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TEN YEARS ON...

THE REUNION

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WOLF SALIENT RETURNS!

Welcome back to Wolf Salient! Now in its second issue, this termly e-newsletter is focussed on keeping our ever-growing community of Old Wilsonians better-connected with each other and the school.

If you missed the inaugural issue of Wolf Salient, please find it at the link [here](#).

As ever, if you have any stories to share, queries, ideas or additions for the next edition of Wolf Salient, please contact me at wasa@wilsonsschool.sutton.sch.uk with your thoughts!

BY WILL STRAW OW

WILSON'S SCHOOL
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IN FOCUS: SIR JAMES JEANS OW



Sir James Jeans was a highly prominent physicist in the early 20th century, whose undoubtable influence is felt even today. After attending Wilson's, Jeans won a scholarship to read Mathematics at Trinity College Cambridge graduating with a First Class degree. He went on to lecture at many institutions, including Cambridge and Princeton in the United States.

Jeans was a skilled organist, and so was his second wife, Susi Jeans. As such, he designed their house with two organs in such a way that each could play their own organ without disturbing the other!

Jeans is responsible for many influential ideas of the "new" physics of the 1900s, most of which we still take to be valid. Just a few of his many contributions are detailed here.

His 1914 paper 'Radiation and Quantum Theory' had a major impact in pushing the British scientific community to accept quantum theory and the Bohr model of the atom. Jeans and Rayleigh's famed 'Rayleigh-Jeans law' revealed a vital error in physics theory at the time, leading to the assumption that we use to this day: electromagnetic radiation can only be absorbed and emitted in discrete packets of energy. He is regarded as an excellent writer, having written books that exposed the wider public to modern physics. His publications "excited attention from cover to cover".

Jeans was knighted in 1928. Among many other honours, he was awarded the Gold Medal of the Royal Astronomical Society, as well as honorary doctorates from Oxford, Manchester, and St Andrews.

This respected Old Wilsonian has done a great service to physics – without his exceptional work, the world would be a very different place today.

BY NEO TANG OW

CLASS OF 2012 REUNION!



A decade after leaving Wilson's, the Class of 2012 are getting back together to reminisce and reconnect! See the event details below:

Where: 'The Mega Hut' @ Hope & Anchor Pub, 123 Acre Lane, Brixton, SW2 5UA

When: 7pm, Saturday 26 March

If you wish to attend the reunion, please contact the organiser of the event – Kourosh Pakroo OW 2012 – at kouroshpakroo@gmail.com

ALUMNUS OF THE TERM - JACK ELLIOTT OW



The start of a new feature for Wolf Salient, the "Alumnus of the Term" section will focus on the notable achievements of a living alumnus. The first Old Wilsonian to feature is professional footballer, Jack Elliott, who recently signed a new contract with MLS side Philadelphia Union through to the 2024 season with an option for 2025.

Jack's American footballing journey started after he caught a scout's eye while playing for the Old Wilsonians Football Club 1st XI as a schoolboy against Walton Casuals in the Surrey Premier Cup. Dan Stratford, a coach from West Virginia University who was playing for the opposition, was so impressed by Elliott's game that he asked him to head over to the States and play for his side.

Jack would go on to spend four years playing college soccer for West Virginia before being drafted by Philadelphia Union in the fourth round of the 2017 MLS SuperDraft.

Since joining the Union, Jack has established himself as a key player for the MLS side as a centre-back.

After securing him to a new contract, Ernst Tanner, the Union's sporting director noted as much, highlighting that "over his five seasons with the Union, Jack has developed and proven himself to be one of the best defenders in Major League Soccer. His combination of size and skill has been a key component to the team's continued growth and success, consistently leading the Union to be one of the top teams with the fewest goals allowed in the league. Recently, Jack showed his positional versatility and helped us overcome unprecedented challenges to make the deepest playoff run in our club's history."

With eight goals and three assists in 131 MLS regular-season appearances so far, Jack is hoping to continue playing for Philadelphia Union and guide them to success, a realistic prospect with his side tipped as one of the favourites for the 2022 MLS title.

BY WILL STRAW OW

AN EXCITING YEAR AHEAD!

BY TIM EDGE

2022 promises to be a notable year in the rich history of Wilson's School.



Building work continues at a pace!

In the autumn term we will be opening our new music school and sports facilities, providing a recital room, new music classrooms and purpose-built practice rooms. The new building will also offer a fully equipped fitness centre and modern sports changing rooms to replace the dilapidated portacabins.

In the summer term we will be launching our inaugural Wilson's Giving Week. The week will commence with a 24 hour period when the whole of the school community will be invited to make a donation to Wilson's. Also during the week there will be the launch of a legacy giving society and two campaign receptions for new parents to enable them to play their part in the equipping and fitting-out of our new facilities.

We are also keen to transition from the virtual to the actual world with a series of events. In particular, a class of 2021 drinks reception will be held at the school on September 1st and subsequently a special event for our former staff and our alumni. If you are able to sponsor any of our events or to offer a venue please do get in touch.

CGI visualisation: Recital and Assembly Room



DESIGNERS, WILSON'S NEED YOU!

Wilson's School is seeking a range of speakers from a variety of ethnicities who either study or work in the Design field. Currently in popular culture and the textbooks, the field lacks diversity, with the vast majority of 'famous' designers being white British males. We need to show our student body that there are more than stereotypes waiting for them in the world of Design.

If this sounds like the calling you have been waiting for, and you would like to deliver an exciting lecture or talk on site at Wilson's drawing on your given field of expertise and creative experiences, please contact Gloria Ironside at GI@wilsonsschool.sutton.sch.uk

Furthermore, if you would be interested in delivering a careers talk about Design to our students but cannot do this in person, please contact Will Straw to get involved with our online Wilson's 'Talk!' Career Series via email at WAS@wilsonsschool.sutton.sch.uk

BY GLORIA IRNSIDE

A MESSAGE FROM THE DEVELOPMENT OFFICE'S NEWEST RECRUIT



As a member of the Class of 2021, my final year as a Wilson's student was strange to say in the least - finishing in COVID-times was odd, and I was sad to be leaving the school. Nonetheless, I welcomed the prospect of becoming a Wilson's alumnus, more specifically a "new old boy", a phrase which never fails to amuse me. I thoroughly enjoyed my time studying at Wilson's and subsequently jumped at the chance to join the school's Development Team as an intern when presented with the opportunity in January.

So far, working in the Development Office has been great. I have contributed to the production of this issue of Wolf Salient, which I hope is an enjoyable read. I have also published regular content on Alumnet, namely, a weekly poll every Monday and an "Alumnus of the Week" article each Thursday about a notable old boy. If you have not yet had the chance to sign up for Alumnet, I emphatically encourage you to do so via the button on the left! The site enables Old Wilsonians to stay in contact and reunite with one another, and is currently undergoing a complete redesign. This continued overhaul process is making Alumnet a lot more straightforward to use and will soon also improve its capability to provide mentoring, the key focus we want to establish on the platform.

I hope that my work in the Development Office will help in keeping you well-connected with the school and other Old Wilsonians. By working on Wolf Salient and Alumnet, I hope to increase their popularity such that everybody, including myself, will feel Wilson's is a part of their identity for many years to come.

Click on the link below to register for Alumnet; it takes less than a minute!

[HTTPS://ALUMNET.SOCIAL/REGISTER](https://alumnet.social/register)

BY NEO TANG OW

WILSON'S CHARITY CYCLE FOR CENTREPOINT SUCCESS



The Headmaster and Head Boy compete against each other racing the final leg

On 7th December 2021, Wilson's staff and pupils took part in a race to raise money for Centrepoint. Starting at 8 o'clock, competitors from the staff and sixth form battled it out, cycling against one another in 20-minute intervals, on stationary bikes set-up in the JJ Hall.

After over 8 hours of constant pedalling from both sides and 45 members of staff having cycled before him, Headmaster Mr Cole started the final leg against renowned cyclist and Head Boy, Ronnie Guha, 0.5km behind the sixth form team. Both competitors finished the day's cycling off at a quick pace but it was the sixth form team who would prove victorious with 233.8km covered across the day, just edging out the staff's total distance of 232.5km.

The Charities Committee were delighted with the support from the whole school community and reported that just shy of £1,100 had been raised for Centrepoint, who support homeless young adults aged 16-25.



BY WILL STRAW OW

FOOTBALL APTITUDE TEST COMES INTO PLAY



The next academic year will be the first to see the 'Wilson's School Football Programme' come into play. This new scheme is aimed at boys ('football scholars') with an aptitude for football*, and will provide a supportive and friendly environment for them to develop their skills and potential, alongside a full Wilson's education. Run alongside other schemes such as the Year 7 Music Programme, this represents another brilliant addition to the range of thriving co-curricular activities at Wilson's.

Boys on the Programme will have the opportunity to work with the school's FA qualified coaches and play 30 games a season on average, many of these being recorded by the school's advanced VEO video camera for performance analysis.

The trials for this year took place in June 2021 and 14 exceptional footballers were later offered places to start at Wilson's in September 2022.

Football has been at the heart of Wilson's since the school reopened in Camberwell in 1880, and remains so to this day. The 1st XI reached the National Cup final for the first time in the school's history last season. We are confident that the talented young players joining Wilson's soon will reinforce success and continue the school's strong footballing tradition!

BY NEO TANG OW

*Football scholars are eligible for priority admission. Please see the school's website for details [here](#).

OXBRIDGE SUCCESS - A RECORD 33 OFFERS RECEIVED BY WILSON'S BOYS



Class of 2022 offer holders - well done!

This year, we are proud to note that a record thirty-three students have been offered places at Oxford and Cambridge to study a wide variety of subjects including: Medicine, Law, Economics, History, Engineering, Geography, and Modern and Medieval Languages. Additionally, two students have been offered choral scholarships, one at St John's College, Cambridge and one at New College, Oxford.

In related news, our very own Neo Tang has been offered a place at St John's College, Oxford to study Physics after taking a gap year - congratulations!

JOIN THE OWA: THE OLD WILSONIANS' ASSOCIATION



The OWA Badge

The Old Wilsonians' Association (OWA) was formed in 1904 to enable former pupils of the school to maintain their friendships after their school days were over. More than a century later, the OWA is still going strong.

Interestingly, both the Old Wilsonians' Cricket Club (OWCC) and the Old Wilsonians' Football Club (OWFC) were formed before the OWA - in 1886 and 1888 respectively - but the forming of the Association put things on a more formal and inclusive footing.

Initially, both the cricket and football sides played at the old school ground in Dulwich but, in 1959, they both moved to Hayes where they have played ever since.

As well as first class football pitches and a much-admired cricket square, the ground now also boasts excellent tennis courts, squash and racketball facilities.

The Old Wilsonians can truly be described as a 'community club' and as much as we welcome our new intake of local members, we are also keen to attract former members of the school to our ranks - after all, that is what the Association was set up for!



The OWA's Clubhouse at Hayes Hill, lit up in the evening



OWFC's 1st XI pictured after a successful start to their league campaign, securing a 3-0 home victory against Old Parkonians

We are also aware that not all Old Wilsonians live locally - the world has become a lot smaller since 1904 - neither do they solely wish to see their old schoolmates in a sporting environment, so we want to explore other ways of reaching out to former pupils.

The school currently employs a number of Old Wilsonians, including Will Straw, who was responsible for launching this impressive publication, and I thank him, and Neo Tang, for allowing me the space to promote the OWA.

The bottom line is that your relationship with the school does not have to end when you leave Mollison Drive for the last time as a student. Although many maintain lifetime friendships with old schoolmates without the help of a third party, the facts show that many more friendships are formed after your school-days, and with many others whom you did not know at the time or, more likely, were not actually at school with.

The pledge of the Old Wilsonians' Association is to be more assiduous in our message, namely that we are keen to welcome you into what we regard as an important part of your post Wilson's School life; we will do everything we can to encourage you to join us!

If you'd like to find out more about the Association, please visit our website: www.oldwilsonians.com



Alex Seal and the rest of an all 'Old Wilsonian' team photographed after swimming the Channel on Sunday 12th September 2021. The team managed the crossing in an impressive 12 hours 59 minutes, all the while raising over £10,000 for the charity the Blue Marine Foundation which aims to help conserve and protect the global oceans.

Wilson's boys ready to set sail on the 1991 Watersports trip, a fixture in the Wilson's calendar to this day!



Wilson's CCF marching on Speech Day in 1960, kindly contributed by Winston Bailey who left the school in 1961.



Happy faces at the 2018 alumni drinks reception which took place at the old school in Camberwell.



Wilson's Football U14As at the close of a brilliant 2011 season. Jack Elliott, now a professional player in the MLS, can be seen standing in the back row, second in from the right.



A fantastic shot of the school's Football 1st XI following a brilliant 1989/90 season. Under the ever-vigilant watch of Micky Stratford, the boys won two trophies - the Surrey Schools FA U19 Cup (beating a strong Croydon College side 10-1 in the final) and the annual Surrey Schools 7's tournament. Seated directly behind the silverware is Nick Billing, Captain of the side, who continues to represent Wilson's nowadays, playing for the Old Wilsonians Football Club aged 50. Many thanks to John Westrip, the squad's Goalkeeper, for sending in the picture.



Wilson's boys and staff enjoying the sun on the 2009 Cricket Tour to Barbados!



Moving forwards, the "Through the Archives" section of Wolf Salient will be aim to solely be a collection of alumni-contributed photos and memories. Please send these to WASewilsonsschool.sutton.sch.uk - thanks in advance!

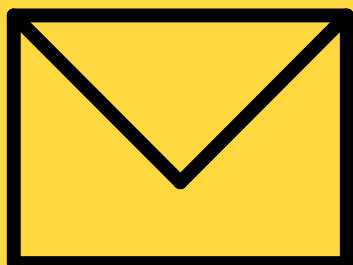
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