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### Geoff Helliwell

Geoff sadly passed away on Monday 24 February 2020. He taught at the School from 1958 - 88. He was Housemaster in Bradley from 1969-84, Head of English, a Tutor in Cotton and Development Director 1988-02.

There will be a Thanksgiving Service at [All Saints', Yelvertoft](#), NN6 6LF, at 2.00pm on Friday, 24 April. All welcome and afterwards in the Village Hall. Donations, if desired, to Future Hope ([futurehope.net](#))

### Ian Barlow Memorial Service

A Memorial Service for former staff member Ian Barlow who passed away on 31 December 2019 is being held at the church of St Endellion in Cornwall on Friday 13 March at 2.00pm.

**Sign up now to expand your network and share memories of your time at Rugby!**



[Click here](#) - it takes less than two minutes; register with your email address, LinkedIn, Google or Facebook profile.

There is also an app available which is quick and easy to download - [read more](#).

## MARCH



### Stanley Drinks

On 4 March, there is a Stanley Drinks get together for those in Stanley during the 1970s at

Ye Olde Cheshire Cheese, 145 Fleet St, London EC4A 2BU. A maximum of 30 places are available.

If you are interested in attending please email **Bill Allen (St 75-80)** on [bill\\_allen@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:bill_allen@hotmail.co.uk)



### Cotton XX Club Dinner

19.15 for 20.00, 12 March, at the Savile Club, London.

Please contact [cottonxxclub@outlook.com](mailto:cottonxxclub@outlook.com) if you are interested in attending.

### Kilbracken Dinner

On 19 March, 6.45pm for 7.30pm at the Oriental Club, London.



The cost to attend is £72 or £36 if you are under 30 and includes arrival drinks and a three-course meal with wine.

**BOOK**



### Crick Run

On 22 March. Registration takes place in the Old Marshal's Office between 12 - 1pm with the coaches leaving Queen's gates at 1.15pm.

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### CricHK

On 22 March 2020 at 10:00am.

Starting point: Stanley (route to be confirmed), finishing point: The Boathouse, Stanley.

No charge to enter.

To register please email [Hongkongfriends@rugbyschool.net](mailto:Hongkongfriends@rugbyschool.net)



### Michell Dinner

26 March, 6.30pm for 7.15pm at the Oriental Club, London.

The cost to attend is £70 or £35 if you are under 30 and includes arrival drinks and a three-course meal with wine.

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## MAY

### Town House Reunion

On 2 May, 12.00 drinks reception followed by lunch at Collingwood Centre Hall, Rugby.

Invitations have been sent, please contact [events](#) if you have not received yours.

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### Midlands Dinner

On 13 May, 7.00 for 7.45pm at The Ivy, Birmingham.

The dinner is open to all Rugbeians and guests living, working or passing through the Midlands.

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### 25th Anniversary Reunion for the Class of '95

On 14 May, 7.00 for 7.45pm at No. 11 Pimlico Road, London.

Invitations have been sent. Please contact [Tracey](#) if you have not received yours.

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## JUNE



### Class of 2010 - 10 Year Leavers' Drinks

On Thursday 18 June, from 7.30 pm, at [2 Northdown, Kings Cross](#), London.

The cost to attend is £10 to include an arrival drink and pizza.

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### School Field Dinner

On 18 June, 6.45pm for 7.30pm at the [Cavalry & Guards Club](#), London.

The cost to attend is £72 or £36 if you are under 30 and includes arrival drinks and a three-course meal with wine.

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### Class of '69/'70 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner

Thursday 25 June, 6.30pm, OBS, Rugby School. Invitations have been sent out, to register please email [events@rugbyschool.net](mailto:events@rugbyschool.net)

For more information please click [here](#).

### OR Lodge Dinner

27 June in the Collingwood Centre.

Further details available in due course but please do save the date.



## JULY

### Class of '80 - 40th Anniversary Reunion Dinner

2 July, Savile Club, London.

This black tie dinner is open to the Class of '80 and also the Classes of 79<sup>2</sup>, 80 and 81.

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## SEPTEMBER



### Class of '19 - 1 Year Leavers' Party

3 September, 7.30pm onwards at [2 Northdown](#), Kings Cross, London.

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[Click here](#) to book your place.



### Class of '15 - 5 Year Leavers' Party

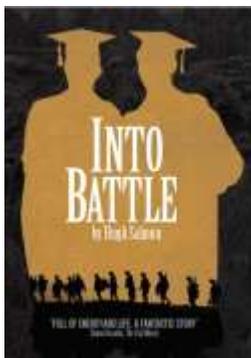
25 September, 7.30pm onwards at [The Atlas Pub](#), Fulham, London.

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[Click here](#) to book your place.

Invitations have been

## Rugbeian News



### INTO BATTLE

**Ronald Poulton Palmer (SH 1903-08)** was killed on 5 May 1915 and there will be a special tribute performance to celebrate his life on 5 May 2020. Into Battle is a new play that will professionally produced, performed and premiered in London at Greenwich Theatre in London from 27 April - 21 May.

Tickets are £32.50 each. There is no restriction as to the number of tickets any one person can purchase and Rugbeians are encouraged to bring along as many of your family and friends as you would like to attend.

The production team is particularly keen for younger generations to come along (over 16 best). You can [click here](#) to purchase tickets.

### [READ MORE](#)



Congratulations to **Will Rowlands (SH 05-10)** who became Welsh rugby cap 1156 against France on Saturday 22 February.

**Alex Grove (SF 01-06)** will attempt a solo swim of the English Channel (21 miles) on August 1, 2020 in support of Acorns Children's Hospice.



Click here to [Read more.](#)

Croatian Villa Holidays, a villa rental agency owned by **Nigel Sidebottom (M 65-69)** and his wife Laida Nowell, is offering Rugbeians a 10% discount on all bookings of villas or apartments listed on its websites [www.croatianvillaholidays.com](http://www.croatianvillaholidays.com), [www.montenegrovillaholidays.com](http://www.montenegrovillaholidays.com) and [www.sloveniavillaholidays.com](http://www.sloveniavillaholidays.com)

*The discount only applies if there are no other special offers available on the properties at the time of booking. This offer is valid for any bookings taken in 2020 for holidays in 2020 or 2021. Please email [nigel@croatianvillaholidays.com](mailto:nigel@croatianvillaholidays.com) quoting "Rugby School Discount".*

Nigel and Laida and their colleagues will be happy to speak to you about which areas of Croatia, Montenegro and Slovenia to visit and which villas may best suit your requirements.



**Ed Batchelor (SF 01-06)** is part of a 4 man rowing team entered to race 3000m across the Atlantic in this year's Talisker Whiskey Atlantic Challenge.

Team Oardacity are now looking for corporate partners to join them in their challenge and help to raise £200,000 for their chosen charities. If you would like to support Ed and the team, please [contact Ed](#) and for further information you can visit [www.oardacity.com](http://www.oardacity.com)

You can also follow their progress on instagram [@oardacity](#)



**Caroline Austin (03-08)** who is the owner of The Golden Lion Hotel & Restaurant is offering a discount rate on accommodation with the Code "Rugby School".

The Hotel is 15 minutes away from School where we provide truly delicious food and fabulous hospitality, which cannot be missed especially the Sunday Carvery.

Visit [www.goldenlionrestaurant.co.uk](http://www.goldenlionrestaurant.co.uk) or contact Caroline Austin on [caustin@goldenlionhotel.org](mailto:caustin@goldenlionhotel.org)

Run by **Lena Evstafieva (St 99-01)**, Villa Lena hotel in Tuscany is a unique combination of a hotel, farm to table restaurant, creative and fun workshop programme and a not-for-profit art foundation, all set within wild and atmospheric Tuscan countryside.

Guests are invited to stay with Villa Lena's creative family celebrating local Tuscan history, culture and food within the context of international artists, writers, designers, filmmakers, musicians, chefs and agricultural experts.

Lena would like to offer 20% discount to all Rugbeians. Please email [host@villa-lena.it](mailto:host@villa-lena.it) and quote "Rugby alumni discount". This offer is valid through 2020.

[www.villa-lena.it](http://www.villa-lena.it)



### Club Membership

The East India Club, London welcomes Rugbeians.

[Click here](#) to read more

about special deals.

### Club Membership

The Oriental Club, London welcomes Rugbeians.

[Click here](#) to read more about special deals.



The 2020 Floreat is in the postal system.

[Click here](#) to read it online.



### OR Blazers

[Click here](#) if you are interested in ordering one of these bespoke iconic blazers.

## Sport

### ORGS

The Society is very keen to welcome lady ORs who play golf. We are currently looking in to the possibility of entering a team in to the Silver Tassie at The Berkshire in June. Ladies teams of 2 pairs playing 4BBB handicap stableford compete over 18 holes in this event which has been held annually since 1961.

Anyone wishing to know more about the Society or to view a list of the forthcoming fixtures is encouraged to take a look at <https://rugbeian-golf.co.uk/>

**Robert Prior (C 81 - 86)**

Hon Secretary and Treasurer

## ORRTC

[Click here](#) to view the 2019/20 fixtures.

## RUGBY FOOTBALL

[Click here](#) to view the latest results - go to 'Find your School'.

## School News

### Careers 2020 Convention - 21 March

One of the flagship events the School runs within the Careers programme is our Biennial Careers Convention.

With the aim main being to allow pupils to find out what really happens behind the professional title, to have an insight into the world of work that confirms or dismisses their preconceptions; to learn from the experiences of others and to be inspired by their achievements.

We aim to gather in the region of sixty volunteer speakers and invite them to talk frankly about the world of work and what really happens behind the professional title, talking informally about '*A Day in My Working Life*'.

If this is something that you feel that, you would be willing to help us with please see the following link for more information - [Careers Convention 2020](#)

**Andrew Chessell** Town Housemaster is running the London Marathon in 2020. He is representing **Task Brasil** which helps street kids. The 'kids' are there for a whole host of reasons from being orphaned or abandoned to being the victims of domestic violence.

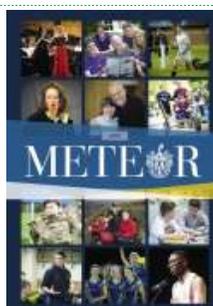
If you would like to support Andrew or read more please [click here](#).

### Accessing the School Archives

You can [click here](#) to access the Rugby School Archives. At present you can access the Meteors (1867-present) and you will also find the School Register 1675-1921, the Memorials for the Great War, etc.



[Click here](#) to read What's on at Macready Theatre and Rugby School Music venues.



[Click here](#) to read the 2019 Meteor.



[Click here](#) to read the Bloxam Project.

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