

EDMONTON (COUNTY) SCHOOL OLD SCHOLARS' ASSOCIATION

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NEWSLETTER

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Greetings for A Joyous Christmas and a Happy, Peaceful  
and Prosperous New Year to all our Members & Old Scholars  
everywhere

RE-UNION DINNER

Another successful evening. On Sat. 18th October thirty-five of us battled our way through howling wind and driving rain to the shelter of Millfield House and the warmth of the welcome of old school friends. A new stove had been installed but we were still plagued with our usual electrical hiccups. However, our caterer with her usual skill and fortitude managed to produce a superb meal and the delay provided more time for even more chatter. We were pleased to have our two stalwarts, Miss Staples and Mr. Long, but Miss Fothergill felt she could not make the journey alone. She sent her best wishes to all.

Isobel Finch (Angood) came from Cornwall and Dorothy Beriger (Chapman) was over from Switzerland. John Hulley was there as both Old Scholar and Headmaster, accompanied by his wife, Sheila. Norrie Kemp (Ethel Norton), Phyllis Cole (Freeman), Edna Wade (Kersley), Olive Munden (Kersley) and Doreen Davies (Farrier) came to swap anecdotes with Norrie and Mim Ring (d'Arcy).

The date for next year's Dinner will be Sat. 31ST OCTOBER which has been fixed to avoid half-term and late holidays. Please put this date in your 1987 diary.

SPEECH DAY

This was on Mon. 17th November, 1986. Speech Day for last year was cancelled due to the teachers' strike. Lord Graham, who was to have been Guest Speaker last year, returned from Australia on the Sunday to be the speaker on the Monday. The School is so large these days that only a few pupils, representative of their year or group, receive their prizes at this occasion. Time would not allow for all.

It must be said that the brightest are very brainy these days. David Atkinson obtained 9 'O' Levels - 3 with distinction and Tracey Humphreys obtained 8 'O' Levels - 4 with distinction.

The School orchestra entertained with two pieces from Vivaldi.  
New G.C.S.E. This will commence in the summer of 1988.

CRICKET

Unless more players are forthcoming, it will not be possible to play fixtures next summer. If you know anyone who wants to play cricket regularly throughout the summer, please let Dave Wisbey know now.

NEWS WANTED

of WINNIE BURGE (1927-33)  
CONNIE NICHOLSON (1940 - 1946) went to university, then into teaching  
ERIC PHILLIPS (1927-33)

MEMBERSHIP LIST

To ensure that we are as efficient as possible in sending copies of the Newsletter to members, Eric Wilkinson is going to put the list of members on computer - name, address, years at school, telephone number. This is obviously in the interests of the Association, providing the best possible service to members, but if any member has any reservations or objections to this happening they should let Eric know. This is necessary to avoid any difficulty with the Data Protection Act.

DEATHS

L.C. POULTER (1920 -25)

We regret to report the death of Len who was one of the second intake of the school. Len married the sister of another early pupil of the School Frank Moore who died 1982.

OLD SCHOLARS' NEWS

LINDA DOBSON (nee Gilroy) (1954-58) Linda, who entered Edmonton County School as a bright active girl in September 1954, became seriously ill the following year when she was in Form 2A. For what seemed an interminable period she was completely paralysed and she was kept alive in an iron lung in St. Ann's Hospital, Tottenham. Gradually she regained her sight, the use of her arms and the upper part of her body; after that there was no further progress. She was, therefore, sent to Stoke Mandeville Rehabilitation hospital, where she learned to cope with a wheelchair and the problems of her disability.

In 1957 the doctors at Stoke Mandeville suggested that she should return to the County School to continue her education. Each day she arrived at school by ambulance and for the rest of that year her wheelchair whizzed along the corridors as she moved from classroom to classroom. Whenever her lessons were on the top corridor, four stalwart sixth formers working on a rota arrived to lift Linda and her wheelchair up the staircase, after which she could get to the necessary classroom. In games' lessons she acted as umpire and in her wheelchair she shot up and down the netball court.

It was a sad moment when, at the end of that year, the Education Committee concerned about insurance in the event of an accident transferred her to a school in Tottenham for the handicapped. Tottenham did not provide grammar school education and so special teachers were brought in to deal with those subjects for which there was no provision.

Linda obtained her 'O' Levels in 1960, just a year after her contemporaries, and her 'A' Levels in 1962. She then went to Trent Park to train as a teacher. At this stage the Local Authority agreed to provide her with a car if her parents had a garage to house it. Pupils at the County organised their first sponsored walk - to St. Albans - to help meet that expense. Since completing her training in 1965 Linda has been teaching at the Prince of Wales' Primary School where she is now in charge of the Lower School.

In August 1985 Linda married Paul Dobson and left her parents' home to live in a flat at Hoddesdon. Her mother has not completely recovered from a stroke and in spite of her own problems Linda keeps a watchful eye on her.

Few Old Scholars have had a harder battle to fight to make their way in life and there are a few of whom the School can be more proud. (DJS).

CHARLES & CELIA STEEL (nee Styles) 1919-1924 advise that their sixth grandchild has been accepted for Cambridge following her brother and four cousins to the University. They say "all honour to Miss Seward and Miss Gatehouse, Messrs. Belton, Galin, Richmond Morris, Locke and Quatermaine."

MARIE LUXON (nee Hollywood) is leaving Enfield to live nearer her daughter in Cheshire.

CAROLINE DEWHURST (1970-77) came home from the 9th Sept. - 6th Oct. this year to attend her sister's wedding. She made full use of her time in England packing three and four engagements into each day, business, social and social/business. She returned to Hong Kong via Singapore - where she had a drink in Raffles hotel - and has resumed her job on the Sunday Morning Post. She has recently interviewed Björn Borg. The Enfield Gazette of the 13th Nov. printed a write-up of her travels with photograph.

JOHN BERRY mooted as being the new Head of British Speedway Promoters Association.

JOE THURLEY is on the promoting side of speedway and is a possible buyer of the licence of Birmingham Speedway next year.

Both John and Joe are ex-OSA cricketers, John was Captain and Joe opened the bowling.

PETER TWIGG is playing for Johnson Matthey whilst the WILSON brothers are playing for

LINDA TAYLOR (nee GOARD) (1963-70) is taching Latin part-time at the School. Cheshunt.

LYNN SURRIDGE is working in an Old People's Home in Edmonton and loves it.

MARRIAGES

CLaire Dewhurst to Dr. Andrew Soutter

Mrs. Ward's daughter, Penny, is travelling around the world and is at present trekking in Nepal.

NEWSLETTER - if anyone has a copy of the December 1985 letter we would like to take a photocopy for our files.

STAFF NEWS

Mr. HUGH PROSSOR is now Deputy Head of the Lower School and Director of Resources and Mr. PHIL EVANS has taken over his post as Senior Teacher, starting from 1st. January.

MRS. BURNS (formerly Gowar) has returned from Australia and is working for the Womens Aid Group until she starts training for the Probationary Service.

PAULINE BROWN (Head of Foreign Languages) is now teaching as Head of French in Kingston.

Mrs. McLELLAN has left teaching to go to a training school for a big commercial company.

TEACHERS STRIKE

The examination classes were carefully protected during the strike and the Head was pleased to be able to report that the results last year were among the best in the comprehensive school's history. They were even bettered by this year's group who now have fourth place out of nineteen years of endeavour.

EDMONTON ASSOCIATION

During the last 2/3 years nearly £10,000 has been raised and given to the School under the chairmanship of Mr. Dines and previously Mr. Meacher.

CLUBHOUSE

Plans are going ahead for the rebuilding of the Clubhouse and planning permission has been obtained. We are at present awaiting the new lease from the Council which will have to take its turn in the administration. One might say that things are moving slowly in the right direction.

There are schemes for raising money each week and four people have lent £1,000 each. A marvellous Guy Fawkes night was enjoyed by all.

FOOTBALL

There has been a fairly average start to the season after last year's successes. One or two sides are picking up and we hope to be in a stronger position next year.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Over £1,100 was raised at the School Christmas Bazaar held at the Lower School.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

These are due on the 1st January for those who are not Life Members and are as follows:-

£1.00 Annual, £1.50 Annual Double, 50p under 25's.

Life Membership £15.00 Joint Life Membership £20. Please send to Eric Wilkinson.

LOUISA IVES

Someone asked for information on Louisa Ives. Joan Cook wrote in about Louisa Imms who died a few years ago. Miss Staples remembers a Jennifer Ives. If the enquirer would please contact me, perhaps we may sort things out - Beryl.

GLADYS COOK reports that our Newsletter goes from her to Maude Ferguson (nee Cole) 1924-29 then to Maude's sister Hilda who lives at Hove, from there it goes to Iris Golding at Upshire, Waltham Abbey who then sends it to her brother in Liverpool.

- - -well I never!

Please do not forget the date of next year's Dinner, 31st October, 1987.

## STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

### GIRLS' SPORT

- Athletics**
- Year II Represented Enfield - Anna Meehan, who is Borough Champion at 1500 m., and Sarah King at 800 m.
  - Year I Represented Enfield - Hayley Lonsdale, who is Borough Champion at 1500 m., and Tracey Holborough, who is Borough Champion at 100 m.
  - Seniors Tracey Humphreys is Borough Champion at 200 m.
- Basketball**
- Michele Jackson Represented South-East England and was a member of England U15 team. Michele also won a Basketball holiday to New York as a result of a National Shootout Competition
- Cross Country**
- Year II Represented Enfield - Anna Meehan, who is Borough Champion
  - Under 15s Represented Enfield - Sarah King

### BOYS' SPORT

- Athletics**
- Year II Enfield Relay Cup - Winners
  - U15s Represented Enfield and Middlesex - Brian Hinds, who is Middlesex Champion and All England Finalist, and holds the Enfield record at 100 m.
  - U17s Represented Enfield - Paul Bennet, who is Middlesex Champion at 800 m.
- Soccer**
- Year IV 'A' team - runners up in the Enfield League  
'B' team - winners in the Enfield League  
Five-a-side Tournament - Championship Trophy Winners
  - Represented Middlesex: Ian Gilzean, who has signed professional forms with Tottenham Hotspur F.C.
  - U15s Represented Enfield - Martin Ashmore, David Dietman, Dean Heiden, Richard Spedding
- Tennis**
- Year IV The team represented Enfield and were finalists in the Midland Bank Greater London Competition
  - U16 Daniel Boorer won the Enfield Singles Championship
- Trampolining**
- Year V Represented England v West Germany - Kevin Young
- Cycling**
- Robert Herrington of Year V - British Cycling Federation North London Road Racing Champion; 11th in National Championships
- Karting**
- Local Championships
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