

Sir Roger Manwood's School Notables



Preface

Back in November 2022, in the Headmasters study, Lee Hunter, David Stevens and Keith Simpson sat down to discuss amongst many things who were Manwood's notables. Wikipedia had identified 23 names but Messrs Hunter, Stevens and Simpson were not convinced and that number was way too low.

In addition, David Anderson (a current member of staff) recalled taking a group of students to Harvey Grammar a few years back. His students, spotted posters there and were really struck by them and asked him why we didn't have something similar. He asked them why they thought that it was important and it came down to two things: 1) a pride in their school and 2) aspiration.

So Manwood's Wall of Fame ("**The Wall**") was born. The aim of The Wall is to enthuse current Manwoodian students by highlighting successful Alumni. Potential candidates are identified and each year six will have their achievements publicised by a poster on the wall of the School Hall. Ours is a school that prepares you for great things (whatever you personally choose to do). So, the impetus for doing this originated with the students, which is quite a nice message to share.

Milestones

16 November 2022 - The Wall/Notables List was created and 23 names identified.

25 November 2022 - The Notables List was shared with The Quest (1960/70's cohorts) and the numbers rose to 28.

13 February 2023 - The First Six Wall nominations were selected.

26 February 2023 - The Manwood's Notable Alumni version 1 was shared with the OM Facebook Group and the list increased to 50.

2 March 2023 - The Headmaster started contacting the first six.

5 March 2023 - The Manwood's Notable Alumni version 2 was shared with the OM Facebook Group and the list had increased to 75.

July 1, 2023 - at the Alumni Open Day the A3 posters of the first six was unveiled to the Alumni.

September 2023 - The first six posters were unveiled on the School Hall wall - The Wall had been launched.

6 July 2024 - The second six posters were unveiled at this years Alumni Open Day.

10 July 2024 - 100 Notables reached

Current Status

The Notable Manwood's Alumni list now stands at 105 names (as at September 2024). an the second six posters are now on the Wall.

Disclaimer

This list is a live document. Other names over time will be identified and added to it. Readers are requested that if they think a Notable is missing to please let us know. In addition, how we decide to measure success is not straightforward. It has been much debated and frequently redefined. Your own version of success is likely to be very different to those you see here. But there will still be a common thread.

“Success means having the courage, the determination, and the will to become the person you believe you were meant to be”. George Sheehan (Runner, Doctor and Philosopher).

Manwood Notables Bios

1. **Richard J. Adey** 1962-1967 Creative Arts

Richard was a talented artist at Manwood's. He painted the scenery for the school production of Ben Jonson's *The Alchemist* (produced by headmaster John Spalding), in which he played Sir Epicure Mammon. After Manwood's Richard attended the West of England College of Art and has lectured in Art and Design for over 30 years. For the last 20 years of his career he was Head of Foundation at Salisbury College of Art. Richard was also a Fulbright fellow in Seattle, Washington. He now dedicates his time to providing specialist support with applications to Bachelor's and Master's programmes in the UK, EU and USA.

2. **Jonathon Akeroyd** (1979-1984). Business

Jonathan is an experienced leader with a strong track record of building luxury brands and driving profitable growth. He has extensive experience across the fashion and luxury goods sector, with a focus on brand and product elevation, strategic development and global expansion. From March 2022 to July 2024 Jonathan was Chief Executive Officer of Burberry. Prior to that he was Chief Executive of Gianni Versace SpA where he reorganised and accelerated growth at the Italian fashion house, building on the brand's rich heritage to elevate product, communications and the customer experience. As President and Chief Executive Officer of Alexander McQueen between 2004 and 2016, he led a turnaround of the British luxury brand, successfully steering the company's growth and strategic development into a luxury powerhouse. Jonathan's earlier career included a number of senior roles at London-based luxury department store Harrods. Outside of work Jonathan lives in South West London with his wife, Julie, and two daughters. In his spare time, he enjoys playing golf and watching cricket at Lords. He is also a food enthusiast and has interests in some restaurants in London.

3. **Ross Allen** (1990-1997). Diplomat

Ross was at Manwood's from 1990-1997, initially as a day pupil living in Wingham, later as a boarder in HMH. He has lots of happy memories of classmates, fellow boarders and teachers! He had fun in the CCF and the CCF band and played various sports equally badly. He is grateful for the excellent education and great pastoral care Manwood's provided. After Manwood's Ross read Theology (inspired by Timothy Setchell!) at Trinity Hall, Cambridge, from 1997-2001. Ross joined the Foreign Office in 2001 and has worked

in a wide range of roles. Overseas he has been posted to Jerusalem, Washington DC and New York. In the UK he has worked as a private secretary to Nick Clegg (2010-13) and on secondment to Lloyds Bank. Ross was appointed Her Majesty's Ambassador to Estonia in June 2021. Prior to that he has served in a variety of roles within the UK Civil Service and on secondment to the private sector. Ross is married to Suzie and has a daughter (born 2015) and two sons (born 2017 and 2019). Ross speaks Arabic and some German and French, and is learning Estonian. Ross has always followed Crystal Palace football club and Kent County cricket club (personal hero - Mark Ealham). Since moving to Estonia he has also got into winter swimming, saunas and swimming in a choir!

4. **Naren Basu** (1988-1995). Medicine

Naren is a Consultant Breast and Oncoplastic Surgeon with Spire Healthcare Group plc and BMI Healthcare and prior to that he was the Lead Consultant Oncoplastic Breast Surgeon at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Birmingham. His specialist area is exclusively breast care, breast cancer surgery and all breast related problems. As an Oncoplastic surgeon, he integrates plastic surgical techniques into breast cancer surgery to preserve and enhance aesthetic outcomes without compromising disease control. He qualified from St Bartholomew's and the Royal London Hospital, London and undertook his surgical training in a number of prestigious hospitals in London. During his medical school training, he undertook an additional degree to study the biology of cancer (Tumour Biology) at the University College London, for which he was awarded a first class degree. During his higher surgical training, he completed a Master's degree at Imperial College, London evaluating technological advances in surgery and the practical multi-disciplinary approach to implementing this technology. He is an active trainer of the plastic and breast surgeons of the future at a national and international level. In addition, he holds the position of Honorary Senior Clinical Lecturer at the University of Birmingham and is responsible for training tomorrow's doctors.

5. **Jonathan Beale** (1977-1982). Journalism

After Manwood's Jonny went to Bristol Poly (now UWE) and came out with a degree in Humanities – after realising that Town and Country Planning was not for him! He worked for an MP as a Parliamentary Researcher and then got a place on a BBC Trainee Reporter Scheme (1989). He did local radio and then regional BBC TV before moving on to Brussels and Westminster as a Correspondent for National News. Prior to taking up his current role Jonny was Washington correspondent (Jan 2008 to Dec 2009) covering the Guantanamo military commissions; State Department correspondent (Jan 2005 to Dec 2007) covering the 2006 midterm elections and Westminster Political correspondent (Jul 2000 to Dec 2004). Since 2010 Jonny has been the BBC Defence Correspondent. He is married to Sarah, who's a journalist with Channel 4 news and they have two kids – boy and girl – Morgan and Connie who are now in their early 20s.

6. **Tammy Beaumont** (2002-2009). Cricketer

Tammy is a world class cricketer who currently plays for Kent, Lightning, Welsh Fire, Sydney Thunder and England. In 2017 Tammy was a Women's Cricket World Cup winner and was consequently awarded the MBE that year. She plays primarily as an opening bat and occasional wicket-keeper. She has previously played for Surrey Stars, Adelaide Strikers, Southern Vipers, Melbourne Renegades and London Spirit. On 23 June 2023, she scored her first Test century in the only Test of the 2023 Women's Ashes series. She

broke several records, including becoming just the second woman in history and the 25th player overall to score a century in all three international formats. The following day, in the same innings, she finished with a score of 208, setting the highest ever score by an English female cricketer in Test history and becoming the first to score a double century. This eclipsed Betty Snowball's 189, a record that had stood since 1935. Her score of 208 became the fifth highest score in Women's Tests.

7. **Johnny Beerling** (1948-1955). Broadcaster

Johnny was the Controller of BBC Radio 1 from 1985-93. He started his career by running a radio station in Aden while serving there as a national serviceman in the RAF at the time of the Suez canal crisis. He joined the BBC as a studio manager, before becoming a producer for light programmes. In 1967 the Marine Offences bill led to the close down of the pirate radio stations and the BBC decided to set up Radio 1 to provide a legal alternative. Johnny was at the forefront of this process, recruiting most of the DJ talent and devising the jingles, subsequently producing the first ever show with Tony Blackburn. He became an executive producer in 1972 and in 1973 conceived and launched the show for which he is best known, the Radio 1 Roadshow. In 1985 he was appointed Controller of the Radio 1 network, responsible for the entire output including such major projects as the sound for Live Aid. In 1992 he was the first non-broadcaster to receive the coveted Ferguson award for an Outstanding Contribution to Music Radio from the Radio Academy and in 1993 he was elected President of the Television and Radio Industry Club of Great Britain. He was appointed governor of the BRITS school for performing arts and technology in May 1993 and in that same month was presented with a Sony award for outstanding services to the radio industry. In 2005 he was made a fellow of the Radio Academy, the highest award in the radio industry. Since then he has published his latest book, "Radio 1 - the Inside Scene" to celebrate Radio 1's 40th anniversary. Johnny joined Serenade Radio in 2020. His 'Big Band Special' show can be heard Sundays at 6pm (UK time) on www.serenade-radio.com.

8. **Peter Bell** (1992-1999). Academic

Peter was recently promoted to Professor with a Personal Chair at Edinburgh University. He specialises in speech technology at the School for Informatics at the University of Edinburgh, and is a member of the Centre for Speech Technology Research (CSTR). Peter's primary area of work is in automatic speech recognition (ASR). A firm believer in the commercial value of speech technology, Peter is passionate about bringing cutting-edge advances in the research sphere to commercial benefit as rapidly as possible. In this area he has worked as a consultant for France Telecom advising on the adoption of new technologies in speech recognition and synthesis, work which led to a Knowledge Transfer Partnership funded by the UK government's Technology Strategy Board. Peter is a founding shareholder of Quorate Technology, a spin-out from the University of Edinburgh recently acquired by the London Stock Exchange Group and regularly provides consultancy services to other companies requiring speech technology expertise. A keen hillwalker, Peter especially enjoys walking in the Scottish Highlands. He has previously enjoyed climbing new Munros with the Edinburgh University Hillwalking Club and has climbed them all now, is (much more slowly) working his way through the list of Corbetts, hills in the range 2,500-3,000ft.

9. **Venetia Cooper nee Bell** (1993-2000). Business

Venetia is the Group Chief Sustainability Officer for GIB, a financial services firm headquartered in the Middle East. Venetia has responsibility for GIB's sustainability activity: its ESG (Environmental, Social and Governance) product suite, client advisory business, and own sustainability initiatives such as net zero strategy and women empowerment programmes. She has been instrumental in driving the adoption of sustainability initiatives across the banking sector in the Middle East. For example, she led the first sustainability-linked loan for a bank headquartered in the region, led an award-winning ESG initiative on humanitarian & resilience investing, and she has several advisory roles. Based in London, Venetia also has executive responsibilities for GIB's UK assessment management business, including its strategy, governance, communication and marketing. The firm's strategy is to scale capital in support of sustainable development. Venetia joined GIB from the Bank of England where, most recently, she was Deputy to the Chief Operating Officer. Previously, she held a number of Economics roles, publishing a range of policy analysis and research. She is the Chair of several charities, a fellow of the Chartered Governance Institute (UK), a Young Global Leader of the World Economic Forum, and a fellow of the Forward Institute. Venetia graduated from the Advanced Management Programme at INSEAD, has an MSc in Economics from the London School of Economics, and an MA degree in Economics from the University of Cambridge. Venetia enjoys running & cycling with her husband and son, most recently cycling over 200 miles from London to Paris.

10. **Jeremy Blake** (1964-1971). Architect

Jeremy left Manwood's after boarding at The Lodge and as Deputy Head Boy with two A-levels and three book prizes to read Architecture at Newcastle upon Tyne University. His First-Class BA Hons degree secured the H B Saint Memorial Scholarship and Bunzl Travelling Studentship enabling two months travelling around Scandinavia studying the works of Alvar Aalto in the summer of 1974. He worked with L J Couves & Partners each summer vacation as well as on his year out before continuing with First-Class BArch Hons degree securing the Staff Book Prize and a Rome Scholarship in Architecture based at the Accademia Britannica with Quinlan Terry as his Tutor in 1977. He worked at the Weald & Downland Open Air Museum as a labourer that summer before going to Rome in October. His hand drawn measured watercolour drawings were exhibited in Rome and at the Royal Academy Summer Exhibition and subsequently published as *La Falsa Prospettiva* in *Italian Renaissance Architecture* in 1980 with a forward by Princess Alexandra. That year whilst again travelling in Northern Italy and reading Colin Urquhart's books *When the Spirit Comes* and *Anything You Ask* he changed from being a God-fearing Anglican to a Born-again Believer and left architecture to work with Colin in Bethany Fellowship at The Hyde in Handcross helping socially outcast and lost individuals find their meaning in life. It was there that he met his wife and they were married in September 1984 and as he had 10 weeks work to do in Melbourne they took a round-the-world ticket with BA and Air New Zealand travelling and visiting friends and family relations en route, including Jackie Pulling in the Walled City in Hong Kong. On their return and after another month working in Rome, he went to work for Quinlan Terry on Downing College and Richmond Riverside culminating with the 'wallpaper length' hand drawn site plan for his collection of villas in Regents Park. They moved to Cambridge in 1987 to work with Fitzroy Robinson where he rose to become an Equity Partner subsequently commuting to London from 2000 designing and delivering RSPB Headquarters at Sandy, NFU Offices in Norwich and York, St Andrew's URC Church in Canterbury, St Andrew the Great in Cambridge, Adnams Distribution Centre in Southwold,

and the Grove Hotel in Hertfordshire where the recent NATO summit was held. In 2007 he was head hunted to join Purcell to head up their emerging Hospitality and Sustainability sectors and designed and delivered Bowood Hotel in Wiltshire, Coworth Park Spa for the Dorchester Collection, extensions to the thriving Grove Hotel, and the Mandarin Oriental Hyde Park. In 2019 he resigned from Purcell to start his own Practice with his middle son who had received the RIBA Hadrian Medal as a student and awards for his subsequent work. They currently have 12 staff based in Marylebone with hospitality projects from Fowey to Bury St Edmunds, and Moonfleet to Argyll and Bute, with the Reform and Carlton Clubs in London as well as new Private Members Clubs in Marylebone and Berkeley Square. His most unusual and challenging project was designing and delivering the Security Screen in the House of Commons and the most surreal interview was in Buckingham Palace in that central room with the balcony onto the Mall. His most exciting project is the current one, the UK's first Net Zero Carbon Luxury Hotel and Spa at Rayners Penn in Buckinghamshire. The biggest project waiting to happen is the World Prayer Centre outside Birmingham. His three sons are all married and born-again believers, and he currently has four grandchildren and counting, aged between 10 and four months.

11. **David Bradley** (1980-1987). Military

David was born and raised on his family's farm in East Kent before going to University in Cardiff. After graduating in Ancient History and Religious Studies in 1992 he started officer training at the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst before being commissioned into the Princess of Wales's Royal Regiment in 1993. As a young infantry officer David served on operations in Northern Ireland as well as working in Kenya, Germany and Canada. In 1999 he was posted to 4th Armoured Brigade in time to take part in the NATO advance into Kosovo. He served for 4 months dealing with the aftermath of a bloody ethnic conflict and gaining a real insight into how leaders operate under pressure. After attending the Joint Services Staff College he returned to his battalion in August 2003 to take command of B Company. Soon after he arrived they were warned off to go to Iraq and David started a period of intense training to prepare for what was going to be an extremely difficult tour. His Brigade arrived in Iraq in April 2004 in time to face the recent Shia uprising and a huge increase in violence. During that time the Princess of Wales's Royal Regiment was to face the most intense combat the British Army had seen since Korea. Based in Basra B Company had to work with the local population to try rebuild their shattered city while at the same time facing regular mortar, rocket and machine gun attacks as the insurgency gathered pace. This culminated on 9 August when a British patrol was cut off in the centre of Basra and David and his company were tasked to save them. In a 3 hour battle the patrol was saved but one of the company was killed and 7 wounded, including David. With severe wounds to his chest, right eye, hand and shoulder the surgeon in the field hospital only gave him a 5% chance of survival. However after emergency surgery he returned to hospital in the UK and started on the long road of physical rehabilitation and recovery. After 4 years rehabilitation including 6 months in Headley Court and over 20 operations David was medically discharged from the Army and returned home to run the family farm. Before leaving he wanted one last challenge. Having been inspired by other amputees who had gone on to run marathons David needed something to test his arms and shoulder. A friend suggested they complete the Devizes to Westminster Canoe Race, considered the toughest marathon canoe race in the world. After 4 months hard training they set off on 22 March 2008 and finished 27 hours later having paddled non-stop over 125 miles and 77 locks through the worst conditions the 60 year old race had ever seen. They had also managed to raise £22000 for Help for Heroes. Before he left the Army David had been invited back to the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst to talk to the

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cadets about Leadership in Combat. This started an interest in speaking on the subject that has led to him addressing both military and civilian audiences about the importance and principles of leadership.

12. **Andrew Breeze** (1965-1972). Academic

Andrew has been Professor of Philology at the University of Navarra since 1987. Following Manwood's, Andrew was educated at Emmanuel College, Cambridge (where he took a first in English in 1974 and in Anglo-Saxon, Norse and Celtic in 1976, and his PhD in 1992), and at St John's College, Oxford (where he took a diploma in Celtic studies in 1978). In 1986/1987, he was Senior Scholar in the School of Celtic Studies, Dublin Institute for Advanced Studies. The most recent of his six books, all controversial, is *The Historical Arthur and the 'Gawain' Poet* (Lexington Books, 2023). He is married with six children.

13. **William J Brown** (1894-1960 and SRMS circa 1905-1912). Politician

William grew up in Margate, Kent and served as General Secretary of the Civil Service Clerical association from 1919 to 1942. He joined the Labour Party and stood for several seats before he was elected at the 1929 General Election as a Labour MP for Wolverhampton West. In 1931, he resigned the Labour whip, and joined the New Party led by Oswald Mosley. However, the following day, he resigned from the New Party and thereafter sat as an Independent. He returned to Parliament at a wartime by-election in 1942 as an Independent candidate in the Rugby by-election and was returned as the Independent MP for Rugby. Brown was re-elected at the 1945 General Election as an Independent MP against both Conservative and Labour opposition. However, at the 1950 General Election, he stood again as an Independent, but came third with 20% of the vote. In 1951 he ran again at Fulham West, with the Conservatives standing aside for him. He lost narrowly.

14. **Mike Burt** (1974-1981). Military

Having served for 37 years as a Regular officer (Wing Commander RAF Regiment) in the Royal Air Force, Mike is now serving as a Full Time Reserve Service officer. He has extensive experience of leading diverse teams of up to 450 personnel, in roles ranging from RAF recruiting and selection to deployed UK, UN and NATO-led military operations, complemented by international defence diplomacy, strategic-level planning and training delivery expertise.

15. **Michael Carter** (1952-1956). Academic

Michael is a British Islamic studies scholar, Emeritus Professor of Arabic at the University of Oslo and Honorary Professor in the Centre for Medieval Studies in Sydney University. He is known for his works on Arabic linguistics. A festschrift in his honour was published in 2006. He is a winner of the King Faisal Prize.

16. **John Kingsmill Cavell** (1916-2017 and SRMS 1926-1936). Clergy

Born in Deal in 1916 John Cavell was educated at Manwood's from 1926-1936 and then Queens' College, Cambridge where he gained his Cambridge Master of Arts (MA Cantab). He was ordained a Deacon at Trinity in May 1940 and a Priest on 11 June 1941, both

times at Canterbury Cathedral. He began his career with Curacies at Christ Church, Folkestone and Addington. He was then successively Secretary of the Church Missionary Society and Vicar of Christ Church, Cheltenham. From 1962–1972, he was Vicar of St Andrew’s Church, Plymouth, and also Rural Dean of Plymouth between 1967 and 1972. In 1963 along with Brian Kennett he co-authored “A History of Sir Roger Manwood's to mark the Quartercentenary of our School. On 2 February 1972, Cavell was consecrated a Bishop by the Archbishop of Canterbury, at Westminster Abbey. He then served as Bishop of Southampton (1972-1984), a suffragan bishop in the Diocese of Winchester. He was also appointed the Bishop of Prisons in June 1975. He retired from full-time ministry on 30 June 1984. In retirement, Cavell continued to serve the Church of England. From 1988 to 2010, he was an honorary assistant Bishop in the Diocese of Salisbury. He was also an honorary Canon of Salisbury Cathedral, and was appointed Canon Emeritus in 2010. John passed away in 2017 aged 100.

17. **Mel Clewlow** (1987-1994). Hockey and Education

Mel was a member of the Canterbury, England and Great Britain hockey squads. She made her international debut in 1996, and has represented England Hockey at three Commonwealth games with podium finishes in the 1998 (silver), 2002 (silver) and 2006 (bronze) games as well as competing twice for Great Britain at the 2000 and 2008 Summer Olympics. She has played for Canterbury Ladies for over 30 years. Mel qualified as an AAT accountant with Clewlow Reeves & Neylan (1996-2006). In 2008 she joined the University of Kent as a Sports Development Manager working her way to Director of Sport in 2017 where she still is.

18. **Hayne Constant** (1904-1968 and SRMS circa 1915-1922). Engineer

Hayne entered SRMS in 1922 (age 18 probably due to WWI) and was vice captain of School 1923/24. In his Higher School Examinations he obtained distinctions in Mathematics and Physics and was awarded a State Scholarship to Queens College, Cambridge where he achieved a First Class Honours degree and made scholar of his college. He stayed at Cambridge for a post graduate year in 1927/28 and then joined the Royal Aircraft Establishment at Farnborough. Hayne developed jet engines during World War II, and was awarded CB, CBE, MA, FRAeS, FRS. He became a member of the Institute of Mechanical Engineers. After six years he joined Imperial College. In 1936 Henry Tizard persuaded him to return to the RAE from Imperial College to help with the development of A. A. Griffith’s gas turbine engine designs. A series of engines to Griffith's design were built under Haynes’ direction at the RAE. He was the Head of the Research Department at Power Jets (R&D) from 1944 to 1946. Fellow of Royal Society 1948. Hayne was director of the National Gas Turbine Establishment from 1948 to 1960, and was awarded the Gold Medal of the Royal Aeronautical Society in 1963 for his outstanding contribution to gas turbine development. In 1964 he became Chief Scientist (R.A.F.) at the Ministry of Defence. Hayne died unmarried at the age of 63.

19. **Aidan Corley** (2001-2008). Politics

Since November 2022 Aidan is Head of Research and Messaging; Special Adviser to the Prime Minister. Previously he led on economic issues in Google UK’s Government Affairs and Policy Policy team. He focussed on innovation and growth in the tech sector, and how new developments can be used to support British businesses. Additionally, he had a particular interest in the UK’s trade policy, including our trading relationship with the US,

and the UK Government's efforts to secure new deals around the world. Prior to that he was a Special Adviser to the Prime Minister in No.10 Downing Street, and a Special Adviser to the Digital Secretary. He also worked on a number of political campaigns in advisory roles.

20. **Peter Crone** (1981-1988). Mind/body wellness

Peter is a thought leader in human potential and performance. He devotes his life to sharing insights and strategies to create an inspired life and find true freedom by awakening new levels of awareness. Peter helps redesign the subconscious mind that drives behaviour and performance and uses the wisdom of Ayurveda to help people find balance through diet and lifestyle. He's worked with entertainers, professional athletes, as well as global organisations.

21. **Cecil Bernard Crouch** (1909-1943 and SRMS 1921-1925). Military

Undoubtedly one of the most decorated Manwoodians of the Second World War was Lt Cmdr Cecil Bernard Crouch DSO (1909-1943) who was at Manwood's 1921-1925. Cecil was awarded the DSO with two bars - the second posthumous. The DSO ranks below the Victoria Cross and above the Military Cross, in order of precedence. So to be awarded the DSO three times is an incredible achievement. Cecil joined the Royal Navy in 1928 and rose through the ranks taking his first command of the submarine HMS Swordfish in 1939. Further commands followed with HMS L27 and HMS Oberon. In September 1940 Cecil took command of the submarine HMS Thunderbolt. HMS Thunderbolt was a T-class submarine originally called HMS Thetis. Thetis sank during sea trials on 1 June 1939 with four survivors out of 103 people on board. The boat was raised, repaired, and commissioned in 1940 as HMS Thunderbolt. It was on Thunderbolt and under his command that Cecil was awarded the DSO and subsequently two bars to it. His first DSO in 1941 was for sinking an Italian submarine, the DSO Bar in 1942 for patrols and the DSO 2nd bar in 1943 awarded posthumously as HMS Thunderbolt had been sunk on 14 March 1943 by the Italian corvette Cicogna. In her 15 war patrols in the period 1940-1943 Thunderbolt had been part of the Atlantic convoy protection as well as being based in the Med around the North African and Italian coast.

22. **Mark Davison** (1983-1991) Actor

Mark has been a professional actor for almost thirty years now, specialising in comedy. Screen credits include "Stath Lets Flats", "Drunk Histories", "Plebs" and "The Witchfinder", and small parts in a number of feature films. He is one half of the online comedy duo "The Exploding Heads" producing sketches around football and politics. The American Broadcaster ESPN commissioned six seasons of the web series "How Will They Line Up?" and "The Premier League in 90 Seconds", and they were subsequently asked to write and perform broadcasts during major football tournaments including "Ballsupski" for the World Cup in 2018. They were also responsible for stunts such as attempting to visit every Premier League Stadium within 24 hours to mark the start of ESPN's Premier League coverage for the 2019 / 20 season. Mark plays the Exploding Heads character "Colin From Portsmouth" which first emerged online in 2021, and whose acerbic commentary on British Politics and the culture wars features regularly on LBC's "The James O'Brien Show." In 2022 they were commissioned to write and perform the audio sitcom "Sports Horn", a parody of sports radio featuring their long-running character Ian Fiveankles (also played by Mark). They were nominated for "Best Comedy Podcast" at

the 2023 British Podcast Awards and the series is in now in its second season. Autumn of 2024 will see The Exploding Heads take a live show on tour around the UK, and Mark is pushing hard for the itinerary to include Canterbury! Mark can trace his love of acting all the way back to when he played Jack in the Manwood Christmas production of “Charley’s Aunt” in 1990. It seems like only yesterday he writes!!

23. **Simon Dexter** (1976-1982). Medicine

Simon specialises in laparoscopic and oesophago-gastric surgery, and has a particular interest in laparoscopic obesity surgery, both primary and revisional. He has performed over 1000 laparoscopic gastric bypass, gastric banding, sleeve gastrectomy and duodenal switch procedures. He has taught and mentored consultant surgeons across the UK in these techniques and has been on the training committee of BOMSS, with responsibility for development of training programmes for UK surgeons. He has been involved in laparoscopic surgery since its inception in the UK in 1990 and was the UK’s first laparoscopic surgery research fellow. His advanced surgical training took him through Leeds General Infirmary, the Chinese University of Hong Kong, Tufts Medical Centre, Boston, USA, and the National Cancer Centre Hospital, Tokyo. He is currently Executive Secretary of the Association of Laparoscopic Surgeons of GB and Ireland, has served 8 years, most recently on the Executive Council as Treasurer of the British Obesity and Metabolic Surgery Society, and has been on the Council of the Association of Upper GI Surgeons of GB and Ireland. He is on the steering group for the National Bariatric Surgery Registry, the UK national database for bariatric surgery. Simon works at St James's University Hospital in Leeds and his private practice is based at Leeds Nuffield and Spire Leeds Hospitals. He is also part of the Phoenix group, and works with Tonic WLS providing high quality bariatric surgical services. Simon enjoys rock concerts and dad dancing with any of his four daughters who'll let him, watching rugby, walking (and the occasional run) with his dog, a glass of fine wine and a home cooked meal with his family.

24. **Jon R Driscoll** (1985-1992). Theatre Design

After Manwood's Jon studied Theatre Design at Croydon College of Art and Design. He started designing lighting on the London fringe. From 1995 to 2000, he worked as a lighting technician at the National Theatre in London. In a bid to realise his childhood ambition to become a cinematographer he successfully applied to the National Film and Television School in 1999. On graduating in 2002 with an MA in Film and Television Cinematography he experienced a shortage of job opportunities in the film industry and turned to video design for the theatre. He is a Director of Cinelumina, a post-production company in Hoxton, London. Awards include 2014 Laurence Olivier Award for Best Lighting Design with Paul Pyant for *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*; 2014 Los Angeles Drama Critics Circle Awards for CGI/Video for *Brief Encounter*; 2012 Drama Desk Award for Outstanding Set Design with Rob Howell and Paul Kieve for *Ghost the Musical*; 2010 Obie Award for Best Design for *Brief Encounter* and 2008 Critics' Circle Theatre Award for Best Design for *Brief Encounter*.

25. **Michael Escudier** (1972-1980). Medicine

Professor Michael Escudier is the Executive Dean at the Faculty of Dentistry, Oral & Craniofacial Sciences at Kings College, London (KCL). He was previously Deputy Dean for the Faculty, Mike has also served as Dean for the Royal College of Surgeons London. Mike is Professor of Oral Medicine and Education King’s College London (KCL); Honorary

Consultant Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust (GSTT); former Chair of College Assessment and Scrutiny Committee (KCL); KCL Education Strategy: Co-Chair assessment and feedback theme development group and implementation group. He is also Dean, Faculty of Dental Surgery, Royal College of Surgeons of England; Chair, Joint Committee for Postgraduate Training in Dentistry; President Elect of European Association of Oral Medicine Mike completed his undergraduate dental and medical training at Guy's Dental Hospital and St Bartholomew's Hospital before returning to KCL where he completed oral medicine specialist training in 2002 and was appointed Honorary Consultant to GSTT in 2003. He completed a doctorate on the use of lithotripsy in the management of salivary calculi and leads the multi-disciplinary salivary and oro-facial granulomatosis clinics as well as an oro-facial pain clinic. His areas of special interest: include oro-facial granulomatosis, salivary gland disease; and education assessment and his research interests which include the management of obstructive salivary gland disease, oro-facial granulomatosis as well as other oral mucosal diseases and assessment.

26. **Abi Estelle** nee Boys (1992-1999). Medicine

Abi is a consultant Oral and Maxillofacial surgeon, residing in New Zealand with her husband Kenny and son Owen. Abi spent much of her early training years in and around London (medical and dental school at Guy's Hospital) but 'escaped' whenever time allowed to Africa where she has worked with various NGOs, Mercy Ships, Project Harare and Medical Centres of West Africa (MCWA). It was with MCWA in Cameroon where Abi met Abel and their charity Willing and Abel (unknowingly at the time) was born. Abi's love for international health and passion for bridging gaps in healthcare saw her join the Samaritan's Purse UK Medical Disaster Response Team and it was during her time in Haiti that she met Kenny (who was there with the USA branch). This took Abi to Florida for 5 years of Maxillofacial Specialty training prior to relocating to NZ.

27. **Richard Fardon** (1963-1970). Academic

After more than thirty years, Richard retired from SOAS University of London as Emeritus Professor of Anthropology in 2020 and now divides his time between London and Deal. In addition to writing and enjoying whatever else London has to offer, he remains a season ticket holder at Spurs – as a punishment for something particularly bad he cannot remember doing in a past life. On leaving Manwood's, Richard took a first degree in Economics and Social Anthropology at UCL, before specialising in Anthropology and writing a doctorate based on local research in Nigeria and Cameroon. West Africa has remained his area of special interest. He spent most of the 1980s as a lecturer at the University of St Andrews in Scotland before joining SOAS, where he was promoted to a Professorship in West African Anthropology in 1996 and elected a Fellow of the British Academy in 2004. Along the way, he took on a variety of leadership roles in African Studies and Anthropology, finally as founding Head of the SOAS Doctoral School. In the unlikely event anyone is interested, the longer version of all this is here: <https://www.soas.ac.uk/about/richard-fardon>. Singly or with others, he is author or editor of numerous books ranging from intellectual biography, through the history of anthropological theory, to a variety of topics in African studies. Of late, he has been intrigued by classical African art. Richard is current Chair of Trustees of the International African Institute and a member of Council of the Royal Anthropological Institute.

28. **Duncan Field** (1982-1989). Law

Duncan is a Planning lawyer practising in the UK with extensive experience of major infrastructure projects (including airports and ports), town/city centre mixed use regeneration schemes and large scale residential developments. He deals with planning applications, planning appeals and public inquiries, planning highway and other infrastructure agreements, compulsory purchase orders, development plan advice, environmental impact assessments, strategic environmental assessment, habitats regulations assessment, harbour revision orders, transport and works act orders, planning enforcement, planning due diligence for corporate and real estate transactions, public law and judicial review.

29. **Mike Field** (1949-1956?) TV and Journalism

Born in Ash in 1938 Mike started his journalist career in Deal as a junior reporter and then moved on to Dover and Folkestone. He moved to TV starting in Dover with Southern TV becoming a reporter and main anchor then BBC for sports coverage. In the 50s he was conscripted and sent to Sharjah as secretary to the CO of Crucial Oman Scouts.

30. **Peter Firminger** (1934-2017 and SRMS 1946-1952 and SRMS staff 1958-1992). Teaching

From Manwood's Peter served two years of National Service in the RAF Regiment primarily based in Credenhill, Hereford reaching the rank of Corporal. He then followed this with three years at St Johns, York where he studied for a Dip.Phy.Ed in Physical Education and Geography. Peter's first teaching post was at Chatham House but after a conversation with Ephraim Parker Oakes (Headmaster at Manwood's 1935-1960) at a hockey festival he was offered the post of Head of PE with a side dish of Geography at Manwood's and returned to Sandwich which is where he remained. Peter Firminger's (aka PF/Furry) name was synonymous with Manwood's hockey for the best part of 40 years. A lover of all sports (he was also coach of the First XV (1961?-1963?) at rugby too) but hockey was his number one passion and he coached at Manwood's from 1958-1992 (34 years). He was once interviewed for the post of National Hockey Coach but their loss was Manwood's gain as he put the school on the map as a leading hockey school - one factor in Manwood's inclusion in the good schools guide in the 90's. He led four trips to the Los Reyes Hockey tournament at the prestigious Real Club de Polo de Barcelona and took tours to Vienna as well as the school's participation in the World Cup warm up tournament in 1986. He also instigated the Peter Firminger Trophy - the U15s Kent County Competition and the Peter Firminger Memorial Trophy (School v OMs) was named after him. Outside of Manwood's hockey PF was a one club man at Cliftonville hockey club and was also capped by Kent. He also played cricket for Sandwich CC. Peter was Housemaster at the Grange from 1971 to 1981 where he lived with Elaine (Deputy Head at Sandwich Secondary) and their two daughters (Sue and Sally). Peter was also Hon. Sec. of the OMA from 1961 to 1966. After retiring from Manwood's in 1992 Peter taught sport for a few years at Kent College junior school. Peter sadly passed away on 27th March 2017 aged 82 some 8 years after suffering an incapacitating stroke.

31. **Pella Frost** (1994-2001) Finance

Following Manwood's Pella graduated in 2004 with a degree in PPE from the University of Oxford. Since 2023 Pella has been HSBC UK's Head of Everyday Banking, following 13 years at the TSB and Lloyds Banking Groups.

32. **Fiona Galbraith** (1984-1991). Military

Fiona served as a military intelligence officer in the British Army for 25 years attaining the rank of Lt Col, moving from regular to reserve service in 2018. She served in many operational campaigns around the globe, leading the military intelligence campaign in several. Fiona joined Buckinghamshire New University in 2020. She holds a BA (Hons) in Contemporary East European Studies at the School of Slavonic and East European Studies, University of London and an MA in Defence Studies from Kings College London. She studied land management, gaining an MSc from the Royal Agricultural University. She is a Fellow of the Chartered Management Institute and was awarded a Churchill Fellowship in 2020 to undertake an international research project, which was delayed by the global pandemic.

33. **Eugene Gilkes** (1973-1980). Sport

Eugene represented England in the decathlon event, at the 1986 Commonwealth Games in Edinburgh. Four years later he represented England again and won a bronze medal, at the 1990 Commonwealth Games in Auckland, New Zealand. Outside of athletics Eugene has over 30 years' experience of improving performance in business and has a passion for both curating more inclusive workplace cultures and fighting childhood obesity through his role as CEO of Include Me Consulting. Since becoming a certified Cultural Intelligence (CQ®) Facilitator, he has witnessed first-hand the power of CQ® to open the most closed, seemingly intransigent minds. It's this that led to the creation of Include Me Consulting which exists to help organisations to transform their business outcomes by developing better practices in inclusion and creating more psychologically safe and equitable workplace cultures for their people. His strategic partnerships include ASDA, ING Barings, David Lloyd and Sky. He has also enjoyed broadcasting roles on BBC TV and radio, ITV, C4 and Sky; the most stimulating being LWT's Gladiators! Eugene's commitment to community and improving the life-chances of children is reflected in over 24 years of service as a school governor in one of the UK's most diverse local authorities and has been an active thread throughout his professional and volunteering life. Eugene continues to take every opportunity to champion their physical and mental health and wellbeing.

34. **Grace Gleave** (2002-2009). Publishing

Grace is currently editor of children's books at Pan Macmillan. She started her career in publishing at Michael O'Mara, followed by Faber and Faber. She now works at Macmillan Children's Books where she edits best selling authors and illustrators.

35. **Rufus Hack** (1993-2000). Business

Rufus is currently CEO of Sony Sports (their previous businesses include Hawk-Eye, Beyond Sports and Pulselive). Previously he was Chief Operating Officer at PGA European Tour and Ryder Cup as well as Managing Director at European Tour

Productions. In his spare time he loves to do various solo endurance challenges including completing the Marathon Des Sables and a solo swim of the English Channel. Philanthropically he has also setup a business called Come Play Sports to try and get younger people back in sports with a variety of non-mainstream sports.

36. Ray Harlow (1935-2019 and SRMS staff and CCF (1957-2016?))

Educated at The Judd School in Tonbridge, Ray then attended Queen Mary College, London, where he studied for a BSc Hons degree in Maths and Subsidiary Physics followed by a PGCE at the London Institute of Education. Ray joined Manwood's in 1957 with the intention of staying for one year as a Boarding House Tutor in The Grange and in the School as a Maths and lower school Science teacher whilst also assisting with Games and the 1st XI Cricket team. After three years Ray was promoted to the Head of Physics Ray ran the Manwood's 1st XI Cricket for 14 years and the 1st XV for four years while he also assisted with the junior Rugby and Hockey teams. He retired from formal teaching in 1996 but continued his Manwood connection through the OMA where he was a Committee member and then the first OMA Chairman (2002) that had not been a former Manwoodian pupil. For 43 years he was Manwood's CCF. Within a year of arrival he became an Assistant Training Officer, then Captain 2i/c and Quartermaster, and then in 1972 he took command of the Corps which he finally relinquished in 2001 attaining the rank of CCF Lieutenant-Colonel. After "retirement" he continued as Quartermaster, .22 Shooting coach and supervisor of the CCF Band. Ray passed away in 2019.

37. Simon Harlow 1977-1984 Aviation

Simon is the son of Ray Harlow, a former Physics teacher and CO of Manwood's CCF (1957-2016), and the brother of another OM, James (SRMS 1978-1985). Born and raised in Deal, Simon joined Manwood's from Woottonley House School in 1977. At that time, Manwood's was an all-boys grammar school with about 70 students per year group and a significant number of boarders. Wednesday afternoons were reserved for sport, and school would finish on Saturdays at 1230. Having a parent teaching at the school added an extra layer to the school dynamics — it was often a challenge to be seen as an individual rather than "the teacher's child," both among classmates and teachers. The standout moment of Simon's school years was winning a University Cadetship with the RAF. Unfortunately, the low point came shortly after when he shattered his ankle on the Easter skiing trip, just before his 'A' levels. Subsequently breaking his chemistry practical equipment while managing crutches and a lot of codeine, on the day he was discharged from the hospital, did not help with achieving the required grades. Three years later, Simon joined the Royal Navy and earned his Fleet Air Arm wings in 1991, flying the Westland Lynx from various frigates and later qualifying as a Helicopter Instructor. In 2002, he graduated as an Experimental Helicopter Test Pilot from EPNER, the French Test Pilot School, joining the MOD Rotary Wing Test Squadron as a Test Pilot and Training Officer. He later served as a Rotary Wing Tutor at the Empire Test Pilots' School, and completed his Naval service as the lead military test pilot on the AW159 Wildcat. In 2010, he joined Bond Offshore Helicopters as Company Test Pilot and eventually became Head of Standards. During this time, he also earned a Master of Science in Air Safety Management with distinction from City, University of London. In 2015, he was recruited by Babcock Mission Critical Services as Safety Manager and Fleet Test Pilot, and he became Chief Pilot (Rotary Wing) in 2018. Simon became a Fellow of the Royal Aeronautical Society in 2018 and is a member of the Society of Experimental Test Pilots. He serves on the Royal Aeronautical Society Rotorcraft Specialist Group and was a

founding member of the HeliOffshore Safety Steering Group. Since 2020, he has been contracting and consulting on aviation matters. In 2022/23, he assisted in obtaining approvals for operations from a cruise vessel in the Antarctic and flew during the first season. More recently, he contributed to the formation and approvals for the latest incarnation of Bond Helicopters in Norwich. Simon has a 22-year-old son who is an outward-bound instructor, and two daughters (20 and 17), both studying Musical Theatre away from home.

38. **John Hartley** (1962-1967). Academic and author

John completed a Bachelor of Arts in English Language and Literature at the University of Wales in 1972 and went on to do postgraduate work there. He worked at the Polytechnic of Wales (1975-84) as part of the team that introduced one of the UK's first-ever Communication Studies degree courses. He also worked as a cinema projectionist at Chapter Arts Centre and served for a while as chair of the Chapter Film Workshop. He moved to Australia in 1985, working at Murdoch University and building a family with Australian partner Tina Horton and three children. Returning to the UK in 1996 he became founding head of the Cardiff School of Journalism, Media and Culture at Cardiff University. Then back again to Australia as foundation dean of the world's first Creative Industries Faculty, at Queensland University of Technology (2000-2011). After a stint at Curtin University, Western Australia (2012-2019), he is professor in Digital Culture and Media at the University of Sydney. John was awarded an AM (Member of the Order of Australia), and an Australian Research Council Federation Fellowship, and holds several elected fellowships (Learned Society of Wales, Australian Academy of the Humanities, Royal Society of Arts, International Communication Association). He has published over twenty books on communication, journalism, media, cultural studies and the creative industries, many of which have been translated into other languages. His recent work on cultural science is published as a trilogy with Bloomsbury (US): *Cultural Science: A Natural History of Stories, Demes, Knowledge and Innovation* (with Jason Potts. 2014); *How We Use Stories and Why That Matters: Cultural Science in Action* (2020) *On the Digital Semiosphere: Culture, Media and Science for the Anthropocene* (with Indrek Ibrus and Maarja Ojamaa, 2021). A follow-up book called *Make / Believe: We and They on a Digital Planet* is in preparation. John lives in Fremantle, Western Australia, where a swim in the Indian Ocean most mornings does wonders.

39. **David Hollas** (1971-1976). Military

Dave gained entry to the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst and was commissioned in April 1979 into the Royal Corps of Transport. This was followed by 35 years of service including Operational tours in N. Ireland, Former Republic of Yugoslavia and the Gulf and a sunshine tour of two years in Canada (Ralston Alberta, where there was a massive training area in the middle of nowhere to conduct live fire exercises) and normal postings to Germany, and garrisons in the UK. He was selected for formal Staff Training at Staff College and had a few tours flying desks! He finished back in Nottingham where he had been posted for his final five years commanding the Recruiting team that covered the East Midlands and East Anglia. Dave was awarded an MBE in the Queens Birthday Honours list in 1999. After the Army Dave dabbled in politics, standing in the General Election of 2015 as a UKIP candidate. Following a chance meeting with a veteran protesting in Nottingham Market Square about his abuse in a Children's Home in the 1960s, he got involved in a social justice campaign which ended with over 400 former

children of the care system coming forward to the police with their allegations of abuse, taking them to a national Public Inquiry as one of its key strands to get the truth, sending to prison some 18 abusers and finally putting in place therapeutic support in the county so they and others that follow could deal with their trauma. He moved from Nottingham during Covid (nothing to do with the pandemic, just coincidental) and found a small cottage in a small hamlet in SW Wilts close to no one but within walking distance of a pub.

40. Mike C Holness (1953-1961) 1943-2024 Aviation

Mike served two terms as a Liberal Democrat councillor representing Boyn Hill ward from 2003-2011, though he stood to serve his community rather than for political reasons. His support of many Maidenhead organisations saw him deeply involved in the life of the town, while his membership of Maidenhead Rotary Club twice took him and his wife Frankie to India to help with immunising children against polio and building check dams. Mike's family lived in Margate but, due to the war, pregnant women were evacuated to Royal Tunbridge Wells, Kent, where Mike was born in 1942 as the second oldest of four children. Shortly after, they returned to Margate where he grew up with his three sisters. He won a scholarship to Sir Roger Manwood's Grammar School in Sandwich, Kent, after which he completed an engineering apprenticeship with British European Airways (BEA) and gained a degree from City University. He specialised in wind tunnels and also learned Russian while at university, which resulted in him inviting Valentina Tereshkova, the first woman in space, to the UK to give a talk at British Airways. Mike worked for the airline for more than 33 years, his career spanning the merger of BEA with BOAC to become British Airways. After his engineering apprenticeship, he moved to Operational Research, a very innovative department at the time, where he met Frankie, and later in his career was promoted to senior management. He also became a Fellow of the Royal Aeronautical Society. He moved to Maidenhead in February 1972 and married Frankie in June the same year. They were married for just over 51 years. The couple have three children – Ben, Tom, and Vicky – and two grandchildren, Oliver and Neave. Mike and Frankie travelled a lot from the time they met right up until the COVID-19 pandemic. After retiring, he worked in a consulting capacity with BA and other airlines but also threw himself into the local community. He and Frankie started volunteering at Norden Farm from when the arts centre opened in 2000. He was active with the Workers' Education Association (WEA), a charity providing adult education, from 2011. He took part in many classes, joined the committee and helped with the provision of equipment and the design and printing of leaflets, something he also did for many other organisations. Mike served as chairman of governors at Altwood School in the 1990s and was an active Rotarian from 1996, serving terms as both president and secretary of Maidenhead Rotary Club and was also the club historian. Through Rotary he was a founding member of Maidenhead U3A. He was also involved in setting up his local Neighbourhood Watch and was a co-ordinator for the Boyn Hill area. Mike was also a champion of Grenfell Park, both while he was a councillor and afterwards. He suggested the installation of the adult gym and table tennis equipment, and helped the current cafe to get set up. A keen environmentalist, he was a great supporter of Wild Maidenhead and Heal Rewilding – a charity that buys land to restore it to its natural habitat – and was active in setting up and running litter-picking initiatives.

41. **Tony/Tonie Holt** (1945-1951) Military and Tour Operator

Tonie entered Manwood's in 1945 and by 1951 his School highlights included CSM CCF [Note in those days it was the OTC], Knolles House prefect (1949) and School prefect (1950); School colours in hockey (1951) and the Victor Ludorum winner (1950). Tonie left Manwood's for RMA Sandhurst in 1951 and while serving obtained a BSc(Eng), Army hockey colours and Chartered status as both an Electrical and Mechanical Engineer. He also attended the Army Staff College. He later resigned his Commission to work with his wife Valmai (former Head Girl at DGS) on a series of entrepreneurial ventures. In the 1970s he and Valmai founded the UK's first commercial battlefield tour company, based in Sandwich. The company, Major and Mrs Holt's Battlefield Tours, specialised in tours for the general public to the WW1 & WW2 battlefields in mainland Europe, to the American Civil War, the Crimea, South Africa, El Alamein, Vietnam etc in all to more than 20 Countries worldwide including the UK. In the 1980s Tonie and Valmai were asked to take over the running of the Pilgrimage programme for the Royal British Legion, which provided financial support for relatives to visit the graves of loved ones. During that period they both became Fellows of the Royal Society of Arts (FRSA). They sold their travel company in the 1990s and concentrated on writing, mainly battlefield guide-books, undertaking all of their own research, with over 30 titles to their credit. The guide-books became best sellers and award winning. The best known of their other books, My Boy Jack?, the story of Rudyard Kipling's only son who died aged 18 in WW1, was continually by Daniel Radcliffe's side during the making of the TV play 'My Boy Jack'. Notice the different name. The tv play was not about the book. At that time the book was on option for use in a major film.

42. **Richard Hope** (1939-2023 and SRMS 1949-1955). Sailing

Richard was a round the world yachtsman and author of "The Voyage Home" the story of a non stop solo voyage from New Zealand to Chichester, England by a small sailing catamaran, told in the daily journal entries of the lone sailor. This four volume book is the saga of his family's great adventure. The first 3 volumes are the first half of the round-the-world trip with his family. After a while living in New Zealand he left his family there and sailed home non-stop and single-handed. The fourth book is the story of that solo voyage. After he arrived safely in the UK he was able to bring his family home too.

43. **Amy Hopper** (1999-2006). Business

Amy founded a digital agency at 25, got hit by a car at 26, lost half her hair, shaved her head, grew her agency to a top 30 UK Google Partner, had a spinal fusion, was wheelchair bound, sold her agency, rebuilt her body, hiked 600km solo around Europe, took to the speaking circuit, founded a wellbeing and performance consultancy group, became a sport fitness model, and now helps companies remove wellbeing barriers to produce higher-performing teams. TOA (her new agency founded in 2023) in her words is "a consultancy that removes wellbeing barriers, producing higher-performing teams helping teams become more focused, time-efficient, engaged and productive.

44. **Frank Cyril Horton** (1907-1989 and SRMS 1918-1925) Military

Following Manwood's Frank was commissioned into the Royal Marines (1925) and after training from 1928-1931 he served in the China (HMS Cumberland) and Mediterranean Stations (HMS Royal Oak). From 1931 to 1940 he had a variety of appointments ashore

and afloat. In 1941 he attended the Staff College Camberley and from 1942 to 1943 he was on the Staff of the Chief of Combined Operations. From 1943 to 1945 Frank was the first Commanding Officer of 44 Commando which served in the Far East with the 3rd Special Service Brigade. It took part in the Burma Campaign and was located in the Arakan during the Japanese U-Go Offensive (one of the last Japanese offensives), before carrying out a number of raids along the Burmese coastline. During the 1944–45 third Arakan offensive 44 Commando took part in the landings at Myebon and the Battle of Hill 170. From 1945 to 1946 he was appointed to the Directing Staff of the Army Staff College at Camberley and from 1946 to 1948 he served in the Plans Division of the Admiralty. In 1948 until 1951 he served on the Directing Staff of the Joint Services Staff College. From 1951 to 1952 he was Commandant of the Amphibious School Royal Marines. In 1952 he was appointed Colonel on the Chief of Staff of the Commandant General Royal Marines and in 1955 he was promoted to Major General and appointed as Chief of Staff to the Commandant General Royal Marines until he retired from Royal Marines in 1958 after 33 years service. In addition to the Second World War campaign medals (1939-1945 Star, Burma Star, Defence medal, War medal) the ER II Coronation medal he was also honoured with an OBE in 1953 and a CB in 1957. After the Royal Marines he used his extensive administrative skills as a Civil Defence officer for Essex county and in 1961 Civil Defence Regional Director for the SE region. Frank died in 1989 and was survived by a wife and daughter.

45. **William Horwood** (1955-1963). Writer

William was raised on the East Kent coast, mostly in Deal, the setting for his memoir *The Boy with No Shoes*. His parents were academics and it was an intellectually exciting, creative and liberal household. But as a home for a small boy it was difficult and abusive, as his memoir shows. But not quite a total disaster, fortunately. Survival and then healing happens. Just. At ten William was sent to school in Germany; at eleven he went to Manwood's; at fourteen, inspired by reading *The Secret Garden* by Frances Hodgson Burnett, he decided to become a writer and never wavered from that goal. At eighteen, after a nine-month tramp around the British Isles camping wild, he took up his place at Bristol University to read Geography & Economics. A lot of jobs followed: fund-raising for the student charity World University Service; teaching; selling recruitment advertising; writing for trade magazines and finally working for the London Daily Mail, as editor of *Money Mail* and then *Femail*. He resigned from the paper in 1978 aged 34 to write his first novel. *Duncton Wood*, an anthropomorphic saga with moles as the protagonists, was an instant bestseller. More than twenty novels have followed including five *Dunctons*; four critically acclaimed sequels to *The Wind in the Willows*; the *Hyddenworld Quartet*; stories about eagles and wolves; as well as *Skallagriggand* his memoir. He is now finishing the first volume of a Covid-related trilogy, humans not fantasy.

46. **John W. Hougham** (1948-1955) Industrial Relations

After National Service and University John devoted his career to industrial relations. He was with Ford UK at Dagenham for 30 years, as Director of Personnel and a Main Board Director. He was appointed Chairman of ACAS, the Advisory, Conciliation and Arbitration Service, in 1993 until 2000, for which he was awarded the CBE. When I last heard John was living in retirement on Deal seafront.

47. **Richard Jardine** (1964-1971) Academic/Engineer

Richard is currently Professor Geomechanics, College Proconsul at the Department of Civil & Environmental Engineering, Imperial College London. Richard left Manwood's to study Civil Engineering at Imperial College in London. His Imperial College webpage <https://www.imperial.ac.uk/people/r.jardine> describes the fields he has worked in over the five decades that followed. In May 2024 Richard was elected a new Fellow of the Royal Society. They might also like to know that early in my career I worked in and for the County on various road and other schemes, including the difficult Stour River crossing of the Sandwich Bypass, which we completed around 1980.

48. **Peter Jones** (1952-1959). Film Maker

After studying science at Wadham College Oxford, Peter switched to a career in television production when offered a chance to train at Granada TV in Manchester. In 1969, he joined the BBC Horizon team to combine film-making and science, making over 20 programmes including "Rumours of War" about the arms race; the English Landscape explorations of W G Hoskins; two episodes of a drama-doc "Microbes and Men" - the story of Pasteur starring Arthur Lowe; "The Selfish Gene"; several award winning films on medicine and ecology; "A Whisper from Space" on the big bang (a co-production with NOVA WGBH); and a film made with Tim Clutton-Brock on the behavioural-ecology of the Red Deer. In 1991 left the BBC to form Green Umbrella with Nigel Ashcroft. Over 70 films followed for US TV stations WGBH, WNET, National Geographic, and Discovery; many were also seen on BBC or CH4: "Einstein Revealed", "Living Europe", "Triumph of Life", "Longitude" and the Emmy winning "Galileo's Daughter". Between 2002 and 2005, three films for American Experience followed, but from 2006, family and personal health came to matter most; and he now pursues his interest in cosmology with the Bristol "Lunar Society".

49. **Amy Judd** (1991-1998). Artist

Amy Judd is British Postwar and Contemporary artist based in London and represented by Hicks Gallery. Her paintings are a collection of sensitive silent moments; some full of whimsical intrigue, others more surreal and seductive. Inspired by Mythologies and folklore her pieces capture surreal stories of women and nature. Her work always strives to be striking, beautiful and feminine. Concealment is also a reoccurring theme. In many of her oil paintings, the figures faces are often covered by feathers or turned away from the viewer.

50. **Sam Judd** (1989-1996). Medicine

Sam qualified from Nottingham University in 2001. Having initially trained as an Orthopaedic Surgeon he worked for several years in this field before moving into General Practice. He maintains an interest in Orthopaedics and more recently has become involved in Palliative Care work. He moved to the Isle of Wight in 2010 to work at St Mary's Hospital and in September 2013 he joined Shanklin Medical Centre as a GP. When away from work Sam enjoys spending time both in the countryside and at seaside with his young family, also DIY and surfing.

51. **Brian Kennett** (1945-1982 and SRMS staff 1903-2014) Teacher

A graduate in History from Bede College, University of Durham, Brian joined Manwood's as temporary cover and "to keep the place warm for the rightful tenant" E.P. Oakes the headmaster had said. This temping position that lasted 37 years covered a host of activities other than teaching History which he did in his own special way. He was Housemaster of HMH for a number of years; a keen musician playing the cello; he set up the school choir; was a founder member and the Lecture Secretary of Sandwich Local History Society; and, had a love of drama as evidenced by organising theatre trips as well as producer of many school plays. In 1963 to celebrate the 400th birthday of Manwood's and in association with the Rev. John Cavell he wrote "A History of Sir Roger Manwood's School 1563-1963". For a number of years he also served on the OMA Committee. Brian passed away in 2014.

52. **Jeff Knott** (1996-2002). Conservation

Graduated from the University of East Anglia (UK) and MacQuarie University (Australia). Currently Director of Policy & Advocacy for the RSPB, leading teams across the UK and globally to give nature a voice in decision making and ensure we tackle the nature and climate emergency. He is an experienced manager and leader in non-profit sector, with a demonstrated history of working at the interface of conservation delivery, policy advocacy and communications and campaigns to deliver the best outcome for wildlife and people.

53. **Robin Knowles** (1971-1978). Law

After Manwood's Robin read Law at Cambridge. He commenced practice at the Bar in 1984, and was appointed a QC (now KC) in 1999. His practice was in commercial, financial, company and insolvency law. He became the Chair of the Commercial Bar Association of England & Wales and of Advocate (the Bar Pro Bono Unit). He remains Chair of the National Pro Bono Centre. In 1998 he was appointed an Assistant Recorder, a Recorder in 2000 and a Deputy High Court Judge in 2007, sitting in the Crown Court, the Chancery Division and the Commercial Court. He is a qualified mediator and has sat as an arbitrator. He became a High Court Judge in 2014. Robin is the judge with day-to-day responsibility for the Standing International Forum of Commercial Courts (the global forum of the world's commercial courts), and is a board member of the Financial Markets Law Committee. He has served as Chair of the International Committee of the Judicial College and as a member of the Civil Justice Council. Through the pandemic he chaired the cross-sector MR's Working Group on possession proceedings. He co-chairs the Strategic Engagement Group for user engagement by HM's Courts and Tribunals Service. Robin was awarded the CBE in 2007 for service to pro bono legal services. Outside the law, before his appointment to the High Court bench, he chaired the UK umbrella charity in the children's palliative care and children's hospice sector.

54. **Simon Knowles** (1972-1979.) Information Technology

Simon is co-founder, CTO and EVP Engineering of Graphcore and is the original architect of the "Colossus" IPU. He has been designing original processors for emergent workloads for over 30 years, focussing on intelligence since 2012. Before Graphcore, Simon co-founded two other successful processor companies – Element14, acquired by Broadcom in 2000, and Icera, acquired by Nvidia in 2011. He is an Electrical Engineering graduate of Cambridge University.

55. **Murray Lambell** (1988-1995). Business

Murray graduated from the University of Exeter in 1999 with a BA Combined Honours in History and Languages. He then received an MBA from the London Business School in 2007. From 2004 to 2007 he held various Marketing Sales and Product roles with British Airways. He joined eBay in 2008 and following various roles wither in 2020 Murray became the General Manager for eBays UK business, having been promoted from Vice President of UK Trading, where he was responsible for all of eBay UK's Business to Consumer and Sales & Operations activities.

56. **Katie Latham** (2009-2015). Swimming

Katie graduated from the University of Kent in 2020 with a first class BSc (Hons) degree in Biochemistry and is currently studying for a PhD in HCMV Biology at St Georges University in London. At the 2022 Speedo British Summer Championships in swimming Katie won gold in 50m free and back stroke.

57. **Zoe Laughlin** (1992-1999). Artist, Designer, Materials Engineers and TV Presenter

Zoe is Co-founder and Director of the Institute of Making at University College London. She is a British artist, maker and materials engineer. She is the co-founder and Director of the Institute of Making at University College London. She is a regular panelist on the BBC Radio 4 show The Kitchen Cabinet. Laughlin was awarded the 2019 Inspire, Support Achieve Award for Design Engineering from the Institution of Engineering Designers.

58. **David Linch** (1962-1969). Medicine

Davis is Professor of Haematology and Head of the Department of Haematology at University College London (UCL). He qualified in Medicine from Cambridge University and the Middlesex Hospital Medical School in 1975, and then undertook SHO and Registrar positions in General Medicine before entering Haematology. Professor Linch has served on numerous advisory bodies including the Scientific Committee and the Clinical Trials Committee of the Leukaemia Research Fund, the Medical Advisory Panel, the Cell and Molecular Panel and International Panel of the Wellcome Trust. He is currently the President of the British Society of Haematology.

59. **Rupert Gordon Lochner** (1891 – 1965 and SRMS 1900-1901) Military

Rupert was briefly at Manwood's at the turn of the 20th Century Manwood's (1900-1901) and left when the first headmaster of the "new" School Edward Blakeney left for Borlase School in Marlow, taking with him a third of the pupils. In 1910 Rupert was commissioned in the South Wales Borderers from the Royal Military College, Sandhurst and during World War I he saw service in France and Belgium, July 1915 to July 1916, and again January 1917 to November 1918, earning the Military Cross during this time. In World War II he was appointed to command the 1st battalion, The South Wales Borderers as a Lieutenant-Colonel (20 February 1938 to 14 October 1940). He was appointed acting Brigadier-General 15 October 1940. As part of Paiforce (formerly Iraqforce), Lochner commanded the 18th Indian Brigade of the Indian 8th Infantry Division during the Anglo-Soviet Invasion of Persia. He relinquished command of the brigade 14 August 1942 and was promoted to acting Major-General 15 August 1942 and became the Base Commander Persia and Iraq from 15 August 1942 until 14 September 1942. He was

advanced again to temporary Major-General 15 August 1943 until 10 December 1943 when he relinquished the rank but he was again appointed temporary Major-General 25 October 1944. He was Mentioned in Despatches twice during World War II. He retired a Colonel (Honorary Major-General) in January 1946. Deputy Lieutenant of Breconshire from 1948 until his death in Abergavenny at the age of 73.

60. **Donald Longmore** (1928-2023 and SRMS 1936-1943). Medicine.

Donald was a Consultant Surgeon and Clinical Physiologist at the National Heart Hospital from 1963 to 1980. On 3 May 1968, together with Donald Ross and Keith Ross, he performed the first heart transplant in the United Kingdom, which was also only the eleventh in the world. In 1970 the School's first Biology lab was built using money raised by the OMA and opened by OM Donald Longmore. From 1982 to 1993 he worked as Professor of Magnetic Resonance in Medicine and Director of the Magnetic Resonance Unit, at the Royal Brompton National Heart and Lung Hospital, where he was latterly Emeritus. His other achievements include the development of the first commercial portable artificial kidney; and research in cross species transplantation. He also holds management positions in companies delivering magnetic resonance services. Donald was made an Officer of the Order of the British Empire (OBE) in the 1999 New Years Honours "for services to Magnetic Resonance Scanning". Imperial College named their "CORDA Donald Longmore PhD Fellowship" to honour him. He was a Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh (FRCSEd) and a Fellow of the Royal College of Radiologists (FRCR).

61. **James Mannings** (1995-2002) and 62. **Tom Mannings** (1997-2004). Travel

Owner/Directors of Top Villas, Top Villas Realty and LuxuryVillaRentals.com. Both have many years of expertise in the luxury travel industry and are Digital experts, avid travellers and entrepreneurs. Top Villas is one of the world's leading luxury villa rental specialists boasting a portfolio of more than 5,000 luxury villas in 100 of the world's finest vacation destinations. Founded in 2010 by entrepreneurial brothers James and Tom Mannings, the Top Villas story began with an initial investment of just \$1,500. Their impressive worldwide property portfolio is now valued at more than \$5 billion. Top Villas offices are based in Sandwich, UK and Orlando, USA.

63. **Karl Mercer** (1979-1986). Journalist

Karl is BBC London's Political Correspondent. Karl started his journalism career writing for local papers before moving on to local radio and BBC London TV. He has reported on the capital's politics since 1996, covering all four mayoral elections and the 1998 Greater London Authority Referendum. Karl has a particular interest in health policy, which he has been reporting on in various capacities since 1987.

64. **Patrick Miles** (1959-1966). Writer and Translator

Patrick is an English writer and translator. After Manwood's Patrick read Russian and German at Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge graduating in 1971. He taught Russian and German language/literature for all Cambridge colleges from 1971 to 1977 and 1987 to 1993, as well as researching early Chekov with a period spent in Moscow 1972 to 1974, meeting leading Russian literary critics. He has been a writer, translator, and researcher since then, and worked in the theatre, including being artistic director of the

Cambridge Chekov Company and Russian consultant to the Royal National Theatre. He was also a Senior Research Associate at Cambridge University 1984–1987, after which he ran an information consultancy and a European translation agency 1991–1999. In 2010 Miles was awarded a Cambridge PhD for his publications on Russian literature, especially the work of Anton Chekhov. He currently resides in Cambridge, where he continues to write books, articles, poems and plays.

65. Christopher Millwater (1972-1979). Medicine

Chris is an Oncologist/pharmaceutical physician with wide clinical experience in the teaching hospital environment, four years experience in gene targeting and cell culture and 17 years experience in both clinical research and commercial roles in industry. Additional significant experience in pain, neurosciences, immunology, HIV, and hepatitis C. Chris is also an Integrative Psychotherapist in private practice and was previously Honorary Psychotherapist at CAMHS Berkshire Healthcare NHS Trust and Honorary Psychotherapist in Adult Services at Surrey and Borders Healthcare Foundation Trust. He holds a Diploma in Integrative Psychotherapeutic Counselling and has enrolled for MSc Integrative Psychotherapy at the Metanoia Institute. Also an independent pharmaceutical physician providing clinical expertise and interim management skills to the pharmaceutical industry.

66. Graham Millwater (1974-1981). Business

Grahame is Vice Chairman of Acrisure Group, one of the largest global insurance/reinsurance brokers. Prior to joining Acrisure, Grahame had led and built Beach and Associates as Chief Executive Officer, a London-based Global Reinsurance Intermediary that partnered with Acrisure in early 2018. Prior to Beach, Grahame served in a number of senior positions over a 27-year tenure with Willis Group. He was CEO of Willis Re from 2004, and then became President and COO of Willis Group in 2008 with responsibility for all the global and international businesses outside North America.

67. Gini Mines nee Sharvill (1999-2006). Business

After a gap year doing a ski season and a South America backpacking trip, Gini went to Oxford University to study English and French at Wadham College. Over the four years of university, she continued playing netball earning a Blue in 2007, was Editor of the university paper *The Cherwell*, and spent her year abroad in Annecy and Paris working first as a teacher and then as an advertising intern. The latter was so enjoyable, that after graduating in 2011 (and another gap year, this time backpacking in Asia and Africa), she joined Procter and Gamble as a Brand Manager in 2012. Since then, Gini has worked across three global companies in the field of brand management and marketing, collecting a myriad of wonderful stories and experiences working across brands as varied as Oral-B, Duracell, L'Oreal and - since 2016 - Haagen-Dazs. For the past 6 years, Gini has been the Global Marketing Director for Haagen-Dazs (and yes that does mean she gets free ice cream whenever she wants!). She is in charge of the creative strategy and advertising campaigns for the brand across 90 countries, involving a good amount of travel, and an excellent amount of ice cream! She was awarded The Marketing Society "Future Leader" in 2021 and is a member of various industry bodies aimed at providing mentoring and networking, with a particular focus on promoting women within the industry. Outside of work, Gini lives in West London with her husband (also in advertising) and their daughter Juno, who was born in November 2022. Together they soak up

everything London has to offer during the week - from galleries, to plays, to parks, and at the weekend they enjoy returning to Deal where her parents still live (their wedding party was even on the end of Deal Pier!).

68. **David Morgan** (1959-1966). RAF

David Morgan is the son of a former Fleet Air Arm Seafire pilot and always wanted to fly. This ambition suffered a setback in 1964, whilst attending Sir Roger Manwood's School in Sandwich, when it was discovered that he had a serious heart defect. After surgery, however, he completed his education and joined the Royal Navy where he trained as a helicopter pilot before moving to the Royal Air Force in 1969 flying Wessex. After a ground tour in Germany, he converted to the Harrier GR3 and spent a further 4 years in Germany flying with No3(F) Sqn, where he became one of the Harrier Force's first Electronic Warfare Instructors. In February 1982 he returned to UK as an exchange pilot on the Sea Harrier and two months later found himself as one of the few RAF pilots flying Sea Harriers in the South Atlantic conflict. Between 1st May and 16th June 1982 he flew over 50 SHAR missions, both ground attack and Combat Air Patrol. His Sea Harrier was damaged by anti-aircraft fire over Stanley Airfield on the first raid but he managed to return safely and was later credited with the destruction of 2 Argentine helicopters and 2 A-4 Skyhawk fighters. The Skyhawks were destroyed whilst attacking landing craft to the south of Stanley. This action earned him the award of the Distinguished Service Cross, only the second such award to an RAF pilot since 1945 and made him the last RAF pilot to shoot down an enemy aircraft. In addition to these actions, he shared the credit for sinking of an Argentine ship, the Narwal and found time to fly a few sorties in a Wessex 5 helicopter! After the conflict David spent some time as an instructor on 899 Naval Air Squadron at Yeovilton, before transferring back to the Royal Navy and serving as the Air Warfare Instructor and later, Senior Pilot of 801 NAS. Between 1983 and leaving the Navy in 1992, he flew over 200 Sea Harrier displays including SBAC Farnborough, IAT Greenham Common and the Hanover Air Show. During his time at Yeovilton, he served as the Unit Test Pilot, flew from the carriers Hermes, Invincible, Illustrious and Ark Royal and on every one of the Sea Harrier squadrons, including 809 NAS which was formed purely for the Falklands conflict. In 2007, his autobiographical history of the Falklands air war, "Hostile Skies" was published by Orion Books. The book has recently been translated into Spanish for release in Argentina and has also been re-released as an audio book. A number of his poems written during the conflict have been broadcast by the BBC. David is married with two grown children and five grandchildren and now lives near Shaftesbury, in Dorset. He flew a total of 4,700 hours in the forces (2,500 on Harriers) and has recently retired from commercial flying as a Boeing 747-400 captain, with a total of over 16,400 hours in the air. He now flies his vintage Tiger Moth bi-plane and teaches aerobatics.

69. **Steve Murray** (1975-1982). Aerospace

Steve only had one sporting prowess at Manwood's and that was nurtured by the Physics Teacher, Lyndon Johns, who was a national coach for the British Amateur Weightlifting Association and ran a club near Steve's home in Deal, as well as a shed full off weights somewhere near the swimming pool at school. This association led to a good haul of medals at County and Regional level and probably instilled an understanding that dedication to a task does lead to results. In the Sixth Form, Messrs Peter Dean, Howard Pashley and Ray Harlow were his guiding academic lights and after Manwood's Steve studied Applied Biology in London. While he enjoyed the subject he decided a career in a laboratory was not for him, so he managed to persuade Cranfield University to sponsor

him to do an MSc in Aeronautics, which led to his first job as a Market Analyst working for British Aerospace, when Britain made aircraft like the 4-engined 146 and the turboprop Jet stream 31. This started his lifelong relationship of working with Europeans when he joined British Aerospace Airbus in Bristol and got involved in evaluating the commercial viability of new aircraft programmes like the Airbus A330 and A340 and working with the UK Government to support the financial launch conditions necessary to take on Boeing. He moved to Toulouse with his young family to support the launch of the world's largest aircraft, the Airbus A380. This programme launch was a high point in his career as Airbus spent €12bn on some of his recommendations! Once that programme was launched they came back to the UK and he joined the defence electronics business of BAE Systems, prior to it being acquired by Finmeccanica and a new adventure integrating the UK and Italian businesses began, with fortnightly trips to Rome and a new found love of all things Italian. The aircraft were a bit different in this sector as he found himself more involved in the Eurofighter Typhoon than big transport aircraft. Six years on and he decided to go back to the French and joined Thales in the UK, where after just two years he was asked to run the Strategy & Marketing function for the whole entity, a position he has held for the last nine years and certainly the pinnacle of his career. Most recently he has been given responsibility for the R&T team of - 100 PhD researchers, all of whom are definitely more highly qualified academically than Steve (his words and he is very modest!!!), but he is the only Manwoodian! His work has allowed him to work with and meet some amazing people. He sits on the Defence & Security Boards for the two largest Aero & Defence trade associations in the UK, as well as the Defence Suppliers Forum with the Ministry of Defence. During this period he got involved with Cranfield University again and was pivotal in setting up the Digital Aviation Research & Technology Centre there. That and a few other things led to his proudest moment when he was invited to become a Fellow of the Royal Aeronautical Society for his contribution to the "advancement of aeronautical art, science and engineering" in 2017. In 2023 he was appointed a Non-Exec Director of Thales Alenia Space, which has added a new field of interest to his work. He has a new found interest in creating social value in what his company does as a business and he's leading on that topic as well as some trustee work in pensions and charity. Steve has been the Secretary of The Old Manwoodian Lodge for the last 20 years, despite only recently returning to live in Sandwich with his wife Sally, who is the Chaplain of the St.Barts & St.Thomas' Ancient Hospitals. He has two grown up sons, Tom & Sam, one a journalist and the other a geotechnical engineer, both educated at Maidstone Grammar, but only because Manwood's was too far from where they lived at the time.

70. Magnus Nelson 1986-1993 Medicine

Magnus arrived at Manwood's in 1986 from Wingham Primary School. His Manwoodian career included Captain of School, Drum Major in the CCF and he was awarded the Chemistry and Slazenger prizes. He also represented the first teams at Hockey and Rugby. From Manwood's, Magnus went on to St Georges, University of London (1993-1999) and then on to medicine in London and a year working in Perth in Western Australia. Then back to the UK and based in Sussex and London for Emergency Medicine (EM) training until 2009 when he got his first consultant job in Brighton. Since 2011 he has had a portfolio career working initially with Air Ambulance Kent Sussex Surrey as a HEMS (Helicopter Emergency Medical Service) Consultant flying as part of the duty crew and providing training and governance support along with continuing as an EM Consultant and a stint as Director for the Sussex Major Trauma Centre in Brighton (2015-2018). Since 2018 he has also added to the portfolio with two days a week at South East Coast Ambulance Service where he is Assistant Chief Medical Officer and supports a variety of clinical and organisational activities. Over the years he has been

involved in a variety of academic and research activities largely centred around the provision of pre hospital care and resuscitation and has recently achieved the Fellowship of the Faculty of Medical Leadership and Management. He is married to Clare, a GP and has two kids who are just going through the joys of A-levels. He managed to continue to play rugby until his 40s along with surfing, sailing and paddle boarding, but some of this has been curtailed by a recent hip replacement but he hopes to be back on/in the water in the summer.

71. **Christopher Newton** (1936-2021 and SRMS 1945-1954). Theatre

Christopher entered SRMS prep department in 1945 and by the time he left he had been a house and school prefect, a corporal in the CCF, and a member of the School tennis VI. He was also Secretary of the Recorded Music Society, a member of the Dramatic Society 1949-54, Assistant Editor of the "Manwoodian" and was awarded in 1953 the Mrs Tom Ash Prize for Music. From Manwood's he went to the University of Leeds and graduated with a B.A.. He then moved to the United States for further study at Purdue University in Indiana and the University of Illinois where he earned his M.A. in 1960. Summer jobs at the Vancouver Festival in 1959, and the Oregon Shakespeare Festival, the next two summers, led Christopher into acting. Bucknell University hired him as acting head of their Theatre department, where he continued to learn acting on the job. He performed with the Canadian Players, at the Manitoba Theatre Centre, the Vancouver Playhouse and the Stratford Festival. At Stratford, he played such roles as 'Oberon' in A Midsummers Night's Dream and 'Aramis' in The Three Musketeers. He also appeared on Broadway in Peter Shaffer's The Private Ear. In 1968, Christopher founded Theatre Calgary where he served as artistic director until 1971. In 1973, he was appointed artistic director of the Vancouver Playhouse Theatre Company. There, he founded the Playhouse Acting School with his friend and mentor Powys Thomas. In 1979, after thrice refusing, Christopher accepted an appointment as artistic director of the Shaw Festival. During his tenure, he continued the work to expand and enrich the Shaw Festival repertory company. His final season as artistic director of the Shaw was in 2002. Christopher was made a Member of the Order of Canada in 1995 and Officer in 2018. He has also been awarded the Governor General's Performing Arts Award, Canada's highest honour in the performing arts (2000), the Molson Prize; and, from the United States Institute for Theatre Technology (USITT), the Thomas DeGaetani Award, all honouring his lifetime contribution to the theatre.

72. **William D 'Bill' Ogley** (1966-1973). Local Government

From April 2003 to 2011 Bill was Jersey's Chief Minister, Chief Executive to the Policy and Resources Committee. He was recruited to lead on the changes required to implement Ministerial Government and then to become the Chief Executive to the Council of Ministers in Jersey and to lead the public sector. From 1996 he was Chief Executive of Hertfordshire CC, moving from the Audit Commission where he was deputy controller and resources director. He was previously with Hertfordshire from 1985 to 1993 holding a variety of roles including the posts of Finance and IT directors.

73. **Richard Ovenden** (1975-1982). Librarian

Richard is British librarian and author. After Manwood's Richard graduated from St Chads College, Durham University in 1985. He has worked at Durham University Library, the House of Lords Library, the National Library of Scotland and at the University of Edinburgh, where he was responsible for Collection Management within the Library, for

Special Collections and Archives, and for the University Museums and Art Gallery. In 2003 he became Keeper of Special Collections and Western Manuscripts at the Bodleian Libraries and in 2011 was appointed Deputy Librarian. He currently serves as Bodley's Librarian in the University of Oxford, having been appointed in 2014. He also serves as the Director of the Bodleian Library's Centre for the Study of the Book and holds a Professorial Fellowship at Balliol College. Also a trustee of the Chawton House Library and vice-chair of the Kraszna-Krausz Foundation. In 2009, he was elected Chair of the Digital Preservation Coalition, a post he held until 2013. He was elected to the American Philosophical Society in 2015 and is a Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries of London, having been elected in 2008. He was appointed OBE in 2019 for services to libraries and archives.

74. **Gale Pedrick** (1905-1970 and SRMS 1916-1920). Writer, journalist, scriptwriter, and broadcaster.

Gale began work as a newspaper journalist, first for the Western Mail in Plymouth, in 1920, then for the Daily Dispatch in Manchester, before moving to London to be a theatre critic and feature writer for The Star. He began broadcasting for the BBC in 1926, but during World War II served in the Devonshire Regiment and worked for the British Forces Broadcasting Service, which he was managing by 1944, from a studio in Algiers. He reached the rank of Lt Col and was mentioned in dispatches. Between 1946 and 1949 he was a script editor for the BBC. He also created and produced Pick of the Week a compilation of the week's broadcast highlights, which he selected. His works for the BBC included scripts for television, including the first 35 episodes of the UK version of This is Your Life and radio, from which there was at least one spin-off book, the crime fiction Meet the Rev. He also wrote the novelisation tie-ins for Steptoe and Son. He co-wrote George Formby's last film, George in Civvy Street.

75. **Carl Philpott** (1991-1995). Medicine

Carl is a leading ear, nose and throat (ENT) specialist in Norwich and Great Yarmouth whose areas of expertise in rhinology includes sinusitis, smell and taste disorders, allergic fungal rhinosinusitis and endoscopic sinus surgery. Carl is a graduate of Leicester University Medical School and completed his basic surgical training in the University Hospitals of Leicester before undertaking a period of research (2003-2004). His research career started by developing apparatus for olfactory testing, where he discovered an under-researched clinical topic in SATDs (Smell and Taste Disorders) and a passion for research. During his specialist training he completed his Doctorate in Medicine and following a clinical fellowship in Vancouver, returned to take up an appointment as clinical senior lecturer at the University of East Anglia (UEA). In 2017, he was appointed to a chair as Professor of Rhinology & Olfactology and has established a national and international reputation for leading research in his field. As a Chief Investigator, he currently holds over £4.5 million in research funding including the MACRO Programme for chronic rhinosinusitis (www.themacroprogramme.org.uk) and the APOLLO trial for post-viral olfactory dysfunction (<https://rhinology-group.uea.ac.uk/apollo-trial/>). He has also taken a leading role in evaluating the latest evidence through the Cochrane ENT Group producing systematic reviews and related podcasts, underpinning funding applications. He has published books/chapters that have been sold internationally and published research in the top-ranking specialty journals with over 300 publications including 188 peer-reviewed publications; field weighted citation index and Altmetric scores show an international readership and reach. His work has incorporated observational and interventional studies,

including epidemiological and qualitative studies and randomised controlled trials for both medical and surgical interventions. He is an invited speaker at international conferences and on the editorial board of two leading speciality journals. A UEA Engagement Award in 2016 recognised his work with the charity for SATD patients, Fifth Sense, for public engagement, inviting input and disseminating knowledge and outputs nationally and internationally. As Professional Lead for the SATDs JLAPSP, he has worked closely with patient representatives to achieve outputs that will empower both patients and researchers.

76. Sarah Philpott (1991-1995). Swimmer

Sarah left Manwood's at age 16 to go to sports college. In 2020, she swam across the English Channel (solo) and in 2022 also swam across the Bristol Channel (England to Wales), and the North Channel (Ireland to Scotland), the seventh person in the world to complete all three, and the first English woman. In April 2023 she joined Redland Information Systems (Dover), where she is responsible for working with the management team to develop new strategies, new partnerships and new business leads. Redland Information Systems specialise in Business Intelligence, Business Analytics and Data Warehousing, providing organisations with the ability to make faster and smarter decisions about how to manage their workflow. We are dedicated to transforming your business data into valuable insight and intelligence.

77. Siobhan Philpott (1992-1999). Swimmer

English Channel 18 July 2006 time 15.08 Not related to the two above.

78. Mark Quinn (1984-1992). Property Developer

Mark is CEO and Chairman of Quinn Estates. Quinn Estates is a mixed use developer located in the heart of the Kent countryside. Developing both commercial and residential properties across the county.

79. Ken Riley (1946-1955). Academic

Ken joined Manwood's in 1946 as a member of the last pre-11+ form at the School, or, as it was known, Miss Newman's class. In 1955 he became an undergraduate at Clare College, Cambridge where he read the Mathematics Tripos, being classed as a Wrangler in Part II and gaining a distinction in Part III; he has held University and College posts there ever since -- for sixty eight years so far. He was elected to a Fellowship at Clare in 1961 and later served as its Senior Tutor and Admissions Tutor for twenty years. Ken's PhD, and subsequent research, was in the fields of nuclear and particle physics and resulted in the discovery of several new meson-nucleon resonances. On the educational side, he has authored or co-authored some fourteen books on mathematical methods or physics problems; one of them, *Mathematical Methods for Physics and Engineering*, is probably the most recommended book of its kind at universities in the UK. At a rather lower level, his light-hearted look at the role of an Oxbridge tutor, entitled *In Loco Parentis*, can be found on the publications page of the Clare College website.

80. Alexis Roberts (1986-1993). 1975-2007 Army

Lex was commissioned into the Royal Gurkha Rifles in December 2000. He completed his Platoon Commanders Battle Course and then joined The First Battalion The Royal Gurkha Rifles in Brunei in March 2001. In February 2002 he attended the Standard Language Profile Level 2 in Nepali passing with a Distinction. Major Roberts, usually an Officer of 2nd Battalion The Royal Gurkha Rifles, but serving in Afghanistan with The 1st Battalion, died in October 2007 as a result of an improvised explosive device just after 0800 hrs local time. The Battalion was returning to their base in Kandahar after taking part in Op PALK WAHEL when the incident occurred.

81. **John Bernard Russell** (1916-1978 and SRMS 1925-1932) Military

John was born in April 1916 and was at Manwood's from 1925-1932. He entered the Royal Air Force as an Acting Pilot Officer in May 1935. In April 1942 he formed a new anti-submarine squadron, No 172 equipped with the Wellington VIII. He took temporary command of No 612 Squadron, also equipped with Wellingtons, when its new CO was tragically killed when his aircraft dived into the river at Barnstable. However, another replacement, posted in from his old unit, 172, was also killed in a flying accident, and Wing Commander Russell found himself back at the helm, remaining for six months. He was awarded his D.S.O. for his gallantry and leadership as Commanding Officer of No. 172 Squadron (London Gazette 10 November 1942). The original recommendation states: 'He has had an arduous task of training the Squadron in the use and development of the "Leigh Light". He has set an inspiring example to his squadron by his leadership, and his was one of the first crews to become operationally efficient. At 03.40 hours on 16 June 1942, he was on patrol in the Bay of Biscay when he sighted an enemy submarine on the surface. By means of the "Leigh Light" he carried out a very sound, and it is hoped, successful attack. He has completed 24 sorties, involving 108 hours by day and 96 hours by night operational flying.' Russell went on to hold a succession of senior posts after the War, among them Senior Air Staff Officer of Coastal Command, and was awarded the C.B.E. in January 1960 and the C.B. in June 1964. Placed on the Retired List in the rank of Air Vice-Marshal in April 1969, he served as U.K. Representative on the Council of the International Civil Aviation Organisation up until his death in August 1978.

82. **Tom Russell** (2003-2010). Swimmer

Tom is a cross channel solo swimmer completing it on 8 September 2009 in 14hrs 43 mins. Has also rowed the channel (2007) and relay swam the channel.

83. **Jack Scanlon** (2009-2016). Actor

Jack is a former child actor who is best known for his role in the 2008 Holocaust film *The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas*. Also appeared in a 10-minute short film titled *The Eye of the Butterfly* (which led to him being suggested to the casting director of *The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas*) and in a 2007 episode of the Peter Serafinowicz Show. Scanlon also played the younger brother of main character Sean in the 2009 British children's miniseries *Runaway*, broadcast on BBC One, which was part of the CBBC season about homelessness. Not active in acting since 2010.

84. **Marcus Sedgwick** (1968-2022 and SRMS 1979-1986). Writer

Marcus arrived at SRMS from Wootonley House in Ash in 1979. From Manwood's he went on to the University of Bath to study Maths and Politics. Before becoming a full-time

author, he worked as a bookseller at Heffers, a children's bookstore, and in sales at children's publishers Ragged Bears and Walker Books. According to *The Guardian* he began writing "seriously" in 1994. His works included *Floodland* (2001; winner of the Branford Boase Award) and *The Dark Horse* (2002 shortlisted for The Guardian Children's Fiction Prize). He authored several picture books, and illustrated a collection of myths and a book of folk tales for adults. The first U.S. edition of his 2011 novel *Midwinterblood* won the 2014 Michael L. Printz Award from the American Library Association as the preceding year's "best book written for teens, based entirely on its literary merit". Marcus died in France in 2022.

85. **Richard Semple** (1977-1982). Military

Richard joined UK SBS Ltd as its CEO in 2018 after thirty-three years of rewarding service as a Royal Engineer and senior officer in the British Army. His formative years in the Army were spent delivering combat and construction engineering across the globe, including on operations in Northern Ireland and Iraq. He commanded 51 Field Squadron in 16 Air Assault Brigade and 32 Engineer Regiment in 7 Armoured Brigade, based in Germany. His military career also included several strategy and policy roles in the Ministry of Defence, most notably as Brigadier General Staff, as well as the delivery of command, control and information services which, also as a Brigadier, he ran for all deployed UK defence operations. Most latterly he was a General Officer, Army Board level responsibilities for the Army's equipment fleets, logistics and support services before stepping sideways to create and establish the role of Army Chief Information Officer, initiating and driving greater information exploitation, digital transformation and cyber defence/offence across the organisation. His breadth of experience in leadership, engineering and technology, and major programme delivery is now applied in his current role, running a company that is transforming and delivering a variety of back office services to a range of Government Departments and other public sector organisations. He remains a Colonel Commandant of the Royal Engineers, and is a trustee of the Royal Engineers Central Charitable Trust and chairs his local parish council.

86. **Mathew Smith** (1997-2004). Police

Mathew joined Kent Police in 2007 after graduating from Canterbury Christ Church University with a BSc in Policing. In 2022 he was promoted to Detective Chief Inspector of Kent Police and leads the Rape and Serious Sexual Offences, Adult and Child Protection, and Missing and Child Exploitation Team.

Chief Constable's Commendation for leading a team to investigate a large scale public order incident - [when???](#)

87. **Vyv Smith** (1955-1963). Military and Sport

At Manwood's Vyv was known for his sporting prowess. He was in the school tennis team for eight years (captain for two years). He went on to become the Kent under 18 champion for three years running in the singles, boys doubles and mixed doubles...a feat which he believes has not been equaled. He was also in the National Training Squad under Dan Maskell with the likes of Mark Cox, Stanley Matthews Jnr and Graham Stilwell. He was the Army champion and seven times an Army mens doubles winner. In hockey he was in the first XI for three years (captain for one). He was captain of Kent schoolboys (1961-1963), played for England schoolboys (1962) and England under 23 before playing

for the full England side 17 times between 1965 and 1970. County wise he played for Kent and Wiltshire when both won the County Championship. He also played for the Army and Combined Services and was in the squad for the Mexico Olympics but a car crash put him out of action. After Manwood's Vyv joined the Army (1964) via the Mons Officer Cadet School (he was too old to go to Sandhurst). From Mons he joined the Royal Artillery and served in the UK, Germany, Hong Kong and Canada. He saw active service in Northern Ireland, and also went to the Falklands just after the end of the conflict. He was a helicopter pilot for three years, all in Hong Kong, went to the Staff College, and, commanded a Territorial Regiment. In 1994 having attained the rank of Lt Colonel he took redundancy and became a tennis coach and ran the Deal Tennis Centre for eight years. From there he retired and ran a livery yard on his farm.

88. Ron Southey (1921- c2016 and SRMS 1932-1940 and SRMS staff 1948-1981). Teaching

Ron was a day pupil at Manwood's from 1932-1940. He was captain of the first XV and even went down to Wales briefly during the Second World War when the school was evacuated there in June 1940. Service in the Royal Navy during the War, and a university career at Kings College, London followed, before Ron returned to join the staff at Manwood's in 1948. He taught French in the school for 33 years (1948-1981). Outside the classroom he was an accomplished Hockey coach and umpire, Cricket coach, a keen debater and organiser of guest speakers, an ardent patron of the arts, a keen follower of the Student Christian Movement. Outside school he was a town councillor, lay preacher, church organist and Deal's cultural attache.

89. Keith Stock (1968-1971). Athlete

Keith competed for the UK in the men's pole vault at the 1984 Summer Olympics. He represented England in the pole vault event at the 1982 Commonwealth Games in Brisbane, Queensland, Australia.

90. Sia Taylor nee Patsilades (1983-1990). Jeweller

Sia is a sculptor and British designer who's fine jewellery is often inspired by the tiny, overlooked elements in nature, like the beautiful way light reflects water and leaves sway in the wind. Described as delicate, understated and poetic, each "miniature work of art" is handcrafted by a small team of skilled artisans who pay careful attention to every detail. Trained in sculpture at the Royal College of Art, Sia uses precious metals to create miniature works of art.

91. Richard Taylor-Jones (1990-1993). Wildlife filmmaker, cameraman, presenter and photographer

Richard has spent his whole career with a camera, telling stories about the natural world. He is one of the UK's best known BBC wildlife cameramen having presented for BBC Springwatch, Countryfile and The One Show. For the last 10 years he has also been photographing the sea obsessively from his home on the Kent coast in the UK. The fine art photographs he produces have sold to collectors around the world. In recent years he has taken his expert knowledge of British wildlife and started to work with house builders to make their developments more wildlife friendly through his Nature Box scheme.

92. Neil Thorpe CBE (1983-1990). Army

Neil joined the British Army in 1993 (after studying engineering at the University of Bath) and was commissioned into the Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers. He then spent his first 10 years supporting armoured, engineer and infantry units in the UK, Balkans, Canada, Australia and Germany. He has commanded at Company, Battalion and Brigade level including operations in Iraq and Afghanistan. In staff appointments Neil has specialised in global logistics and engineering, and financial and capability planning. He is a Chartered Engineer and a Fellow of the Institute of Mechanical Engineers and also a graduate of the Major Projects Leadership Academy. Neil was awarded an OBE in 2013 for operational services in Afghanistan whilst in command of 4 Close Support Battalion REME and was further awarded a CBE in 2019 for military service whilst in command of 104 Logistic Support Brigade. His current role is Deputy Chief of Staff for the Field Army. This is a 2* (Major General) appointment charged with delivering personnel, medical, logistic and engineering support to some 80,000 people (Regular and Reserves). Neil lives in Ringwood, Hampshire and would be happy to have a conversation with any current Manwoodians whom might be reflecting on a career in the Armed Forces.

93. Frances Tophill (1999-2006). Horticulturist, author and TV presenter.

After SRMS Frances worked at Marks and Spencer for a few years before becoming an apprentice gardener and gaining an NVQ2 in horticulture. From there she studied for a bachelor's degree in horticulture with plantsmanship from the Scottish Agriculture College and Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh which she completed in 2013. In addition to Gardeners World she is a regular contributor to ITV's Love Your Garden and has written five books. Frances works with the RHS' Campaign for School Gardening to promote gardening to young people and worked with the Manwood's eco-team to come up with bio diversity in the School grounds. She has done a lot of work with school goers to enforce the idea that its OK to a) not know what you want to do with your whole life at the age of 18 and b) to not go straight to university. Frances is a keen quilter, amateur potter, patron for Thanet Urban Forest and a keen environmental campaigner.

94. Gary Tse (1998-2005). Medicine

Prior to joining Hong Kong Metropolitan University, Gary held a joint position as Reader at the University of Kent and Public Health Consultant at the Medway Council in local government, UK. He served as Professor at the Department of Cardiology and Principal Investigator at the Tianjin Institute of Cardiology, Second Hospital of Tianjin Medical University, China. He is a Visiting Professor at the Faculty of Health and Medical Sciences, University of Surrey, and an Honorary Associate Professor at the School of Pharmacy, University College London. Previously, he held visiting positions at the First Affiliated Hospital, Dalian Medical University and Xiamen Cardiovascular Hospital, Xiamen University. He is an expert reviewer for more than 50 international journals in cardiology, cardiac electrophysiology, cardiovascular biology and epidemiology and five grant bodies from New Zealand, Poland, Sweden and the UK. Recently, he was part of the team that successfully obtained £5 million for research capacity building from the National Institute for Health and Care Research, UK.

95. Donald Albert George Waldock (1929-1933). Military

Born August 30, 1915 in Ramsgate, Donald Waldo's military career commenced in England in 1939 when he joined the 151st Officer Cadet Training Unit. In June 1940 he was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant and joined the Royal Signals. By 1941 he was with the Royal Army Ordnance Corps and then REME. He also served in Washington D.C. during W.W. II. In 1946 he moved to Canada where he joined the Canadian Army - Royal Regiment of Canadian Artillery. During the Korean war (1950-1953) now Lt Colonel Waldo was deputy Director of Armament Development and in 1958 he was awarded the CD which is a Canadian award bestowed upon members of the Canadian Armed Forces who have completed twelve years of military service, with certain conditions. From 1966-1969 he was Deputy Chief of Engineering. From 1970 to 1971 he was the highest-ranking Artillery General Officer serving in the Canadian Armed Forces with the title the Senior Serving Gunner. In this capacity, he championed the professional interests of The Royal Regiment within the Canadian Armed Forces and advised on all matters of significance. The Senior Serving Gunner co-chairs the Artillery Senate and chaired the Artillery Council. From 1970-1971 he was Chief of Technical Services until he retired in 1971. Donald passed away March 24, 2003, at Lions Gate Hospital, North Vancouver, B.C., Canada. He was predeceased by his first wife Nora and survived by wife Virginia, daughter, Hilary and Son Buster, six grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

96. **Daniel Walker** (1988-1996). Finance

After Manwood's Dan read Economics at the London School of Economics and joined PwC in 1998. In 2007 he joined Deloitte and in 2019 became a Tax partner specialising in service delivery of large expatriate tax and global mobility compliance and advisory services to large multi-national Companies.

97. **Jeremy Warren** (1967-1974). Museum Curator and author

Jeremy is Honorary Curator at the Ashmolean Museum, University of Oxford, and Sculpture Research Curator for the National Trust. He was formerly Collections and Academic Director at the Wallace Collection, London. He holds MA and DLitt degrees, and is a Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries of London, Chevalier de l'Ordre des Arts et des Lettres and a corresponding member of the Accademia delle Arti del Disegno in Florence, the world's oldest academy. One of the world's leading specialists in sculpture and works of art, Jeremy has published extensively on sculpture, decorative arts and the history of collecting, including the award-winning catalogue of the collections of the Ashmolean Museum and the catalogue of Italian sculptures in the Wallace Collection. His new book *The Beauty of Bronze* will be published in summer 2024. He is a member of the Acceptance-in-Lieu Panel that helps administer tax-efficient gifts to museums, libraries and archives throughout the United Kingdom.

98. **David Watkins** (1980-1987). Sailing

Having learnt to sail at Dover Harbour Dave has won 5 national Formula 20 catamaran titles (NACRA), one European and one world title. In 2017 David joined the Clipper Round the World Yacht Race, successfully completing 42,000nm in the 2017/18 and 2019/20 race events as Crew member/Watchleader with responsibility for the boat's victualling (boat provisions) and being one of the senior Helmsmen onboard. In 2021 he qualified as RYA Yachtmaster Offshore.

99. **Richard Webster** (1950-2011 and SRMS 1962-1968). Writer

Following Manwood's Richard studied English and American Studies at the University of East Anglia. Richard returned to the university to teach in 1974 and 1975 and started a PhD, which he did not complete. When his father became ill, Webster ran the family post office, which had been shifted to Cambridge. Having married in 1977, Richard started The Orwell Bookshop in Southwold with his wife Bod in 1985. The shop was successful, but was sold because Webster's other interests demanded too much of his time. Webster moved to Oxford after the break-up of his marriage. His five published books deal with subjects such as the controversy over Salman Rushdi's novel The Satanic Verses (1988), Sigmund Freud and psychoanalysis, and the investigation of sexual abuse in Britain.

100. **Christopher Welch** (1973-1978). Scientist

Chris obtained a Bachelor of Science in Physics, University College Cardiff (1981); Master of Science in Experimental Space Physics, University of Leicester (1982); Ph.D. in Spacecraft Engineering, Cranfield University (1992). He is Chairman of the British Space Education Council; leader of the School of Mechanical, Aeronautical and Production Engineering at the Kingston University; currently Principal Lecturer in Astronautics and Space Systems at Kingston University where he currently holds both a Business and a Teaching Fellowship and is the University's 2010 Teacher of the Year; also a Faculty member of the International Space University, a Visiting Lecturer in Spacecraft Propulsion at Cranfield University; and was a candidate for the Juno project, but did not reach the final selection.

101. **Richard Wells** (1951-1956) Police

Following Manwood's Richard was awarded an Exhibition from St Peter's College, Oxford and on graduation joined the Metropolitan Police as a constable in 1962. No surprise as his great grandfather was a police officer, as was his great uncle, his father as a 'Special' and his brother. He rose to the rank of Deputy Assistant Commissioner at New Scotland Yard and then commanded 7 Area of the Met (a segment stretching from Tottenham Court Road at the city centre, across North West London out to rural reaches of the Hertfordshire border. In the aftermath of the Hillsborough tragedy he was appointed Chief Constable of South Yorkshire from 1990-1998. In 1994 he was appointed Officer of the Order of St John 'for services to humanity' and is also the holder of the Queen's (now King's) Police Medal awarded to police officers in the United Kingdom for distinguished service.

102. **Laura Westcott** (1991-1998). Singer, journalist and humanitarian

Laura is a classically trained musician with first-hand experience of stage fright and anxiety. She shied away from a career as an opera singer and retrained as a journalist instead. She joined the London Philharmonic Choir as a Soprano and worked for The Times newspaper as a tech reviewer and PR manager. She overcame her fear of public singing /speaking with mental health coaching and founded non-profit Music for Mental Wealth to help improve mental health in the music industry. She organises concerts with performers sharing the personal meaning behind their music to open conversations around mental health, build communities and help musicians connect with record labels and managers in attendance. Laura is also a professional singer and storyteller under the guise Aura and her fans include Stephen Fry: "Beautifully somniferous!" and Joanna Lumley: "Aura is literally hypnotic. I emerged fresher and calmer than ever before".

103. **Michelle Westwood** (1992-1999). Royal Navy and HR

Michelle was Head Girl 1998/99. Michelle relished the extra curricular opportunities that Manwood's offered, completing Bronze, Silver and Gold DofE, rising to Drum Major in the CCF Band in 1997/1998, and CQMS in the CCF. CCF annual camps and adventure training filled every Easter and Summer holiday and Michelle particularly appreciated the investment of time and encouragement from Ray Harlow, Howard Pashley, Gill Garvey, Pete Dean and of course Setch and Claire Lupton. A part time job in Tides, as a result of completing Bronze Medallion with the CCF, offered so much fun alongside Siobhan Philpott, Sarah Philpott, Chris Freeborn, Gareth Dean and Laurence Irvine. Following a visit by Ray Harlow's son to the school in his Royal Navy Sea Lynx helicopter, and hearing naval stories from class mate Karen Lloyd's dad, Michelle chose to pursue a career in the Royal Navy securing sponsorship for A-levels and a guaranteed job after her degree in Politics and International Relations at Hull. She completed officer training at Dartmouth in 2002/2003 and enjoyed a 20 year career in the Navy, visiting 22 countries, as far away as South Georgia, and working in jobs with the Army, Navy and central MOD, living in locations across the UK from Plymouth to York. She also served at various times in the Navy with fellow OMs, Phil Beacham, Geoff Braithwaite, Terry Tyack and Mike Bodycombe. As a Logistics and HR officer, the Navy invested in her personal development, funding both a MSc in HR and latterly an Ethnographic PhD in leadership. Michelle left the Navy in 2022 with the rank of Commander, and is now a HR Director in the NHS utilising every day the wonderful leadership skills, experience and resilience that the Navy and Manwood's developed in her. Michelle married Tom, also in the Navy, in 2005 with two Manwoodians as bridesmaids, and Tom and Michelle have two sons who are 14 and 15. When Michelle joined the Navy women generally served for 6 years and left when they had children. Michelle is grateful that she was able to, via progressive HR policies, balance being a mum and a deployable Naval officer and pleased to see that as dual-serving parents there is now no barrier to career progression.

104. **Nick Wilton** (1970-1975). Actor and Script Writer

Nick made his first professional appearance in 1979 as a blue coat entertainer at Pontins. After Manwood's Nick read Drama & English at Kent University. He then spent two years working in Stage Management before making his professional acting debut in the 1980 revival of the Whitehall farce Simple Spymen, directed by Brian Rix, and later went on to play opposite Brian in Dry Rot in the West End. In 1982 he won the Perrier award at Edinburgh with the revue group, Writers Inc. He has appeared in numerous West End and provincial stage productions. He has also appeared in television and film productions including Mr Lister in the BBC soap opera EastEnders as a recurring character; and Carrott's Lib and Jackanory. He is also widely remembered for his Specsavers advert and has been a pantomime dame every Christmas since 2000. In 2023 Nick can be seen in Sky's new comedy/drama Dreamland and the film Samaria, part of the Hakkan Nesser Intrigo trilogy. On Radio Nick has made hundreds of recordings and was in three series of Son of Cliche and In One Ear, which both won Sony awards for best comedy. His wife, Lynette, sadly had a stroke in 2008 so he needed to stay at home for a while to look after her (she has now fully recovered) so he wasn't able to take acting work away from home. As a result he started selling ice cream (scooped) from a bike. He loved it so much that he kept doing it and now has the concession along the prom at Tankerton (Whitstable), called Lickett & Smyle, where you'll find him every Summer.

105. **Colin Worman** (1955-1961). Medicine and Alumni.

In 1971, ten years after Colin left SRMS he became an inaugural student with the Open University and this was followed by a PhD after haematology/immunology studies at University College, London. After his time at UCL he joined DEFRA in Kent which enabled both his two daughters to follow in their father's footsteps with a Manwood's secondary education. Colin served the OMA for 35 years as Membership Secretary and compiler of the regular OMA Newsletter. Colin joined the OMA Committee (OMAC) in May 1987 and was Chair of OMAC from 1994 to 1996. He became the Hon Secretary of OMAC and the OMA in 1997. Colin also served on various planning and commemorative committees including OMA Dinners or for the more celebratory occasions such as the Centenary for the school's present site and the 450th Anniversary of the foundation of SRMS.

106. **Lewis Young** (2006-2013.) Swimmer

Cross channel 13 August 2012 time 4 hrs 55 aged 17.