

Remembrance Day Service

Monday November 11th, 2019 at 10:45a.m.

The capacity of the former Music / Television Room at the Old School was tested by the 80 or so Old Cestrefeldians, wives and staff and students of the Chesterfield College Sixth Form who met to remember the pupils and staff who fell in the two World Wars.

On behalf of the Old Cestrefeldians Trust, which organises the service, Frank Gorman welcomed all present.

The Rt. Revd Bishop Bill Godfrey led the service. Roger Unwin read “The Soldier” by Rupert Brooke. Members of the Chesterfield College Sixth Form also led a section of the service.

Tony Hine gave a presentation on the lives Jock and Billy Wilson, O.C. brothers who both died in WWII on active service in the R.A.F., Jock being a Spitfire Pilot and Billy a rear gunner. The presentation was given extra poignancy by the presence of their younger brothers, Hugh and Bob and their wives.

The Last Post was heard before two minutes’ silence was observed. The service concluded with the singing of the National Anthem.

Immediately after the service, a member of the Chesterfield College Sixth Form placed a wreath below the WWI memorial to the fallen which is now in what was the waiting area outside the Headmaster’s Study.



The wreath is laid watched by Miss Sheila Glistler and a member of college staff.



Meg and Bob, Hugh and Gillian Wilson either side of the WWII memorial with their brothers’ names highlighted.



Bob and Hugh with Tony Hine who gave the presentation on Jock and Billy’s lives

[The text of Tony’s presentation can be accessed here.](#)

Unveiling of the Plaque in memory of W.E Glister

With the agreement of Chesterfield College, the Old Cestrefeldians Trust had commissioned the installation of a plaque commemorating the service of the greatly admired headmaster, W. E. Glister, outside his erstwhile study.

We were delighted that his daughter, Sheila, had agreed to undertake the unveiling ceremony which took place following a short speech of introduction by trustee, Tom Roberts. Tom said that the period during which Mr Glister had led the School was one of periods of outstanding success that merited the acknowledgement and gratitude of his pupils.



[A video of the wreath laying and plaque unveiling is accessible here courtesy of Nick Roberts.](#)

The Boys are Back in School

Following the service, Chesterfield College kindly provided tea and coffee for all present in the Gallery, opposite the former Music Room which now contains café facilities and a small shop.

There was also the opportunity to view the exhibition of artefacts and memorabilia “The Boys are Back in School” which has been set up in the same area.



This will remain until Friday 13 December, opening hours being Monday to Friday 10am-4pm and Saturday 10am-1pm.

The occasion was also an opportunity to view the repaired **old** Old School Motto, “*Ingrederet ut proficias*” (Enter so that you may progress), on the front of the building and the plaque listing Presidents of the Old Cestrefeldian Society and to catch old friends and make new acquaintances with common interests.



We are very grateful to Chesterfield College, West Studios, for their assistance in making all of the above possible.

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