

Old Carreians' Association



NEWSLETTER

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Dates for your 2026/2027 Diary

**Annual Dinner/AGM: To be confirmed
March/April 2027**

Golf Match: To be confirmed

Cricket Match: To be confirmed

Bowls Match: To be confirmed

**Annual Quiz: 6 November, Solo Club,
Market Room**

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Foreword by Mr Law, Headteacher

This is the last time I will write these words as Headteacher of Carre's, and I find it harder to set down than I expected.

As I come to the end of eighteen and a half years in this role, my thoughts turn especially to you, the community of Old Carreians whose lives and achievements continue to shape the story of this school long after you have left it. When I first arrived, I could not have imagined how often I would be reminded that a Carre's education does not end at the school gates.

One of the great privileges of this role has been witnessing not only the beginnings of that journey, but also, through newsletters such as this and the many messages and encounters over the years, something of what follows. To hear of the paths you have taken, in your professions, your families, and your wider contributions. These have been a constant source of pride and perspective.

Much has changed during my time here. The school has evolved, facilities have developed, and education itself has shifted in ways none of us might have predicted. Yet what has remained constant is the character of Carre's: a strong sense of purpose, a commitment to doing the right thing, and a community that extends far beyond its immediate setting. That enduring connection is, in no small part, thanks to you. The interest you continue to take in the school, the support you offer, and the example you set for current students all reinforce the values that define a Carre's education.

Being Headteacher often means entrusting young people to the future without knowing where their journeys will lead. Through you I have been fortunate enough to see glimpses of those journeys, and those moments have been among the most rewarding of my career.

As for my own next chapter, I move on in September to become Director of Secondary Education at the Community Inclusive Trust which is a new role, but not a new set of values. Everything I take with me into that work, I owe in large part to my years at Carre's and to this community. I am pleased, too, to leave the school in the very capable hands of Mrs Josephine Smith, who becomes Executive Headteacher in September, and I know Carre's will continue to thrive under her leadership.

I leave Carre's with deep gratitude and with great confidence in its future. I know that the same spirit which shaped your time here will continue to guide those who follow.

Thank you for the part you have played, and continue to play, in the life of the school.

Nick Law

OCA and Social News

Annual Dinner March 2026



Our major event, the Annual Dinner, was held at the Carre Arms Courtyard Suite on Saturday 28 March, when we enjoyed an excellent meal and splendid hospitality from the management and staff.

Some 70 guests attended, with excellent table arrangements accommodating groups, including a large group celebrating their 50th anniversary of leaving Carre's. Again, at this event we welcomed Pete Onyon, marking his presence as the most senior attendee.

The evening was introduced by our Chairman, Will Cooke, with a period of remembrance for former students who had passed away during the previous year. Followed by a poem written by former School Caretaker, Fred Coxell, when he retired from Carre's and placed as a tribute with a drawing of Fred on the evening's proceedings document.

The poem, followed by Grace, was read by Robert Hogg and is reproduced as part of this Newsletter.

During the evening, in addition to the meal, Heads and Tails was held, along with the usual totes to the length of the AGM.

We are grateful to Ian Hodson for his magnificent efforts in running a raffle and obtaining some generous prizes, including two prizes of a meal and overnight stay at the Petwood Hotel, Woodhall Spa.

Nick Law, the School's Headteacher for 18 years gave a resume of his time at Carre's as he leaves for pastures new at the end of term with the C.I.T. His equal time as President of the Association was marked with a cut glass, engraved gift from the Association with our heartfelt thanks for his longstanding contribution to all our activities.

Nick introduced Daniel Bentley, Head Boy and Isabel Lee, Head Girl, who in turn gave excellent speeches outlining their time at Carre's and present-day life, culture and the ongoing traditions of what we all recognise as the essence of Carre's Grammar School.

The customary toasts to the Association by Daniel and in turn by Nick Musson, our Vice Chairman to the School with his vote of thanks, rounding off an excellent evening to be followed by just a few beers!!

Here's to the 2027 event.

Annual Quiz November 2025

An enjoyable, well attended and successful evening was held with generous hospitality from the Solo.

Several teams took part with the winning accolade going to the Dream Team of staff members in a closely run race.



Our thanks go again to John Bland for devising the quiz, marking the results and to Robert Hogg as quizmaster for his sterling delivery of the questions. All making for an excellent annual event to be repeated this November.

Christmas At Home December 2025

We enjoyed a very convivial lunchtime and afternoon at the Carre Arms on 27 December, welcoming Old Carrensiens and guests to an informal gathering and a “few” drinks.

We are grateful to the Carre Arms staff for their regular hospitality for this occasion.

Amongst those gathered we were pleased to see Peter Onyon, who we believe to be our senior Old Carrensiens, joining us with his daughter Jackie on this pleasant festive occasion.

We were also pleased to see former staff members amongst the assembled group.

Again, we look forward to repeating this annual event at the Carre Arms on the Christmas Bank Holiday on 28 December this year and hope the date will enable as many as possible to be with us to round off the festive celebrations for 2026.



News and Old Carrensiens Updates

Nick Musson - Golf Presidency



It was an honour and privilege to be elected as President of the Lincolnshire Union of Golf Clubs in January of this year. The ambassadorial role will see me supporting all affiliated clubs within the county and supporting players around Lincolnshire, the Midlands and hopefully at some national events.

I have been a member of Sleaford Golf Club for 50 years, club Captain in 1994 and 2003 and club President 2014-2017.

I have served various roles within the club including junior organiser, membership secretary, and other roles away from the club including a member of the Lincolnshire Schools' Golf committee and am currently on the Executive Board of the English Schools' Golf Association

The game is in a great place at the moment, and junior golf is especially thriving not just at club level but also within schools and at county and regional levels.

I have to admit that I am really excited for the next two years in my role as County Golf President.

Luke Padley

Carre's Grammar School Design and Technology department were delighted to welcome back ex-student Luke Padley.

Luke has progressed on to become the Final Assembly Production Manager, with a focus on quality assurance at Rolls Royce. Luke delivered an interesting presentation to Year 10 Technology students on his career pathway of an apprenticeship since leaving Carre's.

After the presentation Luke showcased the Rolls Royce Cullinan showing the different engineering considerations and design features.

The students appreciated this informative session and found it very insightful. The Design and Technology staff would like to extend their thanks to Luke for giving up his time to share his journey.



Peter Wheeldon

After serving as the Association's President during his tenure as Headteacher between 1998-2003, Peter continued to give dedicated service on the Committee and to the Association and its events for many years afterwards until this year.

The Association appreciate his reasons for resigning from the Committee and wish to thank him for his dedication, insight and support. We are sure he will continue that support and assure him of our continuing welcome amongst us and our various occasions.

Thank you sincerely, Peter, on behalf of us all.

Goff Hill

First, by way of background, I left Carre's in 1960 and joined the then GPO as a Youth-in-Training in Lincoln. After studying at Lincoln Technical College, I went on to read Electrical Engineering at the University of Newcastle upon Tyne, subsequently joining the PO Research Station in Dollis Hill, North London, first in their Local Access Division, and then in Visual Telecommunications. I moved to the Martlesham Heath site (which became the BT Research Laboratories) in 1976 and later joined the Optical Communications Division, which was starting to have a transformative effect on the BT transmission network.

Now 50 years later, BT Laboratories are celebrating a 50-year anniversary of innovation at the Martlesham Heath site in November 2025. The celebration will include a talk on the development of optical fibre technology and how BT has been a world leader in this area. As part of this I was recently invited to contribute, and my contribution is summarised below.

Multi Wavelength Transmission

In the early 1980s, I joined BT's optical communications division just as single-mode fibre was emerging. While most efforts at that time focused on achieving longer distances and boosting capacity with faster electronics and a single wavelength per fibre, I believed the core network would eventually need to exploit multi-wavelength transmission too (rather like the way the radio spectrum is exploited). In 1988, I proposed a new optical network architecture using a process I termed 'wavelength routing'—an optical fibre network consisting of stars, rings, and chains that could direct multiple wavelengths through the network without costly opto-electronic conversions. We built prototypes and tested them in the newly installed London Fibre Network using components developed at BT Labs.

Based on the success of this, I built and led a European collaborative project under the RACE programme called the Multi-Wavelength Transport Network, which ran from 1992 to 1995 with nine other partners. We developed new optical multiplexing and switching components, optical fibre amplifiers, and a coherent optical transmission system. It culminated in a world-first demonstration of a fully managed optical network system in the Swedish telecommunications network. For this, in 1995, we received the 'RACE Award for Extraordinary Technological Progress'.

Today, the principles we pioneered, underpin the UK's highest-capacity data transport systems, interconnecting telephone exchanges and major data centres with 80-channel coherent optical transmission. My education at Carre's and the opportunities at the BT Laboratories have led to a rewarding career with a hugely satisfying outcome.



The RACE Award (Research into Advanced Communications in Europe)

Edward Simpson

Edward, an old boy since 2023, returned to school as part of the Year 8 STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) day on the 30 April. Edward is coming to the end of the third year of his degree apprenticeship in Electromechanical Engineering and is employed by Safran, an aircraft equipment manufacturer.

The session delivered to year eight students covered: an introduction to Safran; the fundamental forces of flight; and some of the engineering considerations when designing aircraft. During the visit Edward was also able to catch up with many of his former teachers and see what changes had occurred in school since he left.

William Simpson



At Senior Prizegiving on 18 December 2025, Will was awarded the Abela Shield for Technology. William's older brother Edward has been an Old Carrensian since 2023.

Careers Information Resource

Ian Schofield at Carre's is compiling a Careers Information resource and would appreciate any input from Old Carrensians. If you would like to participate, please provide the following information and email to Ian at the address provided.

We are sure that he will fully appreciate any information and help that you can supply.

Please could you email me with:

1. A Photo of when you were at school
2. A photo of you now
3. Dates you started and left
4. What you did after school
5. What you do now

Ian.Schofield@carres.uk

Thank you.

Times Gone By



Graham Rollings

1954 photograph - I am third from right

Obituaries

We sadly report the passing of the following Old Boys:

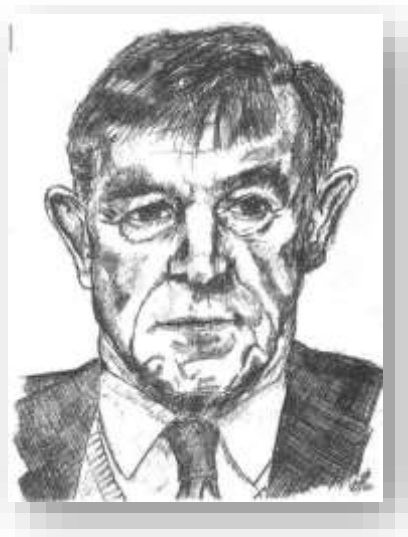
Fred Coxell

So many Old Carrensiens' were saddened to learn of Fred's passing earlier this year. For many years following his retirement in 1996, Fred was a familiar figure at Old Carrensiens events, particularly at our annual Christmas event.

On his retirement, at that event in 1995 he was presented with a cut glass whiskey decanter and two goblets by our Chairman on behalf of the Association, marking his long service at the School and the affection in which he was held by students past and present.

His final ode is printed below and as mentioned featured affectionately at the 2026 Dinner both in spoken and written form.

Fred will be remembered by us all as part of the School's history and character.



The Agony Board - Fred's Last Ode

Now then lads, the day has come
For me to go home and sit on my bum.
For 26 years I have walked the School
And I know everything that you do,
So thank you lads for all the laughs we've had
And I never told nobody about all the fags.
My thanks to the Staff - What a wonderful team -
for all the help and kindness they have shown me,
And I can dangle my worm when I like
And no more telephone calls in the middle of the night.
So remember lads whatever you do
You all went to a damn good school.
That's it lads, I am away at last
I am going to be like you, I am getting my bus pass.

Fred

Ian Bradford
Lionel Rudkin
Briane Smith
Robert Shaw
Maurice Tinkley
Chris Blankley
Steve Priestley
D Woodhouse

Membership/Summary

The current membership of the Association is 721

New Members

Peter Burrows
William Taylor
William Simpson
Edward Simpson
T Gray 1975-1980
Ash Dobrock 1994-1999

Missing Contact Information

Albuixech	Miss A Albuixech	Anna	2014-16
Andrew	Mr B G Andrew	Beverley Graham	1964-71
Andrew	Mr J A Andrew	James	1947-52
Ash	Mr G Ash	Graham	1984-87
Baxter	Mr D Baxter	Dave	1990-97
Beckett	Mr E Beckett	Eddie	1952-59
Bennett	Mr M G Bennett	Mathew G	1982-88
Blackie	Mr J Blackie	Jonathan	1979-85
Boddington	Mr N J Boddington	Nicholas	1985-92
Booth	Mr D N Booth	David Nigel	1971-78
Boyce	Mr A J Boyce	Adrian	1992-99
Buckley	Mr P Buckley	Paul	1966-69
Byers	Mr P Byers	Peter	1952-57
Cope	Mr T Cope	Tom	1999-2007
Davidson	Mr J Davidson	Jonathan	1985-92
Davis	Mr G Davis	Gary	1967-72
Dean	Mr T Dean	Tom	-16
Dearden	Mr C Dearden	Christopher	1975-79
Doughty	Mr P Doughty	Phillip	1984-91
Ellis	Mr S T Ellis	Simon T	1975-82
Fish	Mr P Fish	Paul	1982-89
Gill	Mr C Gill	Christopher	1985-92
Gillatt	Mr D R Gillatt	D Richard	1980-87
Gray	Mr R Gray	Robert	-16
Greenwood	Mr R Greenwood	Robin	1968-73
Hammond	Mr L A H Hammond	Wally	1934-41
Haresign	Mr S Haresign	Stephen	1981-86
Harrison	Mr P Harrison	Paul	1978-83
Heslop	Mr S Heslop	Sam	1995-02
Hobson	Miss E Hobson	Emily	2017-19
Holton	Mr S Holton	Stuart	1972-77
Horsley	Mr S Horsley	Steven	1985-90
Hudson	Mr D Hudson	David	1962-70

Hunt	Mr K E Hunt	Keith	1943-48
Jackson	Miss S Jackson		
Jones	Mr M Jones	Michael	1978-85
Jones	Mr R Jones	Robert	1999-07
Kelsall	Mr I M Kelsall	Ian M	1941-48
Lee	Mr S R Lee	Simon R	1975-82
Lines	Mr W J Lines	William J	1961-67
Marshall	Mr P Marshall	Paul	1984-91
Martin	Miss Y Martin		
Mawer	Mr K J Mawer	Kieren Jon	1992-99
McArthur	Mr P McArthur	Paul	1979-86
Merchant	Mr J Merchant	John	1984-91
Mitchell	Miss J Mitchell	Jess	2014-16
Mitchell Lawson	Miss C Mitchell Lawson	Chloe	2017-19
Moore	Mr A G M Moore	Allen George McCullagh	1942-51
Moore	Mr M J Moore	Matthew	1989-96
Poole	Mr A R Poole	Andrew R	1984-89
Powell	Mr R S Powell	R Simon	1976-83
Purdy	Mr N Purdy	Neil J	1980-87
Richards	Mr J Richards	Jonathan	1983-80
Roberts	Mr S J Roberts	Simon J	1968-73
Rowbotham	Mr D F Rowbotham	David F	1983-86
Sellars	Mr D Sellars	Dominic	-19
Smith	Mr J Smith	Jonathan	1990-97
Smith	Mr S P Smith	Steven P	1965-72
Thompson	Mr R Thompson	Roy	1951-59
Wallis	Mr T Wallis	Timothy	1968-72
Warrington	Mr M Warrington	Malcolm	1958-65
Watson	Mr J Watson		
Wesson	Mr P R Wesson	Peter R	1960-66
Whitworth	Mr A Whitworth	Alan	1943-52
Williams	Mr G A Williams	Graham	1962-69

We are no longer using the cgsoldboys@yahoo.co.uk email address and this is our new one oldcarrensiens1604@gmail.com



The Old Carrensiens Tie is available to purchase at £12.50 plus postage costs. For further details please email oldcarrensiens1604@gmail.com or call Will on 07899 754371

We now have an Old Carrensiens membership pin badge. This is available to purchase for £4.00 plus £1.55 for postage (if required, and UK only). For further details please email oldcarrensiens1604@gmail.com or call Will on 07899 754371.



Student Destinations Summer 2025

Adams	Finn	Chemical engineering
Adcock	Freddie	Specialist Sports journalism
Al-Yasa	Nadrah	Engineering
Amaechi	Iheanyi	Law
Bancroft	Ryan	Rutland - farming
Barnard	Sam	Gap Year
Barnatt	Mallory	Employment
Barnshaw	Joseph	Employment
Booth	Luke	Business and Law
Bottomley	Euan	Mathematics and Physics
Broadberry	Elsa	Physiotherapy
Broadwood	George	Computer Science
Burton	Oliver	Sports Journalism
Bushell	James	Geography
Button	Sam	Economics & Finance
Canning	Henry	Employment
Carter	Jude	Architecture
Cencek	Kamil	Employment
Clark	Amelia	History
Clipsham	Elliot	Gap year
Coleman	Josh	Computer Science with Cyber Science
Cook	Charlie	Civil Engineering
Coxon	Katie	Gap Year
Creedon	Becky	Law
Cunnington	Amelie	Geography and Urban & Regional Planning
Davies	Luke	Primary Education
Denham	Lucas	Weapons Systems
Dickens	Harry	Engineering with a Year in Industry
Doran	Lilly	Employment
Duke	Oliver	Computer Science
Dumât	Thomas	Biochemistry
Duncan	Mason	Employment
Dunn	Nathan	Aerospace engineering
Foston	Joseph	Physiotherapy
Fox	Jake	Business Management
Fulbrook	Myles	Employment
Gray	Alex	Further Education
Gretton	Charlie	International Relations and Modern History with a Year Abroad
Hanson	Thomas	Law
Harris	Jack	Games Technology
Harwood	Harry	Employment
Hathway	Owen	Gap Year

Heamon	Jamie	Filmmaking
Hobbs	Joseph	Mathematics and Physics
Hodson	Oliver	Business and Management
Horspole	Eden	Law
Hough	Lewis	German and History
Jackson	Nicholas	Philosophy, Politics and Economics
Jackson	Caleb	Economics
Jones	Lily	Law
Jones	Ben	Sport and Exercise Science with professional placement/study abroad
Jordan	Thomas	Apprenticeship
Kazula	Adrian	Finance
Kear	Samuel	Employment
Kelly	Florence	French and Italian
Key	Harry	Psychology
King	Matt	Software design - ITI Group.
Kussan	Yasemin	Occupational Therapy
Le Ngoc	Phuoc	Musical Theatre
Leader	Cayden	Apprenticeship
Lenton	Joshua	Environmental Science
Lewis	Guy	Business Management
Martin	Jayden	Employment
Mayfield	Oscar	Sport and Exercise Therapy
McClintock	Ben	Strength and Conditioning in Sport
Melville	Tom	Medicine
Moss	Finnley	Physical Education, Sport and Health
Munnery	Charlie	Mechanical Engineering
Munro	Fergus	Chemical Engineering
Munro	Fraser	Chemical Engineering
Napier	Daniel	Environmental Science
Nelson	Scarlett	Employment
Nicholson	Charlie	Sound Engineering and Audio production
O'Rourke	Harry	Civil Engineering
Phillips	Lily	Psychology
Power	Jessica	Primary Education 5-11 (QTS)
Prangnell	Max	Management (with placement year)
Purkis	Emma	Employment
Ranyard	Harry	Sports & Exercise Therapy
Richardson	Chloe	Theatre and Performance
Rogers	Sofia	Theatre and Performance
Rooney	Fionn	Chemistry
Russell	Charlie	Business & Marketing
Rutter	Jay	Mechanical Engineering (with Year in Industry)
Shaw	Eva	Medicine
Shklyaver	Alexei	
Smith	Sam	History
Stephens	Adam	Apprenticeship

Sutch	Henry	Music
Thompson	Will	Gap Year
Thorogood-		
Bos	Elisabeth	Gap Year
Wainwright	Oliver	Paramedic Practice
Walker	Alex	Employment
Waller	Dylan	Cyber Security with Digital Forensics
Ward	Lucy	Employment
Wardell	Archie	Gap Year
Ward-		
Walters	Reese	Computer Science with Cyber Science
Wellock	Max	Product Design
Whitt	Callum	Employment
Whitworth	Ted	Apprenticeship
Wieclaw	Adrian	Computer science
Wilkinson	Lottie	Physical Education
Wilkinson	Noah	Sport, Exercise and Health Sciences
Wilson	Emily	Geography
Wilson	Alexander	Employment
Woods	Catherine	Politics and International Relations
Woods	Thomas	Fashion Design (Sandwich)
Yazgi	Benjamin	International Business (with a study abroad year)
Yeung	Hagan	Pilot
Zalewski	Benji	Employment



Old Carreians' Association **Membership Application Form**

Personal Details

First Name _____

Last Name _____

Mobile _____ Other Phone _____

Email _____

Years at
School _____

News and Career Information

Details _____

Membership Fee: £20.00 (£20.50 cheque only)

Bank Transfer to: Lloyds Bank Sleaford – Old Carreians' Association.
Acc:31513968 SC:309770 (Use your initial and surname as reference)

Cheque Payment to: Old Carreians' Association
c/o Mr R Hogg (Treasurer), 7 Berkeley Court, Sleaford, Lincolnshire, NG34 7TT

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