

Old Carrensians' Association



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Dates for your 2024 Diary:

Annual Quiz:

**Annual Dinner and AGM: 16 March
2024**

Golf Match: To be confirmed.

Cricket Match: To be confirmed.

Bowls Match: To be confirmed.

**Christmas at Home: Friday 27
December 2024 at The Solo Bar and
Restaurant**

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Foreword by Mr Law, Headteacher

The last twelve months since we last met seem to have passed in the blink of an eye. So much has happened that I would not be able to do justice to the myriad of things that have gone on in this foreword or of the achievements of so many. In order to give you as full a flavour as possible about the breadth and extent of the school's activities, I invite you to view the school newsletters which can be accessed through the school website, as well as the school's social media platforms which detail the school's successes, as well as the opportunities afforded to the students outside of the classroom.

- Website: www.carres.uk
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Examination Success

The sixth form turned in a strong set of results with more than 56% of the A level exams resulting in grades of A* to B. Overall 28% of exams achieved A* to A grades and the 105 pupils achieved a pass rate of 99.6%. Almost four out of every five exams achieved grades of C and above. The exams results were broadly in line with the pre-Covid exams results of 2019 – despite this being the first cohort to sit the full examinations without parts of the syllabus removed and the disruption to their education during the pandemic. The year group faced the kind of educational challenges not seen for generations and yet exceeded expectations. It meant that 81% of the cohort have gone to a range of universities, including Cambridge and other Russell group universities, with others taking up prestigious apprenticeships, employment or have taken gap years; this is a growing trend.

For the Year 11 students it was a successful year, with an overall pass rate of 97% and 30% of all grades achieving the top scores of 7+. At Carre's we very much focused on the individual results of each of our boys, setting high targets to raise aspiration for all, and pride ourselves on teaching beyond the exam requirements at GCSE, while also enabling them to engage in a very busy programme of enrichment activities. This has seen Carre's students moving on to the next level, be it to do A levels, BTEC diplomas, scholarships, college courses, apprenticeships, or employment, and this is cause for celebration. As with the sixth form students, some individuals have overcome considerable challenges to achieve their results and we are proud of.

Staff News

Mr Bennett Howarth joined the Maths department from the Wootton Academy Trust in January 2022 and is making a career change, joining the Environment Agency. His idiosyncratic style did much to ignite the boys' passion for Maths. Notably, he helped prepare applicants for Oxbridge entry and ran the Magistrates Court for Y9, both of which have been greatly appreciated by students involved.

Mrs Marie-Anne Sardeson joined the Science department in September 2019 from the William Farr School and retired from the profession after 17 years in four different schools. In her short time with us she gained the respect of the staff and students for her knowledge and passion for science and strong relationships that she formed.

Mrs Karen Handley has taken early retirement as she bravely battles with leukaemia. Teaching since 1990, she joined us in 2013 from Spalding High School, and taught History, EP and Sociology. Her love of teaching and her commitment to supporting all her students mean that she had a huge impact on so many students.

Mr John White retired after 11 years with us as the Site Manager at Carre's, with the last 5 years combined with the role at KSHS. John has used his joinery skills on several projects over the years and turned his hand to countless minor repairs and maintenance, managing a team of Assistant Site Managers and collectively they have been responsible for day-to-day maintenance, management, safety and security of both school sites.

Mrs Lindsey Tyson retired after 17 years with us, the last 9 as the Catering Manager. Against an increasingly difficult backdrop, she oversaw many changes, including the delivery of primary meals, the breakfast club and transformed menus and the way food is seen by all in the school. She led a team of catering assistants, working whatever hours were required, to make sure the students and staff were well provided for in choice and quality. In 17 years, it is hard to image how many meals she produced and the number of students and colleagues she served. Lindsey got most of her satisfaction from her work by hearing the students talk fondly and politely about the food she produced.

Mr Andy Wilkinson has stepped down from the leadership team after serving on it for 17 years. He helped guide the school through many changes in that time, most notably in directing the school's sports specialism status which has benefited thousands of young people and community members. They have him to thank for the 3G pitch and the fitness suite.

We have welcomed new staff to the Carre's family. In the Maths department **Mr George Bolton** is starting his career with us and **Ms Judy Finassi** has joined the Science department from Queen Elisabeth's Grammar School, Horncastle.

Inspections at Carre's

This time last year I reported that the government regulator, Ofsted, had deemed Carre's to be an Inadequate school. As I have said continuously and consistently, this was not something that I or anyone associated with the school recognised. We had two further visits from Ofsted the latest being in December. For the first time in 18 gruelling months, they recognised Carre's Grammar School as we all know it. The school is now rated as Good across all categories, a feat accomplished by only a handful of secondary schools nationwide in this timeframe. This turnaround is truly remarkable and is a testament to the unwatering dedication of the entire school community. The previous inspection reports highlighted areas needing improvement, particularly in safeguarding. Instead of dwelling on the negative, we embraced the challenge head-on. The results speak for themselves. The latest Ofsted report paints a picture of a thriving school where:

- All students, including those with special needs, are challenged and engaged.
- A positive learning environment reigns, fostered by clear expectations and mutual respect.
- Students feel safe and supported, knowing their concerns will be addressed promptly.
- Academic achievements are strong, with top grades becoming the norm in both GCSEs and A-Levels.
- The whole school community works for the benefit of all.

But this tells only part of the story. What truly shines through is the spirit of Carre's. During their visit, the inspectors noted the ambition and commitment of the staff, the positive attitude of the students, and the support of parents, trustees, alumni and governors. It is this collaborative spirit, this sense of shared purpose, that helped the school to be recognised as it has been.

Whilst we are delighted with the outcome, we do not intend to rest on our laurels and will continue to work hard to provide the best possible environment for students to reach their potential.

The Future

In previous newsletters and at dinners I have written and spoken about the potential of moving to a new site, but this has hit a bureaucratic brick wall, and it looks further away than we had wished. The Robert Carre Trust will continue its discussions with the Department for Education, for now it is a plan that we regrettably will have to hold in abeyance. What this means for the school and the Robert Carre Trust is that the town grammar schools will continue work together to provide excellent education and opportunities for the young people, focusing on school improvement both on their own sites and together. The partnership with St George's Academy remains strong and remains a unique and hugely successful enterprise and this affords the benefits of single sex selective education to the students aged 11 to 16 whilst allowing them to develop as young men and women in the coeducational sixth form, providing them with the life skills and opportunities that will benefit them as they progress to life beyond the schools.

In October 2023 Carre's was part of a collaborative venture organised by the Teaching and learning leads of six grammar schools (Boston, Sleaford and Spalding) There was a range of excellent nationally acclaimed speakers who led and facilitated workshops and throughout the day staff had the opportunity to network with colleagues from other schools and build partnerships in subject areas as well as pastoral links. Carre's and Kesteven and Sleaford High School have joined for training days and events, and it is fair to say that more and more we are seeing the benefits of partnership working whilst retaining the special and unique elements of our schools; this has always been the intention of the Trust and is something of which I know the Old Carrensiens would like us to not lose sight. It also fits in with the government agenda of schools working together and now that we have two schools in the Robert Carre trust who are deemed as 'good', we can work out what is best for the young people of Sleaford rather than be pushed into a larger Trust which takes away our autonomy.

All the work that we do is against a background of massive under-funding, particularly for grammar schools. Headteachers in Lincolnshire have been lobbying MPS and the DfE; your help and support in this would be very much appreciated as we try to make it clear that the country's future depends upon educating our young to be our future leaders and workforce, in whatever role they have.

The Dinner

At the dinner you will have the opportunity to catch up with old friends, but also hear from the Head Boy and Head Girl about their experiences of the school. They will tell you what it is like now, how it has helped shape them, as well as hear what matters to young people today, which is something that I feel is important for us, shall I say, more 'experienced' folk to hear and understand. Of course, I look forward to meeting with you, too, and am always happy to chat about the future, listen to tales of the past and enjoy an evening of convivial *bon homie*, as ever.

N M Law
Headteacher

OCA and Social News

Social Events 2023 and 2024

Annual Dinner 2023

2023 saw the Association's various events have a successful return, with the dinner seeing some 70 Old Carrensians, including former staff and current students enjoy a very pleasant evening at Sleaford Golf Club, with excellent speeches on current Carre's life from Head Boy, Angus Taylor and Head Girl, Meera Hall.



Steve Morris, Martin Pallister, Niraj Varma,
Mick Gadd, Robert Hogg (Treasurer) Jeremy Pick,
Peter Stokes, Steve Gilpin



The Golf Club pre the Dinner.



Josh Mee, Lucas Burnett, Angus Taylor, Will Cooke (Chairman) Meera Hall, Zosia Lyall, Amelia Shaw, Nick Musson (Vice Chairman)



Richard Barnes (Committee), Brenda Swain (ex-Carre's staff), Dave Robertson

Annual Quiz October 2023

A successful Quiz Night was held at the Solo Bar and Restaurant in October, with challenging questions set by John Bland and delivered by Question Master, Robert Hogg. A full room of teams enjoyed the evening, with the school's office staff taking the "trophy" for the night, just ahead of the Staff Team! Our thanks go to John and Robert, along with Old Boy, Alfie Cooke, the Manager at the newly refurbished Solo Bar and Restaurant.

Christmas At Home

Christmas 2023 saw our annual festive gathering at the Solo, with an enjoyable lunchtime/afternoon with a slightly lower attendance than 2022 but nevertheless a good festive atmosphere. We were pleased to welcome Brenda Swain and former Caretaker Fred Coxell to our ranks and reminiscences.

Forthcoming Events

2024 will see the Annual Dinner on 16 March, with the Quiz event in October and the Christmas event on Friday 27 December at the Solo Bar and Restaurant. It is also hoped to hold a golf match, cricket match and bowls match during the summer months with accompanying social gatherings as part of these events. Further details will follow.



Senior Prizegiving 2023

Members of the Committee attended the school annual Prizegiving at St Denys' Church, Sleaford. Amongst the many awards present, Edward Simpson won the Entrepreneurs Cup.

He secured four Level 7 Apprenticeships (obviously he only chose one) and had 5 UCAS offers. He led the School Council, having impact on school life, all of this while achieving straight A*/A (and a A* in EPQ)

Memory Lane

School in the early 1900's

During 2023 the Association was pleased to receive a letter received by the School from Jane Moran, the granddaughter of Old Boy Andrew Gordon Graves, known as Gordon.

In the letter she talks of her grandfather's success after School, carrying out a business as a Chemist in Surbiton, Surrey.

His success at School is reflected in School Reports from the early 1900's, copies of which reveal his progress in the very simple terminology of the day, ultimately signed by noted Headmaster E G Watson.

With all these documents Mrs Moran sent a copy of the Carre's Grammar School Prospectus of the time. The document contains photographs of the newly built Big School, Science laboratories, the library and dining room. There is also a group photograph showing many boys, all adorned with caps with teachers wearing their gowns and mortar boards.

Part of the Prospectus details the fees of the day for education, boarding, meals and noted extras, with all fees payable to the Headmaster.

The list of Governors, with many familiar names associated with Sleaford over many years was headed by the Marquis of Bristol.

Steaftord Grammar School.

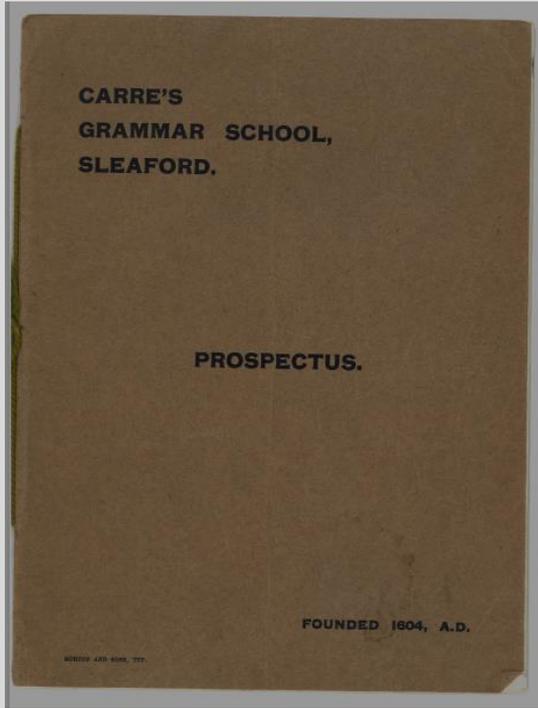
Report of J. Graves for Easter Term 1906.

Term II } No. of boys 17 } Average age 14y 5m
 } His position } a. Literary Subjects 7
 (by total marks) } b. Mathematics 7
 } c. Science

Subject	Position in Term	Remarks
Scripture		
Reading		Force needs cultivating
Writing		Very neat & painstaking
Composition	2	Satisfactory
English Grammar	3	Very good
English Literature	3	Very good.
Geography		
History	4	Fair
French	12	Very good for a beginner. Tries hard.
German		
Latin	Dec 2 1 st 8	Good. Has made a promising start
Greek		
Arithmetic	7	Good - a real worker
Algebra		
Geometry		
Trigonometry		
Analytical Geometry and Conic Sections		
Calculus		
Chemistry		
Physics		
Drawing		
Shorthand		
Book-keeping		
Music		
Conduct		Very good.

General Remarks. He has made a most satisfactory start, and promises well.

The next term begins on Tuesday, May 8th 1906 - July 25th
 L. C. Weston B. A. Head Master





THE SCHOOL STAFF.

HEAD MASTER:—EDGAR C. WATSON, B.A., and Intermediate Science, London.
Late Senior Science Master Framlingham College, and Senior English Master, Darlington Grammar School.

SECOND MASTER:—A. G. D. CAPEL, B. Sc., London. Late Physical Demonstrator, Birkbeck Institute, London. Honorary Lieutenant in His Majesty's Army.

CLASSICS, HISTORY,
AND
ENGLISH: C. J. VINCENT, M.A., Glasgow. Double Honours (History and Classics). Diploma in Practice and Theory of Education (with double distinction).
S. G. WINTLE, London University.

MODERN LANGUAGES:—G. W. FISHER, London University.

MUSIC:—A. W. PARSONS, Mus. Bac., F.R.C.O.

MANUAL INSTRUCTION:—H. ARAM.

DRILL:—COLOUR-SERGEANT HINDMARSH (Lincolnshire Regt.)



SITUATION.

THE School, healthily situated in the highest part of the town, is practically in the open country. It is ten minutes' walk from the Station.

The town of Slusford has a plentiful supply of pure water, the air is bracing and dry, its sanitary condition is all that can be desired, and the surrounding district is undulating.

It is easy of access by the Great Northern or Great Eastern Railway from Luton, the Eastern Counties, the Midlands and the North.



EAST ENTRY OF SCHOOL HOUSE.

[Photo by T. Upton.]

SCHOOL BUILDINGS.

THE Buildings consist of the School House with Dormitories and Dining Hall, Classrooms, Chemical Laboratory, Physical Laboratory, Reading Room and Library, and Carpenter's Shop. The classrooms, laboratories, and dormitories have been recently built in conformity with the regulations issued by the Board of Education, and for lightness, airiness, and general healthiness could scarcely be surpassed. Each dormitory is connected with a fire escape.

CURRICULUM.

THE Subjects taught to all boys are:—

Holy Scriptures.	Latin.
Arithmetic.	French.
English Grammar, Composition and Literature.	Natural Science.
Geography.	Drawing.
History.	Manual Work.
Mathematics—Pure and Applied.	Vocal Music.



A CLASS ROOM.

[Photo by T. Upton.]

German, Bookkeeping, and Shorthand are taught without extra fees to boys who require them, provided that their general education is sufficiently advanced.

Greek is taught at an extra fee of not less than three guineas a year. (One guinea a term.)

Woodwork is taught by a practical man in a well-equipped shop at an extra fee of five shillings a term. This fee covers the use of tools and the wood necessary for teaching purposes. The wood and fittings of articles taken from the School are charged at cost price.

ORGANISATION OF STUDIES.

THE general organisation of studies is on the lines prescribed for Secondary Schools by the Board of Education, viz.:

(a) A Preliminary Course, in which great stress is laid upon a good foundation in English subjects.

French, which is taught conversationally in the new method (and sometimes Latin) is begun in the latter part of this course, which, besides the usual English subjects and arithmetic, includes drawing (manual work, vocal music and nature study, the whole being intended to lay the foundation of habits of accurate observation and thought and of a cultivated taste.



CHEMICAL LABORATORY.

[Photo by T. Upton.]

(b) A Four Years' Course beginning normally at twelve years of age, and consisting of progressive studies in English Grammar, Composition, and Literature, Geography, History, Latin, French, Mathematics (including Arithmetic), Science, Drawing and Manual Work. The training of the preliminary course is continued. The whole course and the methods of teaching are designed to give a general and thorough education, and to turn out boys with well-trained faculties such as will enable them to take up profitably a commercial career, or to enter a learned profession, well equipped for special studies.

(c) Special Courses of work in subjects necessary for particular branches of commerce, for competitive examinations, for the various learned professions and for the Universities.



EXAMINATIONS.

1. An Examination of the whole School by an Examiner appointed by the Governors, but otherwise unconnected with the School. Prizes are usually awarded on the results of this Examination.

2. The Cambridge Local Examinations in which all boys of the higher forms are presented. The fees payable to the University are £1 for the Junior or Senior Examination, and 10s for the Preliminary Examination.

This School is a centre for the Examination.

Honours and Distinctions have been regularly obtained.

At the last Examination (December, 1906), every boy [Form V, (lower) and Form IV.] was successful.

The Senior Certificate (and sometimes the Junior) exempts (under certain conditions) the holder from The Cambridge Divisions, Oxford Responsions, the Matriculation of London and other Universities, and for the preliminary examinations of the Scotch Universities, the General Medical Council (for Medical and Dental Students), the Incorporated Law Society, the Institute of Civil Engineers, the Royal Institute of British Architects, the Institute of Chartered Accountants, the Surveyors' Institution, the Pharmaceutical Society, the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons, the Institute of Chemistry, and the Anatomists' Institute.

The advantages of passing such qualifying examinations in the course of the ordinary school work are obvious.

3. The Matriculation Examination of London University in which candidates from this School have been uniformly successful.

Preparation is also given for the Preliminary Scientific Examination, and for the Intermediate Examination in Arts and Science of London University.



SCHOLARSHIPS.

1. One Entrance Scholarship awarded annually to boys under 14 years of age, whose parents are resident in New Bedford, Old Bedford, Aswaby, Hokingham, Quarrington, North Bawcay, South Bawcay, Anwick, Kirby-la-Thorpe, Ewellon, on the result of an Examination held about the 12th September.

The scholarship entitles the holder, in case of satisfactory progress and conduct, to exemption from Tuition Fees for three years.

2. One Scholarship awarded annually on the result of the Cambridge Local Examination to a boy who at the time of the Examination was under 14 years of age, and had at the time been at least two years in attendance at the School.

The Scholarship entitles the holder, in case of satisfactory progress and conduct, to exemption from Tuition Fees for three years from the following September.

Boys of sufficient ability are prepared for Open Scholarships at the Universities and elsewhere.



PHYSICAL LABORATORY. [Photo by T. Epton.]



DINING ROOM. [Photo by T. Epton.]

ADMISSION AND REMOVAL.

THE minimum age of candidates for admission is eight years.

The minimum requirements of such candidates are—Reading, Writing from Dictation, Summ in the First Four Rules, and the Multiplication Tables, and Outlines of the Geography of England.

Applications for admission should be made to the Head Master.

A Term's Notice in writing to the Head Master is required previous to the removal of a boy.



GENERAL MANAGEMENT OF SCHOOL.

SUBJECT to the rules prescribed by the Scheme, the Head Master has under his control the whole internal organisation, management, and discipline of the School, including the power of expulsion and suspension from attendance.

Every effort is made to inculcate in boys a sense of manliness and self-reliance, and to maintain the tone and discipline of the School by applying to the highest moral principles.



A DORMITORY. [Photo by T. Epton.]

Every boy must subject himself to the rules in force. No boy is allowed to absent himself without permission from the Head Master. In case of illness or of emergency, a written explanation of the cause of absence should be sent to the Head Master.

After holidays every boy must return at the time specified. Boys who are absent at the beginning of the term will during that term lose some of the School Holidays.

Parents are required to inform the Head Master at once when a pupil has been brought into contact with any infectious disease.

The School Cap must be worn by all boys while in attendance at the School.



HOURS FOR SCHOOL WORK.

THE regular hours for Tuition are—

From 9 a.m. to 12, and from 1.40 p.m. to 4. In addition to this, time is required for preparation of Lessons, viz.:

For Boys in Junior Forms, from one to one-and-a-half hours.

For Boys in Senior Forms, from one-and-a-half hours to two hours.

Regular times set apart for quiet study, is absolutely necessary to ensure a boy's success.



SWIMMING BATH. [Photo by T. Epton.]

HOLIDAYS.

About Six Weeks beginning on or near July 31st.

About Four Weeks beginning on or near December 29th.

About Three Weeks beginning on or near April 12th.

Half-Holidays on Wednesdays and Saturdays.

There is no Holiday at half-term.



CLASSROOM. [Photo by T. Epton.]



REPORTS.

EVERY week each boy takes home his mark book. This must be signed by a parent or guardian.

At the end of each term a detailed report is sent, which is chiefly based on the results of the examinations held.

It is necessary to point out that examination results depend not only on the ability and industry of the pupils, but also on their aims and nervous temperament. Parents should, particularly in the case of young boys, take into consideration the weekly marks as well as their position by examination in forming an estimate of the work done and the training given.



SCHOOL PLAYING FIELD. (Photo by T. Upton.)

ATHLETICS AND SWIMMING.

EVERY facility is offered for engaging in manly exercises, for the encouragement of Cricket, Football, and other Athletic Sports.

Every boy must join in the school games unless there be medical reasons to prevent him.

Boys above 12 years of age are taught to shoot with small rifles.

Excellent playing fields adjoin the school buildings, and the games are fully organised.

There is an excellent Public Swimming Bath, to which the boys are admitted for the season at a small fee.

FEES (Payable in advance to the Head Master).

	£	s.	d.
TUITION FEES			
For boys under 12 years of age	2	6	8
For boys over 12 years of age	2	13	4
FEES FOR DINNER	2	10	0
FEES FOR WEEKLY BOARDERS.			
For boys under 12 years of age	8	0	0
For boys over 12 years of age	8	6	8



REFECTORY. (Photo by T. Upton.)

FEES FOR BOARDERS (inclusive of Tuition Fees, but inclusive of Laundry).

For boys under 12 years of age	10	0	0
For boys over 12 years of age	10	6	8

EXTRAS (payable by all).

Books at published prices	0	2	6
Stationery	0	2	0
Subscription to Games' Fund and Library	0	2	0

EXTRAS (Optional).

Pianoforte	1	10	0
Greek	1	1	0
Woodwork (see page 4)	0	5	0

There are no extras of any kind for diet, including sick-room diet. The fees do not include medical attendance.



THE SCHOOL BOYS. (Photo by J. Lamb.)

The 1990s and 2000s



Jim Duckett's retirement as Chairman of Governors "do" at the Lincolnshire Oak from 2006 (Mike Reading, Peter Freeman, Peter Wheeldon, Derek Lee and Jim).



Staff photo from 1992.

Front row: Christine Extence, Christine Shortland (School Secretary), French Assistante, Alun Williams, Peter Freeman, Alan Cattermole, Libby Barrick, Betty Hillyer, Brenda Swain;

Second row: Paul Footitt, Malcolm Smith, Pippa Hoile, Doreen Bamford, Nev Hull, Brian Cooper, John Kyte, Mike Folland;

Third row: Mark Darling, Dave Cossins, Barry Jessop, Colin Davies, Peter Harding, Colin White, Stu Vickers;

Fourth row: David Bird, Andy Wright, Alistair Barton, John Hollinshead, Douglas Hoare, Mike Haines.

News and Old Carrenian Updates



In May last year a group, who attended Carre's from 1964-72 and all turned 70 that year, gathered for a reunion. Eric Sargent arranged a barge trip to celebrate. Some of us hadn't seen each other for 40 years, but it was a great reunion!

We are from left to right: Colin Osborne, Phillip Wright, Eric Sargent, Owen McGee and Keith Davey.

Eric and Keith are still in Lincolnshire, Colin is in Cheshire, Phillip in Berkshire, and Owen in the USA

All are now retired.

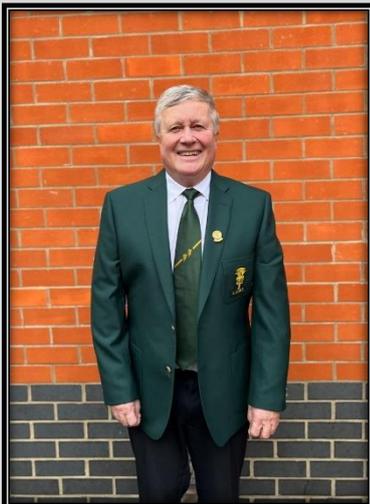
Owen McGee

Douglas Hoare

Many Old Carrenians will fondly remember Douglas, who spent his whole teaching career at Carre's in the Modern Languages faculty. Starting at Carre's straight from university in 1963, 2023 saw his 60th anniversary of his interview and that start date. Along with this he celebrated an equal period of time in St Denys' Church Choir, where he remains an active and important member each week.

Douglas also serves on St Denys' PCC, regularly writing historical articles in the Church's monthly Newsletter.

Nick Musson



In January I was voted in as the President Elect for the Lincolnshire Union of Golf Clubs (LUGC) for 2024/25.

In 2026, all being well I hope to be voted in as County President for 2026/2027.

I was nominated by the County Executive Board for my continued support for golf around the county and in particular, junior golf.

I have been involved at Sleaford Golf Club with the development and coaching of junior golfers for over 30 years, have supported the County teams at junior, men, and senior levels and I am currently on the Executive Committee for the English Schools' Golf Association

Alfie Cooke



In November 2023, Alfie Cooke, Manager of The Solo Bar and Restaurant, Sleaford was a finalist in the Lincolnshire Taste of Excellence Awards for Best Apprentice.

Ollie and Lewis Chessum

ITV calendar news reporters visited the school for their news item aired on 20 October on 'Where Ollie Chessum went to school'. This was three days prior to England narrowly losing to South Africa in the World Cup semi-final. That's correct, a Carre's Grammar student played for England in a World Cup semi!

As well as speaking to Mr Offer about Ollie and rugby at the school in general, the piece showed our U16 students defeating LSST and also interviewed several of the team. One of the team who was interviewed was Dylan, Ollie's 16-year-old brother. The students spoke of how inspired they are by his journey and how they love to be associated with him through the school.

School rugby suffered badly at Carre's during and post the COVID-19 pandemic. Like Ollie, students generally arrive at Carre's having played no rugby. Because of protocols in school, Years 9 and 10 were the most affected year groups and it is taking a lot of effort to generate teams in those years. In Years 7 and particularly 8, however, playing numbers are large and Ollie and indeed his brother Lewis (captain of England U20 last year) are truly inspiring to our younger students.



Lewis is suffering with a shoulder injury at the moment which may take some time to heal. Ollie, however, is going from strength to strength. He now has 21 caps and is motoring towards 50 caps if he remains injury free and Steve Borthwick remains in charge of the team. Having played in every game of the World Cup and winning a bronze medal, a short break saw him and the other Leicester Tigers contingent return to action and turn round their dismal form. He won the Man of the Match accolade against Saracens where his work rate and defensive qualities really came to the fore. He was equally impressive in putting in a huge tackle on Bierre in the European Cup against Leinster. He is improving his ball carrying this season and this element of his game seems far more prominent. This something that will elevate him to the top of the world game if he can be successful in this area. His lineout work is phenomenal, but maybe an area to improve is to try to match the scrummaging power of George Martin, his Tigers and England teammate.

The man responsible for getting Ollie into Rugby, Mr Ben Pickard had the opportunity to watch him play against Wales at Twickenham on 10 February. It didn't start well as Ollie left the pitch twice in the first half. Firstly, yellow carded for 10 minutes for a high tackle then through injury and a 'stinger' in one of his arms. This is basically where nerves are affected temporarily due to a huge collision. Ollie managed to get fully into the game in the second half and help England to overturn their largest half time deficit to a win in the Six Nations. He was awarded high marks by most journalists for the game. Mr Pickard had a great day sitting amongst the families of the players and coaching staff and seeing first-hand the pride of families at their loved ones playing International Sport.



Ollie, Lewis and Dylan

England have a tough run of fixtures coming up, playing New Zealand three times as well as South Africa, Australia, Ireland and France. All being well, he will tour New Zealand in June having won a second Premiership with Tigers. There is conjecture in the broadsheet papers, including from Stephen Jones in The Times that he is a "Lion in the making". Certainly, at school, we are dreaming of a Carrenian receiving the highest honour in British and Irish Rugby Union and going to Australia in 2025!

We'll carry on following his progress closely and hope that Lewis and Dylan also get to match his achievements one day. We'll also do our best to continue to help our students to develop into the sports men and women that they want to become, no matter the sport or level of performance.

Will and Cat



On 11 May 2024, Chairman Will Cooke and his partner Cathy McKenna will be taking part in the Macmillan Cancer Support Norfolk Coast 26-mile Mighty Hike. This is a charity that many of you may be familiar with and were a great help to Cathy's terminally ill father Ted.

If you would like to support their cause, please click the following link below and make your donation. Every contribution will be greatly appreciated.

https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/macmillanwillandcatwalkingforted?utm_source=Sharethis&utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=macmillanwillandcatwalkingforted&utm_campaign=pfp-email&utm_term=699e22f0ec4a4474bd9b321b5f6e89a7

We would welcome any news stories from you which could be included in the next Newsletter. Please email any information, including photographs, if possible, to cgsoldboys@yahoo.co.uk

Obituaries

Since the last newsletter we have been informed of the passing of the following Old Carrensiens and former Staff

Mr I R Lloyd	1944-1948
Mr J Lord	
Mr W E South	1941-1946
Mr G Brown	1951-1959
Mrs C Shortland	(Former Administrative Staff)
Mr M Folland	(Former Staff)
Mr K Rossington	1955-1960
Mr R Sibley	1936-1943
Mr Mick Massingham	

P McKenzie

Membership

The current membership of the Association is 705.

New Members

Mr R Munro
Mr E Simpson
Mr A Taylor
Miss Lyall
Miss M Hall
Miss A Shaw
Mr J Mee
Mr L Burnett

Missing Contact Information

We endeavour to keep the membership database as up-to-date as possible, but over time we do lose contact with some Old Carrensiens. If you have a telephone number or email for any of the following people, please let Will Cooke know on cgsoldboys@yahoo.co.uk.

Miss A Albuxech	Anna	2014-16
Mr B G Andrew	Beverley Graham	1964-71
Mr J A Andrew	James	1947-52
Mr G Ash	Graham	1984-87
Mr D Baxter	Dave	1990-97
Mr E Beckett	Eddie	1952-59
Mr M G Bennett	Mathew G	1982-88
Mr J Blackie	Jonathan	1979-85
Mr N J Boddington	Nicholas	1985-92
Mr D N Booth	David Nigel	1971-78
Mr A J Boyce	Adrian	1992-99
Mr P Buckley	Paul	1966-69

Mr P Byers	Peter	1952-57
Mr A G Cook	Adrian George	1976-81
Mr T Cope	Tom	1999-2007
Mr J Davidson	Jonathan	1985-92
Mr G Davis	Gary	1967-72
Mr T Dean	Tom	-16
Mr C Dearden	Christopher	1975-79
Mr P Doughty	Phillip	1984-91
Mr S T Ellis	Simon T	1975-82
Mr P Fish	Paul	1982-89
Mr C Gill	Christopher	1985-92
Mr D R Gillatt	D Richard	1980-87
Mr R Gray	Robert	-16
Mr R Greenwood	Robin	1968-73
Mr L A H Hammond	Wally	1934-41
Mr S Haresign	Stephen	1981-86
Mr P Harrison	Paul	1978-83
Mr S Heslop	Sam	1995-02
Miss E Hobson	Emily	2017-19
Mr S Holton	Stuart	1972-77
Mr S Horsley	Steven	1985-90
Mr D Hudson	David	1962-70
Mr K E Hunt	Keith	1943-48
Miss S Jackson		
Mr M Jones	Michael	1978-85
Mr R Jones	Robert	1999-07
Mr I M Kelsall	Ian M	1941-48
Mr S R Lee	Simon R	1975-82
Mr W J Lines	William J	1961-67
Mr P Marshall	Paul	1984-91
Miss Y Martin		
Mr K J Mawer	Kieren Jon	1992-99
Mr P McArthur	Paul	1979-86
Mr N A Meanwell	Nicholas	1970-73
Mr J Merchant	John	1984-91
Miss J Mitchell	Jess	2014-16
Miss C Mitchell Lawson	Chloe	2017-19
Mr A G M Moore	Allen George McCullagh	1942-51
Mr M J Moore	Matthew	1989-96
Mr A R Poole	Andrew R	1984-89
Mr R S Powell	R Simon	1976-83
Mr N Purdy	Neil J	1980-87
Mr J Richards	Jonathan	1983-80
Mr S J Roberts	Simon J	1968-73
Mr D F Rowbotham	David F	1983-86
Mr D Sellars	Dominic	-19
Mr J Smith	Jonathan	1990-97
Mr S P Smith	Steven P	1965-72
Mr R Thompson	Roy	1951-59
Mr T Tyler	Tony	1957-64
Mr G Wallis	Gareth	1987-94
Mr T Wallis	Timothy	1968-72
Mr M Warrington	Malcolm	1958-65
Mr J Watson		
Mr P R Wesson	Peter R	1960-66

Mr A Whitworth	Alan	1943-52
Mr G A Williams	Graham	1962-69
Mr D A Woods	David	1972-77
Mr E Wright		

Old Carrensians' Tie

The Old Carrensians Tie is available to purchase at £12.50 plus postage costs. For further details please email cgsoldboys@yahoo.co.uk or call Will on 07899 754371.



Student Destinations Summer 2023

Student		Higher Education/Apprenticeship/Employment
Allen	Ben	Royal Air Force
Aslin	Max	Geography
Attwood	Ben	Mechanic Apprenticeship
Barnshaw	Olivia	Law
Barnshaw	Samuel	Installation and Maintenance Electrician
Blanch	Claudia	Filmmaking
Blundy	Thomas	Gap Year
Booth	Leo	Arabic and Spanish
Brockington	James	Electrician Apprenticeship
Brown	Harry	Business with Finance
Bullement	Sam	Employment
Burnett	Lucas	Physical Education
Carter	Thomas	Economics
Caveney	Jacob	Criminology
Chapman	Henry	Journalism
Chesters-Thompson	Harriet	History/History of Art
Clarke	Jacob	Mechanical Engineering with Science Foundation
Clint	Jacob	Geography
Clipsham	Alexander	Biomedical Science
Collins	Nicholas	Mechanical Engineering with Placement Year
Constantine	Thomas	Geology
Cook	Verity	English Language
Crichton	Dylan	Animation and Visual Effects
Cudak	Blazej	Employment
Darley	Frankie	Music (Film Music)
Davie	Will	Gap Year
Daynes	Tom	Pilot Training
Desforges	Henry	Criminology
Errington	Alexander	Aerospace Engineering with Pilot Studies

Fletcher	Jack	Apprenticeship
Ford	Finn	Student Detective Apprenticeship
Forman	Joe	Chartered Surveyor Apprenticeship
George	Katie	Fashion Marketing
Greeley	Sam	Gap Year
Hall	Meera	Graphic and Communication Design
Harby	Daniel	Gap Year
Hardbattle	Evie	Marine Biology
Harmston	Ruby	English
Hemming	Kaidyn	Forensic Science with Science Foundation Year
Henton	Jack	Engineering Apprenticeship
Herron	Megan	Biomedical Science
Hickman	Rory	Biochemistry with Foundation Year
Hobbs	Joshua	Aerospace Engineering (Foundation Entry)
Jackson	Sam	Employment
Jenkins	Annie	Gap Year
Jones	Josh	Law and Spanish
Kirk	Tobias	History
Kirkland	Aedan	Music Composition for Film and Games
Lamb	George	Financial Mathematics
Lancaster	Georgia	Applied Sports Science
Lee	Erin	Social Work
Lofts	Maddy	Business
Lyall	Zosia	Law
Malkin	Sophie	Midwifery, deferred a year
Mantle	Matthew	History and Politics
Markham	Phelan	Business and Marketing
Martin	Thomas	Sport and Exercise Science
McAndrew	Ryan	Employment
McMillan	Megan	A&E Band 2 Health Care Support Worker
Mee	Joshua	Gap Year
Meier	Gianluca	Medicine
Michalski	Marcin	Employment
Mourao	James	Business and Marketing
Mudford	Corey	Student Detective Apprenticeship
Newton	Josh	Employment
North	Alex	History
Paikkos	Louis	Mathematics and Statistics
Peebles	Milly	Nursing (Adult)
Pepper	Milly	Graphic Design
Perkins	Alexander	Business Management (Foundation Year)
Perring	Emma	Geography
Picken	Callum	Financial Economics and Banking
Pottinger	Xander	Law LLB
Pygott	Joel	Employment
Rands	Matthew	Business

Richardson	Harry	Law
Rippon	Ella	International Development
Robertson	Aidan	Physics (with a year in Industry)
Rooke	Sam	Filmmaking
Shaw	Amelia	Law
Shore	Neve	Geography
Simpson	Edward	Engineering Apprenticeship
Simpson	Freya	Primary Education (5-11) with QTS
Smith	Daniel	Gap Year
Stapleton-Marshall	George	Pharmacy
Stevens	Brett	Forensic Science
Talbot	Oscar	Computer Science (Artificial Intelligence)
Taylor	Dylan	Accounting and Finance
Taylor	Angus	Chemical Physics
Thomas	Jake	Warfare Officer
Thompson	Tabitha	Gap Year
Tipper	James	English
Varney	Jessica	Occupational Therapy
Ward	Oliver	Civil Engineering
Ward-Walters	Cohen	Sports Business Management
Wellock	Abby	Physiotherapy
Wells	Joseph	Gap Year
Wetherall	Matthew	Business Management Apprenticeship
Wicks	Henry	Physiotherapy
Wilkinson	Abbie	Professional Policing
Wilkinson	Holly	Marketing and Management
Williams	Toby	Physics with a year abroad
Wilson	Anna	Primary Education
Wood	Thomas	Computer Science
Wright	Dominic	Pilot Training
Yazgi	James	Modern Languages and International Relations
Yeomans	Charlie	Sport and Exercise Therapy
Zoltan	Raluca	Psychology integrated Masters

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YEARS AT SCHOOL: From: _____ To: _____

CAREER DETAILS / NEWS EVENTS:

ANY NEWS / DETAILS OF FELLOW OLD BOYS:

Please return to the Secretary at the above address. Thank you.