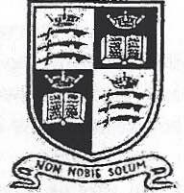


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NEWSLETTER

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Join your friends at the Annual Dinner

Still enough time to book your place

We are returning to the **David Lloyd Centre, Carterhatch Lane**, for this year's Annual Dinner.

For those of you still unsure about the venue, you should know that most of those who pioneered last years change are returning with us.

The dining suite is comfortable, with plenty of room - something that could not always be said about the recently demised Firs Hall.

Round tables of eight help to ensure an enjoyable atmosphere and allow you either to organise your own group or quickly get to know others with whom you are sharing, whom we guarantee will be close if not part of your own era.

The meal was well received, prices are reasonable, including wine available by the glass, allowing us to hold ticket prices at £21 each.

Please let us know in good time, especially if the vegetarian option is required, although we can accept bookings up until the final week.

There is plenty of parking,, a convenient location behind the Halfway House, Enfield, which is easy to reach from the M25 and then the A10 Great Cambridge Road.

Come along and join us on **Saturday, 3rd March, 2001 at 7 for 7.30pm.**

You will find an application form on the back page, or you can contact Eric or any of the committee through the usual channels for help and encouragement.

In Brief

I was hoping to attend the Millenium Reunion as I had enjoyed the 1997 event despite there being only a couple of others from my year. Sadly my arrangements for August 2000 had to change rapidly as my mother died at the end of July, after a short but difficult illness. Many Old Eds may remember her as Irene Wright, who managed Geary's bakers on Bush Hill Parade.

I was delighted to read the note from Shelly-Lynne Arnold in the last newsletter and would be keen to be part of a special reunion for those of us who reach that great 50th landmark this year!!!

Kindest regards to anyone who remembers me from 1962 to 1967.

Stephanie Allen (nee Wright)
Whilst watching "Country House" on BBC2 on 6th October last, in which Lord and Lady Tavistock had a series of photographs taken, I noticed that the photographer was none other than Derek Tamea. More fame for him and ECOSA! Also I was unable to attend the lunch get-together on October 4th, would someone be able to inform me of any future meetings please?
Mrs. Angela Spencer.

(Angela enclosed her Life-membership application and cheque- so this last request is guaranteed as long as we have the Newsletter - Ed.)

Those of you with "different" or even catholic tastes may have noticed that old scholars can service every type of demand - I refer to the fact that in "her" recent series Lily Savidge at

Doris Staples Memorial

You may recall that we have previously presented two trees to the school in memory of Doris Staples, both of which unfortunately failed to survive. To provide a more permanent reminder, we have now provided the school with a memorial notice board which will be placed appropriately enough in the main front corridor. It was presented to the Head and our joint President, Martin Rainsford by our other President, Beryl Dewhurst, at the Reunion. Joining them on the platform was Martin's predecessor and a former pupil of Miss Staples, John Hulley.

least had the taste to employ as musical director none other than Kenny Clayton.

Random Reflections of an Old Scholar

I entered Edmonton County School in September 1937, via Bush Hill Park and Raglan Schools.

Evacuated to Braintree two years later just two days before the outbreak of war, I was billeted under the direction of Miss Staples at High Garrett, north of Braintree.

Returning to Bush Hill Park when the school reopened, I recall a stick of three bombs leaving a crater at the junction of Haileybury Avenue and Melbourne Way.

I joined the joint Edmonton/Latimer ATC 1160 Squadron under Wing Commander F. E. Geary, Headmaster

Chairman's Report.

With the the days at last getting longer and spring flowers coming and going before we know it, its nice to look ahead to the summer.

Even though there's a huge gap left by lack of a major reunion (you will forgive the committee for saying thank goodness for that) your committee is considering some ideas for outings/get-togethers. Several groups are organising their own smaller reunions and we trust this will inspire others to do the same.

There must be groupings other than years at school where you met like-minded old scholars who you would like to see again.

Certainly some of the happiest days I spent were with the Old Eds Cricket team even though there were no other members of the side from my own era at the time. Anyone fancy a day at Lords? Theatre trip with the Thespians? Anyone for Tennis?

Another option could be get-togethers in other parts of the country. Areas in which we appear to be well represented by old-scholars (if not always members) include rural Hertfordshire, Kent, the South Coast including IoW and the West Country. We also have Old Eds in other parts of the country, indeed the world, but a viable group might entail slightly more travelling.

Anyone out there with ideas for a venue or theme?

If anyone would like to organise a get-together the Association is here to help with contacting people, advice or even a sub to help with initial expense and advertising.

If you are stuck for a venue locally, remember that Fred and Jenny can offer a warm welcome at the Old Eds pavilion at the Henry Barass Stadium, Houndsfield Road - phone them at 020 8443 5746 or contact us for more details. We hope that problems with the web-site will soon be over - this could prove a boon in re-contacting old friends as well as keeping you up to date with the latest news. All contributions welcome.

Meanwhile we are still on the lookout for help, needing both a Secretary and a Treasurer.

Even if we cannot find a replacement in time for the next scheduled newsletter, this must be the last that I produce.

Being still at work full-time, I simply cannot continue to combine the jobs of Editor and Chairman without both suffering.

Any offers gratefully received.

of Raglan and Squadron Commander Quartermaine. Another RAFVR officer was Jack Long.

Having opted for science, I transferred to Latymer Vith, where we worked on Radio Notes for Wireless Operators in the Physics lab.

(from notes - and a Christmas Card, thanks - sent by John Clifford Bradbury Williams. This early experience of radio led him into Signals and unusually he served in all three branches of the services. Later this followed into Engineering and then Nuclear Power at Harwell. John's career has led to extensive travelling throughout Europe and the Far East and he has lived with his family in various parts of Britain before eventually settling in the West Country. He still however travels to London regularly, so if anyone would like to meet up, let us know so that we can put you in touch. With such a full life to draw on, we will try and provide a second chapter at a later date).

SCHOOL NEWS

During the first few weeks of the Autumn term, everyone in the upper school was busy sorting out the new accommodation, finished during the Summer Holidays (but only just as we know - Ed)

As well as providing modern classroom facilities for the GCSE years and Sixth Form, there are now up to date Art, including a new Kiln, Media and ICT facilities. The playground and hard surface PE areas have also been improved.

A wide variety of trips, visits and outside activities continue to provide valuable additional education to all pupils.

Theatre trips to various productions, including the 'Lion King', "Age, Sex Loc@tion, 'The Proposal' and 'Antigone' double-bill, the "Beautiful Game" and 'The Rivals' show how much wider a range modern pupils enjoy than just the set Shakespeare play that most of us remember.

Music represents just as wide a variety, ranging from a visit to an orchestral concert at the Barbican to participation in a Gospel Project and the entries of two Rock Bands in a borough competition, both of the latter held at the Lee Valley Leisure Centre. "Hectic" came first in their category.

Sailing activities are also based in the Lee Valley, augmented by visits to River Colne estuary and the Essex Coast.

For those **Lunch time Get-together** afficianados please note that due to an unfortunate miscalculation, otherwise known as a committee c*** up, the next will be held one week earlier than previously advertised. We felt that Maunday Thursday was not perhaps the most appropriate or convenient time.

Same venue as previous successful "do's" though - **Whitewebbs Park**, Whitewebbs Road entrance (just past the King & Tinker coming from Bullsmoor Lane). Make a note of the new date - **Thursday, April 5th at 12.30pm.**

No need to book, just turn up.

Summer visits to Sail France are now well established with plans for this summer well advanced.

Karting is another successful activity unfamiliar to many of us.

A field trip to Trent Park was Geography rather than Biology based and involved surveying techniques. The objective was to determine the impact visitors have on the environment in country parks.

Members of the the Sixth Form attended a Chemistry Conference at the Camden Centre which proved much more interesting than delegates had feared.

Others journeyed to Westminster Hall for an A/AS Level Literature Conference

SNIPPETS

from the ECSOSA Bulletin
Spring, 1965 6d

..we have been able to maintain the cost of the Annual Dinner at 30/-

FOR SALE - One right football boot. One careful owner. Apply

R. M. Noble, Sydney, Australia
Brian Armitrage has now collected 2168 Pink, 3395 Green, 145 Gold and 187 Black totalling 5895.

(In case you were wondering,,
Trading Stamps - for the Club House Development Fund)

The Cricket Committee considered presenting two sight-screens to the school .. unfortunately there would be no change from £50 or more.

We have not yet received one letter from our readers. (Plus ca change)
Congratulations to Jean & Dennis Patten on the birth of their daughter, Katie Louise.

It is with deep regret that we announce the death of Dr. S. Galin.

with speakers such as Melvyn Bragg and Germaine Greer.

One visit that will never be repeated was a trip to the Millenium Dome. The majority of pupils enjoyed and appreciated its attractions and even a cynical teacher was converted .

It appears that with regard to its failure, the Press have a great deal to answer.

Sport continues to play a major role in the life of the school with all Football sides starting well, including a 1stXI victory over Enfield Grammar - how times have changed!

It is sad that Hockey no longer features as a girls sport, but as well as Netball, they now counterbalance the boys at both Football and Basketball.

Other activities include table tennis, trampolining and gymnastics

The Victor Laudorum award of old is to be revived in the form of a "Sports Personality of the Year" award. The title grates slightly with this old fogey, especially as it appears it will be awarded each term!

Academic activity continues to reflect the reputation of the school with excellent examination results. Judge Kate Thirlwall QC spoke and gave out the prizes at Presentation Evening.

A great deal of progress has been made in providing the school with the latest in IT. Both the Upper and Lower schools have been cabled providing pupils with convenient connections to each network.

The school is unique in the borough in teaching modern Greek and recently featured on London's Greek Radio educational programme. (supply your own ancient greek joke here).

There are schemes to assist pupils such as a Homework Club in the lower school and Reading Buddies during the lunch break.

The pupils themselves organise various fund raising activities for charities and organised an Old Folks Christmas Party. I wonder what you have to do to qualify!

OBITUARIES

We regret to announce the death of the following Old Scholars

Patrick Dunne 1920-26

Date unknown

Shirley Tonks 1949-56

June, 2000

R. Barrett 1931-36

June 2nd., 2000

Can anyone help us trace the following members?

Post has been returned marked 'gone away'

John Hill- previously of Dunstable. **Marie Luxon 1931-38**

Keith Wallace 1958-65 - Keith joined from Canada last August and we have not been able to contact him via his e-mail address.

If anyone can help, please contact Eric.

We reproduce here a *crie de coeur* from the ESA. It is obviously aimed primarily at parents but hopefully some of us will be in a position to give back to the next generation something in return for the previous generation's gifts. We have to be realistic - currently comparatively few of our members still live within reach of the school and most of our membership is of a different generation even to current parents - although I am glad to say that we seem at last to be attracting some "younger" old scholars. I am sure that some old scholars would appreciate more opportunities to meet socially, to continue and strengthen their links to the school and support the ESA in doing so.

All of us can assist -there are various voucher schemes for schools, currently Tokens for Free Books . If you do not collect for your own family why not take advantage of any offers and send the vouchers to Huw Prosser at the Lower School or via any of our committee? We are grateful that we are now regularly receiving copies of the School Newsletter, however if we are to publicise their events effectively we must have as much notice as possible *with a minimum of four months*. Your committee is seeking ways of increasing cooperation between our two organisation and looking for a volunteer to act as a liaison between us. Sheila Hastings, herself an old scholar has just been re-elected as Chair of the ESA which has done some excellent work for the school over the years - hopefully we can help them in their hour of need.

ESA - SOS

Over the past number of years a number of fund raising events have disappeared from the calendar - the Summer Fair, Christmas Bazaar and most recently the Burns Night. A number of factors have contributed to their demise but the main reason has been the lack of support for these events. New ventures have not fared well and the Race Night scheduled for November had to be cancelled.

THE ESA has made a significant financial contribution to the school over the years. The school minibus is the main visible sign of the ESA contribution but all students benefit in many ways. At present the annual cost of providing dictionaries, diaries, prizes and the Stardome visit for Year 7 is £3,000. Where will the money come from? The School Discos provide the main source of income at present - events which run with very little parental involvement.

The committee is keen to establish events which are both popular and financially viable. A Quiz Night and a Line Dance/BBQ are scheduled to be held later this year. However, the committee needs further input and support and if any parent is able to contribute in any way - ideas, time etc please come along to the next meeting.

THE FUTURE OF THE ESA DEPENDS ON YOU

Diary Dates 2001

Year 5 1953	Shopping Trip	February TBC
Committee Meeting		Lower School
	Thursday, 8th February	8.00pm
Half Term	week commencing	Monday, 19th February
ECSOSA Annual Dinner		David Lloyd Centre,
	Carterhatch Lane, Halfway House, Enfield	
	Saturday, 3rd March	7 for 7.30pm
Old Eds Reunion		March TBC
Spring Term	ends	Friday, 6th April

Please Note re-arranged date

Lunch Get-together	Whitewebbs Park
	12.30pm
Summer Term starts	Monday, 23rd April
Half Term week commencing	Monday, 28th May
Summer Term ends	Tuesday, 24th July
1972 (Year ?) Reunion	September TBC

Let us know the dates of *Your* Reunion

OVERSEAS MEMBERS - If you are planning a trip home, why not let us know about it?

We will publish your contact details and itinerary in the newsletter and on the Website to help you arrange meetings with old friends. One word of warning - please give us enough notice! that means at least **four** months in the case of the newsletter although the web-site can be contacted at any time.

We have received a letter from a Mrs Trellis of North Wales. She writes Dear Mr. Lyttelton, May I suggest a topic for your famous Channel Four Wireless Programme "Just a Minute"? Meanwhile please accept my resignation from your Old School Conglomeration as upon checking I find that I actually attended the Banger Academy for Young Gentlewomen followed by short spells with various north wales territorialials.

Wanted - News, Views and Articles.
The Diary lists some Reunions for different groups but we have heard nothing since they were first mooted. Are they still on? Have they happened? Would you like your contact names publicised? Help us to help you - keep us informed beforehand and let us know how they went afterwards.

Past copies of the Newsletter including the **Special Reunion Programme** are available - please apply to the Editor.

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Years at School..19.....to 19..... e-mail.....

I attach a cheque/postal order for £..... made payable to ECSOSA.

together with the full names of my guests.

Tickets held at 1999 price of £21 each.

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