

EDMONTON (COUNTY) SCHOOL OLD SCHOLARS' ASSOCIATION

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40TH RE-UNION DINNER

At the dinner which celebrated the 70th Anniversary of the School Charles Steel drove over from Harrow to accompany Mim Ring (nee Dancy) both from the first intake in 1919. Unfortunately Celia Steel (nee Styles) herself an Old Scholar from the same year was unable to attend, having just come out of hospital. We were very pleased that Miss Staples was able to be there but Mr. Long, who has attended for the last 9 years, had a family commitment. John Hulley (Headmaster and Old Scholar) and his wife, Sheila, were there. Angela Spencer (nee Weed) drove up from the Isle of Wight for the second year. Pete Mansell and Peggy (nee Burkett) arrived with Derek Root and Gladys and we learned that both couples live in genuine really old cottages.

It was an enjoyable evening and the dinner was of our caterer's usual high standard. but our beautiful summer had reduced our numbers to 32 as at least five couples were taking late holidays on the Continent. Coughs, colds and 'flu had deterred others. At the present time the Council have not yet fixed the autumn 1990 half-term holiday but just in case we get another wonderful summer the date of next year's dinner will probably be 10th November. Do pencil it in your diaries.

It was rumoured at the dinner, somewhat smugly, that Latymer have abandoned their annual dinner due to lack of support.

SPEECH DAY

This year's Speech Day on the 13th November also marked the 70th Anniversary of the School. Attending were Mim Ring (Dancy) and William Woolbar (who drove over from Kenton on a very foggy night) from the 1919 first year intake, Beryl Dewhurst, Chairman from the Old Scholars' Association and Pat Mattingly who is an Old Scholar but also a Governor of our School.

The school orchestra played the School song to the original tune but the words - which were written by Mr. George Locke a much loved former English Master - have been adapted. After some welcoming and introductory remarks by Mrs. S. Thomas, LLB, Chairman of the School Governors, the Headmaster, John Hulley, gave his report. He said that the School had a very wide range of subjects and interests maintained on very limited resources. He felt the pace of change was hard on the children and difficulties were being encountered by teachers being removed from the classroom for essential training. The School tried to foster contact between teacher and pupil, School and home. Drawings for the CDT workshops had been completed and these would be finished by summer of 1990. A new block of 6 rooms would be built to include a music suite and specialist mathematics room. We were back to 7 forms of entry and this would be increased to 8 forms next year. Mr. Hulley paid tribute to the Staff, especially in the light of replacement difficulties.

The presentation of awards was made by Sir Peter Thompson, Chairman NFC plc (National Freight Consortium). In his address he said that industry often lost out on the cream of scholars but industry contained the wealth creators. The NFC had been bought collectively from the Government in 1982 by the management and employees. It had a career structure, a development structure and employee participation and all felt they had the fun and excitement of a magnetic creation.

SCHOOL NEWS

Mr. Wadge has left and been replaced by Mr. Nabarro.

Mr. John Jones has gone to Bishop Stopford School (Craft/Design/Technology)

Two Lab. technicians have left:

Ernie Thomas has retired after 36¹/₂ yrs. service and Miss Pewsey.

Sian Thomas, Head of Girls P.E. has left.

The School put on a performance of Arthur Miller's The Crucible with some very fine acting.

THE CLUBHOUSE

The Clubhouse has been rebuilt!!! It was opened 10 weeks ago with a disco which was well supported. Our original clubhouse had been broken into so many times and was finally gutted by fire started by vandals in May 1988. Teams and the committee met in a local pub but this seemed to destroy their spirit. It has been an uphill struggle to get the finances and the work done but it has paid off. Nearby toilets have been revamped by the Council and are now for the use of the Clubhouse only. The Clubhouse has been built on to the toilet block and the premises have gained internal space from this arrangement. The ground has been levelled out and there is now a larger car park. As yet there is no heating installed. Great credit must be paid to Pete Simpson, Mark Perrin, Ray Corner and all who helped in this project.

It is hoped there will be a gathering of Old Scholars, teachers and Clubhouse members at some sort of function at the Clubhouse next summer when all can see what has been achieved.

FOOTBALL CLUB

This will be our first season back in the Old Boys League. We have had a fairly moderate start but it is hoped that one or two teams may make mid table. We run 7 League and 1 Friendly teams. The Veterens has been suspended for 1 year but it is hoped they will recommence next season. We need more OSA players.

OLD SCHOLARS' NEWS

ROWENA SAMPSON (nee Collins (1965-68) Rowena's life history was shortened in our last newsletter to make way for a report which never turned up, so to continue: She started work with a travel agency and went into telephone sales. Moved to S. Wales after she married continuing in telephone sales. Two daughters, born '82 and '84 and then a move to Peterborough. Full time employment in '86 as a civilian with Cambs. Constabulary - Staff Officer in charge of duties. Transferred to a large insurance company moved to Peterborough and ended up in the travel section for that company. She is Sec. of School PTA, Member of National Women's register, sings with Church choir and Peterborough Gilbert & Sullivan players and has had a 15 yr. membership with NODA.

KEN WALKER (1935-39) who now lives in the U.S.A. emigrated to Canada after doing his war service in the R.A.F.. He spent all his working life in the American company of Northern Telecom.. This summer he returned to England with his wife June to visit his former class mates Norman Davis and Geoff. Young. He has one daughter who is a vet. in Canada.

ROBERT GARNER (1935-40) After doing his wartime service in the R.A.F. he married Carina Male (1935-40). He became a teacher, a Headmaster, a college lecturer in Wolverhampton. He is now a part-time manager of the Rose Theatre, Kidderminster. Carina, who was always keen on acting, has taken part in a number of productions. They have two sons.

EDNA ELLIS (1935-39) went into the WAAF, married an R.A.F. officer who has recently been knighted. She is now Lady Wilson, but does not wish to be addressed as "Dame Edna".

PETER MOTTLEY (1947-54) Peter has written a dramatic monologue entitled "After Agincourt" which has been broadcast on the Third Programme.

LINDA ROMANO (nee Hobbins) (1961-66) who now lives in Sicily, came over to England this summer with her two teenage children. She is the niece of Violet Wilson (nee Hobbins) who is also an old pupil. Her father and uncle were also scholars of the School in 1928 and 1936.

BOB TATT (1939-46) has recovered from a heart attack and a triple by-pass operation but was able to attend our Re-union Dinner this year with his wife Marie.

CHRIS SWINSON (1959-66) Congratulations to our Treasurer who is taking over as managing partner of BDO Binder Hamlyn as head of the London region corporate services division and national director of professional standards.

JOHN & VALERIE CHALLIS (1948-56)(1951-58) John is now a qualified cricket umpire and is on the Surrey panel of umpires. Valerie is a qualified netball umpire and regularly umpires for Berkshire Junior County Squad, Premier & League matches. She still plays in the Bracknell League and was unable to attend our Re-union dinner as she was in Guernsey for a netball tournament. Their two daughters are Karen 23 yrs., obtained an Hons. Degree in Maths/Music 2 yrs. ago and works in insurance and Jane 22yrs. works for one of the big-4 banks and is studying for banking exams..

CAROLINE DEWHURST (1970-77) left Melbourne, Australia for a 2 week tour of New Zealand before coming home on the 9th December, thus ending a 5½ yr. tour of travel visiting 17 countries.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

For those of you who pay annually subs. are due on the 1st January, 1990. If you have moved and this newsletter is sent on to you, please let us know your current address, a 'phone call will do. For those of you who always mean to send but never get around to it, do remember that £1-00 leaves only 40p over after postage is paid 4 times a year so it really is a bargain.

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Life Sub. £15.00 Jt. Life Sub (both Old Scholars) £20.00

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS TO ALL OLD SCHOLARS AND THEIR FAMILIES
AND BEST WISHES FOR A HAPPY AND PEACEFUL NEW YEAR

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