



Welcome to the winter edition of the Wellington College Waterloo Society newsletter

Once again, we have been busy delving into the archives from when you were at College and do hope that you enjoy reading and reminiscing. We are also thrilled to share that since the last newsletter, Caroline Jones, the College Archivist, has been putting the finishing touches to the Heritage website and the 'Wellington Through The Decades' project, which you can read more about on the next page of the newsletter.

Alongside this, we recently unveiled the 'Legacy Giving Tree' in the Living Legacy Garden. This is a memorial to Waterloo Society members and in time will have inscribed on each of its golden leaves, the names of those who have so generously left a gift in their Will. Commemorating these individuals in such a special place is a token of our thanks for helping to support the future development of the College.



▲ OW Mr Sam Osmond (HI 51) next to the Legacy Giving Tree

Memories of Wellington College in the 1960s

Membership of the CCF was practically compulsory at Wellington during the 1960s, and all OWs of that era will have some memories of it. Although boys could leave at the age of 17 almost everyone had at least nine terms in the Corps.



▲ The War Minister, Christopher Soames, with Wellington cadets, 1960

'Dick' Borradaile was Contingent Commander for the entire decade, while teachers including 'Sandy' Entwistle, Roger Haslam, Max Ramsay, Paul Gilley and Richard Wood took charge of the various sections. Many OWs will also remember instructor Edwin Harris, a retired Chief Petty Officer in the Royal Navy, who brought the highest standards to everything he did. Shortly after his arrival in 1962, the Year Book reported that *'the standard of parade training is beginning to show the Whale Island touch.'*

In 1962 a new HQ building for the RN and RAF sections also opened. Here the Naval Cadets could practise the use of boat davits and a screen-derrick. Meanwhile, Air Cadets spent their summers with the College's ground-launched glider, and also practised using rubber dinghies in the swimming pool.

1963 saw a change to all CCFs when the 'Basic Section' was abolished and all cadets now started in the Section of their choice. Whilst this change was welcomed another was not! A new form of rifle drill substituted the 'Shoulder' for the 'Slope' which was suitable for the newer Self-

Loading Rifle (SLR) but caused problems with the older rifles still used by the CCF, especially for smaller cadets.

Probably the best parts of CCF were the away days and camps organised by the various sections. Army Section camps usually took place in Wales or the Lake District and involved 'Arduous Training' such as long hikes, rock-climbing and bivouacking. From 1964 to 1968, some cadets also visited a Belgian Army training centre on the river Meuse, where they experienced a hair-raising aerial runway known as 'the Death Slide.' Naval Section camps often took the form of voyages on Motor Fishing Vessels in Scotland or the



▲ Naval section in Scotland, 1960

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South-West, while Air Cadets had various trips including, in 1963, seven days at RAF Geilenkirchen in Germany.

The 1960s saw a revolution in youth culture, and this was reflected in changing attitudes to the CCF. From the middle of the decade, reports in the Year Book start to mention 'grumblers' and criticism of the Corps. In 1968 the report comments on *'the current tendency to question everything and to feel that discipline and uniformity (of dress or behaviour) are necessarily undesirable,* and Army Section cadets in particular complained about *'the archaic and uncomfortable uniform and the need to drill with an obsolete weapon.'* Similarly, 1969 was described as *'a challenging year'*, due to *'the current readiness to "opt out" from anything which demands discipline, effort or involvement.'* This was in marked contrast to the beginning of the decade, when CCF involvement seems to have been taken for granted by staff and boys alike.

By the end of the decade there was more provision of activities such as Community Service as an alternative to the Corps, and a recognition that older boys needed to spend more time preparing for A-levels. As more and more chose to leave the Corps after nine terms, this caused some resentment among younger boys who had to stay, and also a lack of skilled instruction which the older ones had previously provided. However, the 1969 report mentions an upside – while boys can choose to leave, by the same token, the CCF can draft out those whom it feels are adding nothing but spoiling the enjoyment of others!

In 2023 we will be contacting our 1960s OWs as the next step of our 'Wellington Through The Decades' project, and we are looking forward to reading your stories of life in the CCF.



▲ CCF inspection in 1967

Our new History and Heritage website

We are proud to introduce our new Wellington College Heritage website, a place to showcase and explore the College's fascinating history and heritage.

The website address is:
www.wellingtoncollegehistory.co.uk

In particular, this site is the home of our recent 'Wellington Through The Decades' project, to which all those who left Wellington prior to 1962 were invited to contribute. The wealth of material which so many of you provided has enabled us to build a rich and vivid picture of life at Wellington during the 1940s and 1950s. These reminiscences have been compiled into pages on topics such as food, living conditions, study and leisure, and are now available for you to browse. More topics are still to be written up, and we will be adding these over the coming months.

If you were at Wellington during those years and did not contribute to the project, it's not too late! We would love to receive your memories of that time. They will all be added to our archives, and as much content as possible will go onto the website in time.

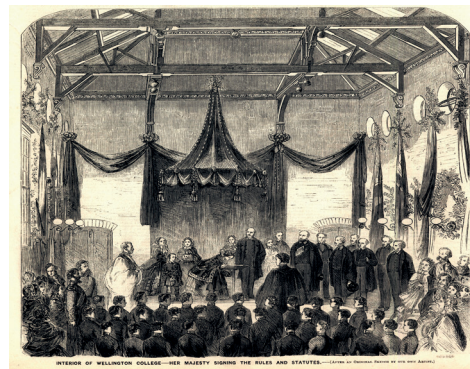
If you left College from 1962 to 1971 inclusive, it's your turn next! During 2023 we will be contacting you with a special questionnaire, and inviting you to send in your recollections of Wellington life in the 1960s.

In addition to these pages, the website also contains unique archive films of the College in past decades, as well as recordings of all our recent online heritage talks and events. You can also listen to podcasts recorded by College Archivist, Caroline Jones, on aspects of Wellington history, and explore content from some of the exhibitions which have been staged at College.

If you need help accessing the site or have any questions, please contact us at community@wellingtoncollege.com.

In the months and years to come, the website will grow, with more content on different topics being added, so don't forget to check back regularly. We do hope that you will enjoy exploring our unique heritage.

▼ Engraving of Queen Victoria at the College's opening, 1859



▲ Original design for the College by John Shaw, c.1855

Leaving a gift in your Will

Supporting Wellington College with a gift or donation in your Will is a highly personal way of giving that has a lasting impact on future generations.



‘In my long and wide experience of philanthropic fundraising it has been clear to me that Legacies are perhaps the most valuable sources of financial support for any cause with charitable status. This applies as much to Wellington as any and so I had no hesitation in bequeathing to Wellington as much as my estate can reasonably bear.’

Sir David Scholey, CBE (Bn 53)

Leaving a gift in your Will is an important part of our fundraising programme.

Unlike many similar schools which benefit from an endowment, Wellington College is dependent on philanthropic support, without which we would be unable to deliver the dynamic and inspirational educational environment necessary in today’s ever-changing world. In recent years we have been incredibly fortunate to have had the generous support of parents, past and present, Old Wellingtonians and friends of the College to help provide the extra funds required to enable us to go from strength to strength.

During the next phase of development, we want to play our part in supporting the aspirations and ambitions of more young people who without the financial means would not be able to benefit from a Wellington education.

The Prince Albert scholarship programme

Wellington College was established to educate the children of deceased Army officers at minimal financial cost. While the need for this has, thankfully, diminished over the years, our ambition to ensure that children of talent and promise are able to reach their full potential is stronger than ever. Central to the educational philosophy at Wellington is the need to widen access and open our doors to boys and girls of promise, ambition and talent but with limited financial means and we do this through our Prince Albert scholarship programme. By 2025 we aim to have at least 40 Prince Albert Scholars at Wellington at any one time, each year receiving 110% means tested fee support, ensuring that the make-up of our student body is much more reflective of today’s society.

We understand that leaving a legacy is a very personal decision and that you may wish to direct your bequest to an area of College which is close to your heart, however, we also welcome legacies directed towards the unrestricted fund as this gives us the flexibility to direct to the area most needed at the time. If you would like to discuss further please contact Murray Lindo, Head of the Wellington Community, who would be delighted to talk through your ideas.

If you decide to leave a gift in your Will to Wellington College, here are some FAQs:

What type of gift can I leave in my Will?

There are different ways in which you choose to support Wellington in your Will.

- **Residuary gift** – the gift of all or part of the value of your estate once gifts and payments have been made.
- **Pecuniary gift** – a fixed sum of money.
- **Specific gift** – a named item.
- **Reversionary gift** – allowing assets to be left for the care of loved one for the duration of their life, and upon their death, your gift will be passed on to your chosen recipient.

What wording should I use in my Will?

We can provide suggested wording for your Will and can work with you to find a way to ensure your gift is used in accordance with your wishes if there is a particular area of College you would like to support.

Does Wellington College have charitable status?

Wellington College has charitable status for all UK tax purposes and the registered charity number is: 309093.

How can a gift in my Will to Wellington College benefit my inheritance tax status?

If you leave a gift to charity in your Will, the gift’s value won’t be counted towards inheritance tax. This could reduce what your beneficiaries have to pay, or remove your inheritance tax liability altogether. Also in some situations, anyone leaving 10% or more of their taxable estate to a charity may qualify for a reduced rate of inheritance tax – 36% rather than 40%. Please see www.gov.uk/inheritance-tax for further information.

Will my gift be affected by capital gains tax?

When someone dies, the value of their assets is re-established and any gains that arise during the administration of the estate (i.e. between death and sale) may be liable to capital gains tax. Charities are exempt from capital gains tax, so where a charity is a beneficiary in a Will, it may be possible to use this exemption to benefit the whole estate.

Does Wellington take part in a free Wills scheme?

Yes we offer you a free Will writing service and if this would be of interest, please contact us at community@wellingtoncollege.org.uk

Wellington College is enormously grateful to those who choose to make a gift in their Will and to recognise this generous contribution all become members of the Waterloo Society and, as thanks, invited to an annual drinks party with the Master. Wellington College was built on the vision and generosity of philanthropic support and every gift is gratefully received.

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THE WELLINGTON COMMUNITY LEGACY NOTIFICATION

If you decide to include Wellington in your Will, it would be a great help if you could let us know by completing and returning this form. This pledge does not commit you in any way. It is simply a statement of your current intentions. Your response and any subsequent correspondence or discussion will be treated in the strictest confidence.

IN CONFIDENCE

I wish to include a legacy to Wellington College in my Will.

Full name: _____

Address: _____

Postcode: _____

Telephone: _____

Mobile: _____

Email: _____

Signature: _____	Date: _____
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To help us with our planning it would be extremely helpful if you could estimate the value of your proposed gift in today's terms:

£

Please return this form to:
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Wellington College,
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Thank you for your support.

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