Elms Director of Music, Miss Pattison.



ALBERT BALL, OLD TRIDENT 1911-1913 SERVICE OF COMMEMORATION.



A Service of Commemoration will be held at Nottingham Castle on **Saturday 7 May 2022 at 6.00 pm.**

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It will be 105 years to the day that WWI Flight Commander Captain Albert Ball, VC DSO MC, 2 Bars, Croix de Guerre, Legion d'Honneur, Order of the St George for Russia and Honorary Freeman of the City of Nottingham, was shot down aged 20.

Proud of his association with Trent College, the school still displays Ball's propeller, thought to be from his 60 Squadron Nieuport Scout 5173 flown in 1916, in the Devonshire Library and the wooden cross from his first grave in France hight up on the west wall of the Chapel.

All are welcome to attend the Commemoration, which will also be attended by The Sheriff of Nottingham, Lord Mayor of Nottingham and Lord Lieutenant.



Did you know? On 30 April 1868, Trent College welcomed the first cohort of pupils, when 53 boys joined the school under the leadership of the school's first Headmaster Rev. Thomas Ford Fenn. The first boy to be registered was H. Lindley. By the summer, the school roll was at 118 and by 1870 the pupil number had risen to 225. Today the school roll includes over 780 boys and girls.











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