

## LRGS Alumni Newsletter

May 2025

A warm welcome to you from LRGS.

The latest Headmaster's letter to parents can be found [here](#).

As always, we love to hear from our LRGS community so get in touch with [your news](#) and be sure to update us of any [change of details](#)

With best wishes,

Lorna and the Development team



## LRGS Updates

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### Goodbye and Good Luck!

We say a heartfelt goodbye and good luck to our Upper Sixth pupils as they prepare for and take their final exams here at school. We are very proud of you all and look forward to welcoming you back to school as Old Lancastrians.

### VE Day commemorations

On Thursday 8 May, we joined the nation in two minutes silence to commemorate the 80th anniversary of VE Day. Our CCF cadets then took part in the VE Day Parade in Dalton Square.



### Europhilex

Europhilex comes to the UK every 109 years and is the largest stamp exhibition in the world this year. Mr Talks took 14 boys down to the NEC in Birmingham to see it earlier this month.

Year 8 pupil, Peter, writes, "On Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> of April LRGS stamp club adventured to the NEC in Birmingham for this once in a 10-year experience. We were greeted by John Davies and Erene Grieve from Stamp Active, inviting us to the junior section. As soon as we got there, we were given an activity booklet to fill in. We had to collect different variations of British stamps such as the Northern Irish Machin and hinge them into a booklet. The booklet was then marked giving a maximum of 250 points. These points were later used for a mini auction. We then had time to explore some of the two thousand exhibits. We looked at the world's most expensive stamp, the one cent magenta from British Guiana. Stamp Active gave us £20 in tokens to spend on stamps and coins at the many dealers that were there. Robin Cassell also gave us each a penny

red with our initials on. Stamp Active held an auction to finish off the day. There were various items including First day covers and special stamps. At the end one of the boys won a Penny black and a Two pence blue from Stamp Active. We all had a lovely time, and we are thankful to all the staff who help run the junior section to make it such a special day."

This year LRGS also sent 10 entries in to the British Thematic Association one page Competition. Congratulations to Cameron, Nana and Leo who won the 13-14 category with the theme of Marine Life.



## Alumni News

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### OL London Cricket Club

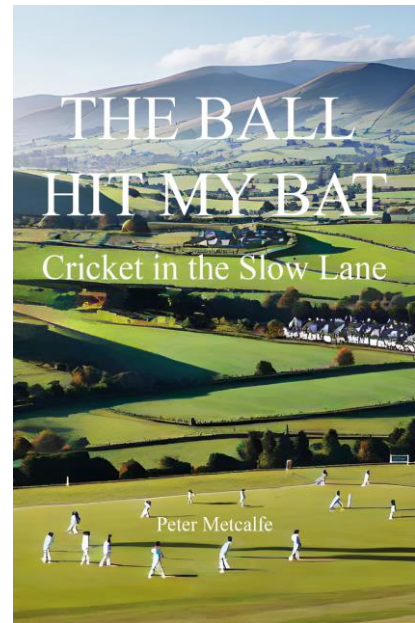


Calling all OLs in London - OLLCC is in its fifth season of Last Man Stands cricket on the London circuit and looking for new players. Open to all abilities, whether you've not picked up a bat in years or new to the game! We play on Mondays / Tuesdays in Regents Park and usually head to the pub after! If you're keen to play or want to find out more, please reach out to [Eddie Letcher](#)

## The Ball Hit My Bat

With the cricket season in full swing, OL Dr Peter Metcalfe (60-67) writes:

"I could not get in any school XI but retained a deep love of the game and played for many teams until my mid-sixties. The book's title, *The Ball Hit My Bat*, comes from a novel we read in Bill Osborne's English lessons in 1965. I finally got to bat on the 1<sup>st</sup> XI pitch 35 years later in a village match. I had not improved much, but the book does reveal that I once opened the batting for Australia in unusual circumstances. There are lots of cricket tales as well as tributes to Messrs Spencer, Young, Hansen and of course my cricket-loving housemaster Doug Cameron. It's a light-hearted book but has a serious purpose – raising money for Yorkshire Air Ambulance, who saved the life of one of my club's junior players. To support this charity, please email [petermetcalfe1@aol.com](mailto:petermetcalfe1@aol.com) for payment details (£11+£2.50p&p)"



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## Welcome back!

It was lovely to welcome OLs Emily and Fenella (22-24) back to Boarding for a visit and for them to leave their handprint on our new Leavers Tree.



## OLS in UAE



Our growing numbers of Old Lancastrians based in the UAE gathered together on Thursday 22 May at the Belgian Beer Cafe, Al Barsha Heights. The evening proved to be a fantastic success, a big 'thank you' to Patrick Dransfield (75-80) and Eddie Taylor (86-91) for getting this off the ground. Another social event is planned for September and if you want to join them please get in touch with the [Development office](#). Photo shows: (From left to right) Stephen Kiggins, Scott Hodgins, Eddie Taylor (UAE OL Convenor), Graham Brown, Jamie Skinner, Patrick Dransfield, Edmund Teasdale.

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## Congratulations

Congratulations to OLs Daniel Birchall (00-07) and Patrick Bishop (13-20) who were both selected to play for the Barbarians in a match against Durham on Saturday 3 May. Daniel was also selected to play for the team against Glasgow University on Saturday 10 May, OL Brian Ashton (57-62) is amongst the coaching staff.





Congratulations to OL Dyane Wong (21-23), who has been selected as part of the final 22-player squad representing the England Lacrosse University Aspire Programme at the 2025 Lisboa Lacrosse Cup, taking place on July 5th and 6th in Lisbon, Portugal.

This is the first year a women's team from the Aspire Programme will compete internationally, marking an exciting milestone for university lacrosse in the UK.

The Aspire Programme brings together top university players nationwide, offering elite-level training and a pathway into the England Lacrosse Perform Programme.

The team will face a strong international field, including teams from Portugal, the Brno Ravens (Czechia), Madrid Osos (Spain), Italia Heritage, York Vikings, and two competitive teams from the USA.

Dyane said: "It is a true honour to represent England on this stage, and I'm beyond excited to put on the official England kit and compete against some of the best teams in Europe and beyond—what an unforgettable summer this is shaping up to be!"

You can follow along for updates, results, and behind-the-scenes action on [Instagram](#) or visit the [official tournament website](#)

Good luck Dyane and team, we are very proud of you and excited for the competition!

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## 5 and 10 year reunion

We are delighted to be hosting a reunion event for the Classes of 2015 and 2020 at school in July. Emails with details of the event and reunion booklets have been sent out to the relevant alums, please [book your place](#) at the reunion via our website, we look forward to seeing you there!

## RGS Cricket Festival

We are delighted to be hosting this year's RGS Cricket Festival, please see the confirmed fixture list below. You are very welcome to support the teams and come along to watch any of the matches.

Date	Game	Venue
<b>Monday 30<sup>th</sup> June 10.30 am Start</b>	Lancaster v Newcastle	LRGS Douthwaite
	Guildford v Colchester	Torrisholme CC
	High Wycombe v Worcester	Netherfield CC
<b>Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> July 10.30 am Start</b>	Newcastle v Guildford	LRGS Douthwaite
	Lancaster v Worcester	Netherfield CC
	Colchester v High Wycombe	Shireshead CC
<b>Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 10.30 am Start</b>	Worcester v Colchester	LRGS Douthwaite
	Lancaster v Guildford	Morecambe CC
	High Wycombe v Newcastle	Garstang CC
<b>Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 10.30 am Start</b>	Guildford v High Wycombe	LRGS Douthwaite
	Newcastle v Worcester	Torrisholme CC
	Lancaster v Colchester	Garstang CC
<b>Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July 10.00 am Start</b>	Lancaster v High Wycombe	LRGS Douthwaite
	Colchester v Newcastle	Burneside CC
	Worcester v Guildford	Lancaster CC



## Future Event updates

OL Golf Day and [Founders' Dinner](#) on Friday 4 July 2025 at Lancaster Golf Club

[Cotswolds OL Dinner](#) on Friday 12 September 2025 at RAU, Cirencester

Leeds OL Dinner on Friday 3 October 2025 at Masonic Hall, Castle Grove (TBC)

London OL Dinner on Thursday 6 November at the RAF Club, Piccadilly

Links to book a place at future dinners will become available nearer the time.

Please continue to check our website and social media pages to keep up with the latest news.

**OLD LANCASTRIANS GOLF DAY**

**FRIDAY 4TH OF JULY 2025**  
*Tee times from 13:23*

**Lancaster Golf Club**

LGC Members £5 (prizes only)  
Non-members £40 (green fee and prizes)  
Paid on the day

If Interested Contact  
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**OL Club**

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