

## EDMONTON (COUNTY) SCHOOL OLD SCHOLARS' ASSOCIATION

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### ANNUAL REUNION DINNER

We are pleased to announce that we have been able to book Millfield House Strand Room again for this year's Reunion. We will also have our excellent caterer. The date is Saturday 14th October, away from half term. Application forms will be in the next Newsletter.

### Our School 1919 - 1989

It is the 70th Anniversary of the opening of our School, which was housed in Croyland Road School for the boys and Rainham Road School for the girls when it began. We still have some members of our Association from the initial intake and a heartening number come to the Reunion.

Some members of our Association expressed a desire to see over the School to discover the changes which have taken place since they left. The School runs a Community Week when normal lessons are suspended and a variety of activities take place and it is thought that this is the best time for O.S.A. visitors, both for convenience and interest. You will be welcome on Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday, 11th, 12th and 13th July, but it would be appreciated if you would please ring the School (360 3158) in advance and notify them of your intended visit. You will be able to see what goes on in this innovative and exciting week and at the same time engage in a nostalgic meander.

### SCHOOL REPORT

The temporary buildings at the Lower School have been demolished and an allocation in the School Budget has been passed for permanent buildings to be completed by 1990. The intake of the School was reduced to 6 forms; it has now been decided that this be increased to 7 forms and subsequently to 8 forms as previously.

LE MANS EXCHANGE - "When I found out that I had to get up at 6.30 a.m. in the morning to get to school I was shocked!"

"Lunch is served in several parts - first you eat vegetables then when you have finished you eat the meat course, this is followed by salad and finally the dessert."

"We went to many places such as Le Mans town and market, a pottery, the 24 hour race museum and track."

### WEDDINGS

We have just learnt that GORDON RICHARDS (1947 - 52) married VALERIE HOUNSLOW



(1955 - 60) on the 19th April 1986. Gordon has since been offered early retirement from the Midland Bank and they have moved to Little London, Powys, Wales, where they live in the Llandinam Hills. They would be pleased to hear from any of their old school friends. Tel : 068 684 8933.

### DEATHS

STANLEY AUPERS (1927 - 32) - We regret to learn that Stanley died in Spain on 29th January 1989. Stan was a member of our Committee from 1952 until 1960. He and Hettie suffered a tragic loss when their only son died in his teens and they subsequently moved to Southampton. Stan was an enthusiastic member of the O.S.A. cricket and football sections when they started up after the war and worked tirelessly on behalf of both sections. He and his wife retired to Spain 6½ years ago to live in a small development near the town of Vera in Almeria. They benefitted from the kinder climate for some years, but 18 months ago it was clear that Stan was ill.

HILDA SIMPSON (née Jones) (1919 - 1924) - Many of our first intake Old Scholars will be sad to learn of the death of Hilda in Highlands Hospital on 8th February 1989. Hilda worked in the Money Order Department of the Civil Service and went back again after the war. She was a member of the W.R.V.S. and received a medal from them for 25 years service. Hilda had no children but had a great love for animals and was a very popular person. Her funeral was attended by members of the W.R.V.S.

### OLD SCHOLARS NEWS

ROBERT RAYMOND BARRETT has offered his British Empire Medal to the School. He hopes to come to England this summer from Florida to deliver it in person. Robert entered our School at Croyland Road, then to Church Street and on to its present position. The death of his father necessitated him leaving school early. He writes :

"At the outbreak of World War II I joined the City of London Yeomanry, which was a Royal Artillery Regiment, a Light Aircraft Unit. I was selected to take a course as a Gunfitter, all the tests of which I passed and was duly promoted to the rank of Staff Sergeant and was transferred to 463 Light Anti-Aircraft Regiment which was responsible for the air protection of King George VI and Queen Elizabeth (now the Queen Mother) at Windsor Castle, also Sir Winston Churchill at Chequers. After completing my tour of duty with 463 I was posted to service in Egypt and Italy.

In the London Gazette of April 10th 1945, Army Supplement 307025 Page 1905, Staff Sergeant Robert R. Barrett was awarded the British Empire Medal."

JUDITH EPPS (née Beauchamp) (1966 - 1971) has recently been appointed as a Justice of the Peace for the Middlesex Commission. Judith obtained 7 'O' levels in 1971 and subsequently studied Catering and Housekeeping to O.N.D. level at Westminster College, and H.N.D. Business Studies at Croydon Technical College. She has since worked for the Manpower Services Commission and is currently employed as a Personnel Assistant with Haringey Council.

Judith lives in Enfield and is divorced with 2 cats and 4 goldfish. She lists her interests as : The Boys Brigade, calligraphy, reading, flower-arranging and cake decorating.



DR. DOREEN ELLIS (1937 - 44) retired in 1986 after single handed general practice in Bradford-on-Avon for just over twenty years. Previously she was an assistant in general practice in Llandoverly (which she still prefers to think of as Carmarthen-shire) and which she says is a lovely area to work. Doreen says she is in touch with Joan Slater and Joan + Roy Blower and she had news of Ken Saggars via the rep. of a Drug House till his death (she remembers playing Lady Macbeth when Ken played Banquo in the School production of 'Macbeth' in 1945). Now that she is retired she has more time and would love to see anybody from her old form or who knew her. She says Bradford-on-Avon is a delightful little town, well worth anyone's time to visit and she is easy to find in the main road between the river and the station approach. Tel. No. Bradford-on-Avon 3509.

PEGGY ELLIS (1936 - 43) sister of Doreen, retired about six years ago after working latterly (in London) on the biological control of pests. She was awarded one of the Queen's Silver Jubilee medals for her work which made her family very proud. She has lived in Reading for many years and has a smallholding a few miles away which she cultivates organically.

BOB AND MARIE TATT have a fifth grandchild, a granddaughter, who was the reason for their absence at our last Reunion Dinner.

DOREEN BAYLEY writes - "Had a very enjoyable trip round the eastern part of Australia visiting Sydney, Rockhampton (in Queensland), Alice Springs and Adelaide. Also went to Canberra and various places in south west Victoria. My friends and relatives kept me on the move, so I'm afraid I never got to see Mary Chennells."

WILLIAM WOOLBAR (1919 - 1924) writes - "This year I achieved an ambition by travelling completely around the world and visited New Zealand - to which I nearly emigrated in 1925 - and spent twenty one days there, touring both islands; I also went to Vancouver, Hawaii, Sydney and Singapore before taking a tour all around Malaya, which I found very interesting.

"I continue with my own local interests, and Church, Historial Society, Travel Club and Lodge matters keep me well occupied. In the summer I continued with my bowling, and although by no means proficient yet, I thoroughly enjoy it and the Club to which I belong.

"Being mobile again, I have been able to visit many of my old friends with the opportunity of carrying my projection equipment with me and being able to regale them with my travels. This is still one of the great interests of my life, and during the past year I have been able to give sixteen showings to different groups; without transport this pleasure would have been denied me, of course.

"My eyesight disability mainly affects my writing, so that I have now invested in a Word Processor (on which this letter is being created); I find it a fascinating tool! It is now helping me to write my Memoirs!"

William hopes that his friends and classmates will visit him at Kenton. Tel. No. 909 3867.



ALAN A. W. LOFTS (1949 - 54) works for one of the 'Big Four' banks and has lived in Leicester for the past 3 years. He left Enfield in 1973 and has lived in a number of different parts of the country. He would like to renew acquaintances.

CAROLINE DEWHURST (1970 - 77) After spending a week or two in Sydney, Caroline went to Airlie Beach, Radical Bay, Cape Tribulation in N. Queensland; Alice Springs, Ayers Rock, Adelaide, where she stayed a week with a friend of her mother, and Melbourne. Since arriving in Melbourne, she has been working very hard as a T.V. reporter for 3 T.V. stations and also working for the Age newspaper. She has been rising early and working late, but still likes Australia.

#### SEEN ON T.V.

Sir Roy Strong presenting a programme on the Ancient Art of cookery and Norman Tebbit on Sky Television, and Ron Steventon in a 'World in Action' programme as the investigating officer in Britain's biggest cocaine trial.

#### ADDRESSES and news wanted for :

Gordan Leggatt, Ron Wilson, M. Tindal, Michael Edwards, Mrs. Joan Hickson, T. Horton, Larry D. Lamb, Edward Mason, Alan Wallman.

**PLEASE, PLEASE** - It would greatly help to save time if you give your years at School when you write and if you move, please let us have your new address.

#### FOOTBALL CLUB

With the season approaching its final weeks, it looks very likely that the glittering prizes will not be adorning the Old Edmontonians trophy cabinet in the year that we bow out of the Southern Olympian League.

The exceptions in an otherwise mediocre season are the 5th XI who could secure runners-up position in their division and the 4th XI who are still in with a chance of adding divisional winners medals to cup runners-up medals gained earlier this year.

Next season sees our welcome return to the Old Boys' League which we hope will encourage more pupils from the school to join our ranks.

#### CLUBHOUSE

As I write, the clubhouse moves ever closer to completion (at long last). The roof, windows and doors are in position and internal work is about to start with electrician, carpenter, plasterer, etc., all waiting for the go-ahead. We have all waited patiently for two years or more and finally the project is near its end. With typical Old Edmontonians timing, the opening ceremony looks likely to coincide with the end of the football season (!), but we have many plans to utilise it fully during the summer months.

**SUBSCRIPTIONS** - If you are an Annual Member, did you remember that your subscription was due 1st January : £1.00 - Annual; £1.50 - Joint; 50p under 25; £15.00 - Life; £20.00 - Joint Life.