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Works by and about Old Westminsters

Three publications have recently been issued following research in the school's archival collections. Edmund Gray (WW, 1952-56) and Edmund Wareham (WW, 2002-07) joined forces to produce a thorough and beautifully illustrated history of fencing at Westminster School, in celebration of Tomek Walicki's 25th anniversary as coach. OWW keen to obtain a copy can do so by contacting Edmund Gray on edmund.gray@btinternet.com.

Author/historian Joel Zemel has produced a work entitled *Scapegoat* in which he exonerates OW Evan Wyatt (QS, 1890-94 - pictured right) from responsibility for the Halifax Explosion of 1917. The disaster resulted from a French cargo ship loaded with explosives colliding with a Norwegian vessel;

the ensuing blast killed approximately 2,000 people and wounded many more. Wyatt, who was serving as Acting Commander with responsibility for the port, was held responsible along with the captain and pilot of the Mont Blanc. He was acquitted by trial in 1918, but his reputation and career never recovered.

Pictured right: Members of College in 1893. Evan Wyatt (QS, 1890-94) is standing first from the left on the second row from the back.

Finally, author Anna Hutton-North has written about 'Ferguson's Gang', a group formed in the 1920s who used a number of unorthodox methods to raise money for the then fledgling National Trust. Hutton-North has worked to uncover the identities of the group members, who employed code-names to protect their anonymity. OW John Macgregor (AHH, 1905-1907), code-name

OW Events

4th March 2014
Lawyers' Dinner

8th March 2014
Annual New York Reunion

13th March 2014
1970s Decade Gaudy

18th March 2014
Fund for Westminster Donor Thank You Event

14th May 2014
OW Cambridge Drinks

4th June 2014
Rigaud's Society Gaudy

5th July 2014
Henley Regatta Drinks

12th July 2014
OW Summer Picnic



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New Head Master announced
The governing body of Westminster School has appointed Mr Patrick Derham to be Head Master with effect from September 2014. [Read more](#)

Annual Fund
We would like to say a huge thank you to all of the OWW and current and former parents who have given so generously to this year's Annual Fund. Please remember that even though the calling has ended you can still make a donation, and we would like to encourage everyone to read more about this year's chosen projects [here](#).

'The Artichoke' has been revealed as a key member of the gang. As an architect with a keen interest in conservation, Macgregor was a vital asset to the group, helping to assess buildings for purchase for the Trust.

Reel History

Back in November 2011 the Archives held a film screening of 8 short films made by pupils whilst at the School. The event was well attended and there was a wonderful response from OWW who had been involved in film-making whilst at the School. It has long been intended to hold another screening and we have finally booked a suitable date in the school calendar: 11th September 2014 – so save the date! Information about ticketing will be distributed in the next e:liz@ and in the *Elizabethan Newsletter*. The programme for the evening is not yet fixed, but we intend to screen again some of the hits from the last event alongside new material from the School Archive and Old Westminster. If you have some old cinefilm or VHS material from your time at the school which you think should be included please do get in touch: email archives@westminster.org.uk or telephone 0207 963 1110.

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