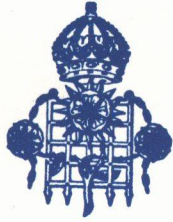


September 1991



The Old Elizabethans (Barnet)

NEWS LETTER

**FROM THE PRESIDENT:**

September, 1991

Dear Old Elizabethans,

My first duty as your new President is to thank my predecessor John Fuller for all the leadership and hard work he put into his term of office, especially in the establishment of the Forty Society and the day to day running of the Association's headquarters at Gipsy Corner.

I am sure that all O.E.'s were relieved to hear of the release of John McCarthy; John's father Pat was at Q.E. with me in the thirties, as was Pat's brother, also John.

Our congratulations go out to Ron Orton, who has just celebrated his 80th birthday. Ron is still very active in Q.E. and O.E. affairs, being clerk to the Q.E. Endowment Trustees and Secretary to the O.E. Playing Field Company.

Our congratulations also go to another loyal O.E., Fred Jefferies, who has just celebrated his Diamond Wedding to Barbara.

1992 sees the Centenary of the Association and you will already be aware of the dinner to be held at the House of Commons on May 8th. Your committee is hoping to organise other events to mark this milestone in our history.

You will find enclosed with your Newsletter a membership application form and I am hoping that each one of you will make part of your contribution to these celebrations the enlistment of a NEW MEMBER.

I look forward to seeing many of you during the three years of my Presidency.

Yours sincerely,  
Eric Shearly.

**FROM THE CHAIRMAN:**

51 Harpenden Road  
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September, 1991

Dear O.E.s,

A new President, a new committee, a new face. Eric Shearly was duly elected President at the A.G.M. We all know of his unswerving loyalty and dedication to the School and the Association, and I cannot think of anyone more suitable to lead us into our centenary year.

A new committee, same faces, except one. Maurice Slough has agreed and been elected Hon. Membership Secretary, Peter Yates having resigned as a result of his increasing commitments to the O.E.R.F.C. and O.E.C.C. Fortunately Peter remains on the committee as the O.E.R.F.C. representative. I would personally like to thank Peter for his untiring efforts, and the contribution he has made, and I hope will continue to make to the committee. The Association is most fortunate to have yet again retained all of last year's committee; however there remain vacancies and we would welcome fresh faces and new ideas.

We have two crucial matters to be resolved. Firstly Alan Morris who has for many years advised and guided us on all our financial matters has given notice that after this year he intends spending more and more time abroad and will be unable to continue as Hon. Treasurer. Alan and I go back a long time and I will greatly miss his support and guidance as will the Association and Playing Field Company. Gentlemen, in the current economic climate we need the expertise and advice of an accountant. YOUR ASSOCIATION NEEDS YOU.

Secondly, as previously advised, our income no longer covers the issue of three Newsletters a year. We are already looking at the production costs but inevitably this is likely to lead to a reduction in quality, or we could reduce the number of issues to suit our current income. Neither of these options, I believe, is the solution. The Newsletter is the life blood of the Association and it is paradoxical that its increasing success is the cause of the problem. Alternatively we must increase our income. It has been suggested that we sell advertising space; this is a possibility, but the reality is that subscriptions should be increased. Every other organization is doing this so why don't we? Because of the administration nightmare that follows, the inevitable loss of members, resulting in the increased cost per capita of each Newsletter, and the cycle has begun all over again. We still have some lapsed members who have not cancelled their two-pound banker's order. In the event it is You, the membership, that must act, but unfortunately there are always the minority that are unable or unwilling – we do not know. No matter, we must resolve these problems within the next six months, but we will need your help.

The Summer Ball, where we joined the Friends was a great success and a total sell out. Our thanks to the Friends' committee for all their hard work, to the O.E.R.F.C. and Charlie Eggington for staffing the bar. Charles is our guest of honour at this year's dinner on 18th October, again, thanks to the Headmaster, to be held in the School Hall. Finally there are only a few tickets remaining for the Centenary Dinner at the House of Commons on 8th May, 1992. Numbers are strictly limited so it is first come first served. If you want to attend either of these functions, please contact Ian Wicken (081-445 2940) now.

Yours sincerely,  
John Hume.

## O.E. ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

This year's A.G.M. was held at Gipsy Corner on April 24th.

Eric Shearly succeeded John Fuller as President, and Maurice Slough took over from Peter Yates as Membership Secretary. All other Officers and Committee members were re-elected.

Tim Edwards and Martin Gould were elected as new Vice Presidents. Their letters of acceptance are reproduced here, together with the reports of the Hon. Secretary and the Hon. Treasurer presented at the Meeting.

Tim Edwards has recently moved to St. Albans. Please note his new address in the Membership notes in this Newsletter.

### **From Martin Gould:**

Dear Michael,

It was good of you to write to me concerning my election to the small but illustrious group of the Old Elizabethans Association's Vice Presidents.

Would you please convey my thanks to the Association Committee for their kindness and for the support they must have given to my election.

Any service I may have given to the O.Es was rewarded at the time of giving by the enjoyment of so many friendships made and shared during the time I was teaching at the School.

Having retired to a remote part of Essex, Ann and I have quite a task maintaining the house, garden and a small number of birds and animals we have gathered about us. Our visits to Barnet are very scarce therefore and I regret that we are rarely able to support O.E. functions. However, I am an avid reader of the O.E. Newsletter and appreciate the considerable effort which goes into its production. My son, Jonathan, also keeps me up to date with all matters Elizabethan and I am pleased that he has been able to follow in my footsteps and serve on the Association Committee.

Please convey my thanks to the O.Es and the message that I am proud to have been honoured by them in this way.

Yours sincerely,  
Martin.

### **From Tim Edwards:**

Dear Michael Wheelans,

Thank you for your letter telling me that I had been elected a Vice President of the O.E. Association. I am most grateful for their gesture, and please convey my thanks to your Committee for it.

Increasing family commitments, much travel to and from Suffolk, and most recently our decision to move to St. Albans have all contributed to my doing little in person for the Association, but I hope to continue to write an annual letter to the Newsletter.

Perhaps I should add that my disenchantment with the present status of the School in no way diminishes my personal goodwill towards all those teachers and pupils whom I came to know over my 22 years at O.E., and among whom I am most pleased to number very many good friends.

Again, with many thanks,

Yours sincerely,  
Tim Edwards.

**THE OLD ELIZABETHANS (BARNET) ASSOCIATION**  
**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING APRIL 24th, 1991**

**SECRETARY'S REPORT**

The Association General Committee met four times during the last year in the Headmaster's office. We are grateful to the Headmaster for his hospitality.

The School has settled down in its recently acquired Grant-Maintained status and we have been pleased to hear from L.R. (George) Heard, the Chairman of Governors and from the Headmaster that this has proved to be a very successful venture. We congratulate all concerned on their efforts.

The Association acquired a new 125 year lease from the London Borough of Barnet for Gipsy Corner at a cost of £55,000. The final tranche of £25,000 was paid in March 1990. The War Memorial Playing Field is now secure for future generations of O.Es. The Appeal Fund has raised £34,000 so far and loans had to be obtained to make the purchase possible. O.Es have given generously and are to be thanked for their splendid efforts. The current situation is that we need to pay back loans and interest at the rate of £1,000 every six months. Our thanks are due to our Treasurer, Alan Morris, for his magnificent work in managing our financial affairs. The Appeal Fund remains open and we would like to ask you for your continuing generosity.

Founder's Day was celebrated on June 16th in the traditional way. A good number of O.Es filled the School Hall after the Roll Call to take refreshment with the Headmaster and the School staff. The Friends of Queen Elizabeth's organised the Annual Fete in the afternoon.

Celebrations continued on the Sunday at Gipsy Corner when the 50th Anniversary of the Cricket Club was celebrated by a picnic and the playing of two cricket matches, namely the Old Elizabethans C.C. Founder's Sunday XI versus Eric Shearly's Silver Oldies and Golden Oldies XIs.

The Annual Dinner was held in the School Hall on September 14th. K. (Ken) W. Carter was the Guest of Honour and drew a good crowd of O.Es. He was amusingly introduced by Eric Shearly. The Headmaster spoke on the success of Grant-Maintained status and outlined some results of research into the records of the 1930s. Not least, the Dinner made a profit of £90!.

Regrettably, the Dinner-Dance, usually held in February was moved to June when it met with such a serious lack of response that it had to be cancelled. This year we hope for success with a Dinner-Dance – a Summer Ball – to be held in conjunction with and organised by the Friends of Queen Elizabeth's. This is to be held in the School Hall on 29th June '91.

The Past v. Present Rugby match was played on Stapylton and won by the O.Es 32–6 in a better fought match than the score suggests.

The O.E.R.F.C. had a very good year and is now coming to the end of another good season.

The O.E. Cricket Club had an enjoyable run-filled season with no less than 4 personal centuries and 42 half-centuries.

The O.E. Association Football Club is to be congratulated on the promotion of each of its three teams; in their higher leagues they are continuing to play well and successfully this season.

The 200 Club produced a record result of £1,970 from 274 members. Thanks to the efforts of Eric Shearly and Jim Buswell.

Three O.E. Newsletters have been published in the year and, thanks to the efforts of D.A. Nelms as Editor, they provide enjoyable reading about O.E. affairs and personalities.

Finally, we must all thank John Fuller for all the very hard work he has put into an extremely successful Presidency which has embraced the new Gipsy Corner lease, the introduction of the Forty Club and much really solid work on the Playing Field.

M.A. Wheelans,  
Hon. Secretary

April 14th, 1991

**THE OLD ELIZABETHANS (BARNET) ASSOCIATION**  
**INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT**  
**YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 1990**

	1990 £	1989 £
<b>INCOME</b>		
Subscriptions – current year	1,604	1,603
Subscriptions – arrears	–	53
Donations	25	5
Profits on “200 Club”	1,973	1,824
Dinner Dance	–	49
Annual Dinner	90	99
Building Society Interest	1,560	1,244
	5,252	4,877
 <b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
Newsletters	2,520	1,860
Printing, postage and copying	295	129
Social club subscriptions	125	150
Wreaths	25	27
Insurance – Past v Present Match	30	40
Deposit lost on cancelled dinner dance	100	–
	3,095	2,206
 <b>EXCESS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE</b>	 2,157	 2,671
 <u>Less:</u> Appropriation to Ground and Pavilion Fund	 1,973	 1,824
 <b>ACCUMULATED INCOME</b>	 184	 847

**THE OLD ELIZABETHANS (BARNET) ASSOCIATION**

**BALANCE SHEET**

**31 DECEMBER 1990**

	1990 £	1989 £
<b>INVESTMENTS</b>		
Old Elizabethans (Barnet) Playing Fields Limited 5 Shares of £1 each fully paid	5	5
Building Society deposit	17,941	20,631
	<u>17,946</u>	<u>20,636</u>
 <b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
Stocks of ties and badges	22	113
Debtors	1,998	1,824
Cash at bank	118	1,020
	<u>2,138</u>	<u>2,957</u>
	<u>20,084</u>	<u>23,593</u>
 <b>LOANS (See Note)</b>		
The Sports Council	10,000	—
O.E. Rugby Football Club	—	6,000
O.E. Social Club	—	7,250
	<u>10,000</u>	<u>13,250</u>
	<u>10,084</u>	<u>10,343</u>
 <b>GROUND AND PAVILION FUND (See Note)</b>	 678	 1,121
 <b>INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT</b>		
Balance brought forward	9,222	8,375
Accumulated income for the year	184	847
	<u>9,406</u>	<u>9,222</u>
	<u>10,084</u>	<u>10,343</u>

**THE OLD ELIZABETHANS (BARNET) ASSOCIATION**

**NOTE TO BALANCE SHEET**

**31 DECEMBER 1990**

	1990 £		1989 £
<b>GROUND AND PAVILION FUND</b>			
Balance brought forward	1,121		5,541
<b>Gipsy Corner Appeal:</b>			
Direct receipts from members, etc.	4,176	23,107	
Contributions from			
O.E. Rugby Football Club	9,000	—	
O.E. Cricket Club	2,860	—	
*O.E. Association Football Club	—	400	
O.E. Social Club	7,250	—	
Interest on monies deposited in Building Society	—	946	
	<u>23,286</u>		<u>24,453</u>
	24,407		29,994
<b>Payments on behalf of O.E. Playing Field Co. Ltd.</b>			
Deposit for lease purchase	—	30,000	
Balance of lease purchase	25,000	—	
Rent apportionment	—	66	
Stamp duty & disbursements	115	631	
Printing & postage cost of appeal	<u>587</u>	—	
	25,702		<u>30,697</u>
	(1,295)		(703)
Appropriation for the year	<u>1,973</u>		<u>1,824</u>
	<u>678</u>		<u>1,121</u>

\*A further £500 was received from the O.E. Association Football Club on 10 January 1991.

The monies received from the O.E. Rugby Football Club and the O.E. Social Club in 1989 have been reclassified as outright gifts to the Association in accordance with the wishes of the members of these two bodies.



## NEWS AND CORRESPONDENCE

Two or three years ago I quoted a letter from Ralph Wadge in which he reported on a meeting in Jerusalem with Dr. John Strugnell who, as a Professor in Harvard's Divinity School, is well known for his work on the Dead Sea scrolls. Ralph has now up-dated that news by sending me an article published in "The Tablet" which states that Dr. Strugnell has been removed by fellow scholars from his position as chief editor of the team working on the scrolls project. Although the article says that "the state of Dr. Strugnell's health is given as the reason for his dismissal", it goes into some detail about controversial views which he expressed in an interview given to a Tel Aviv newspaper. It appears that the Groves of Academe are not always as serene as one might suppose. My thanks to Ralph for keeping us posted.

Early this year I noticed in the press that Sir Leslie Fielding O.E., Vice Chancellor of Sussex University, had agreed, for the benefit of the Brighton Festival, to the election of Ken Dodd as a 'Visiting Fellow in Comedy'. His exact words were, "We agree in principle to the fellowship. In fact we are tickled to death." During the Festival in May, Leslie did welcome Doddy to a ceremony at the University where the Squire of Knotty Ash held forth for a full half hour, suggesting that Sussex should found a Chair of Giggology.

Press references to O.E.s have been unusually frequent in recent months. In different Honours Lists I found the C.B.s awarded to Rear Admiral Roy Newman after the Gulf War and to Kenneth Cooper on his retirement from his post as Chief Executive of the British Library. The appointment of Commander Richard Aylard as Private Secretary to the Prince of Wales was featured in both national and local papers.

My own humble researches, however, are as nothing compared with those of Paul Roethenbaugh, who has once again produced a sheaf of cuttings from sources as diverse as 'The Times' and 'The Genealogists' Magazine'. From the latter comes a review by Mrs. Lilian Gibbens (wife of C.A. Gibbens O.E.) of a book, "The Simple Annals: The History of an Essex and East End Family", by Peter Sanders O.E. Paul's note on the author says, "Full initials not known, but P. Sanders is in school prefects' photo on top landing at school – contemporary of my brother, N.C. Roethenbaugh, and of Nigel Watkins – this picture reproduced in the book." From 'The Times' come two letters from Sir Reginald Hibbert O.E., formerly British Ambassador to France, who is obviously still taking a lively interest in foreign affairs, and a half-page of portraits of Honours recipients in Mrs. Thatcher's resignation list, with Paul's comment, "2 x O.E.s in pictures!" – Sir Tim Bell and Sir Michael Neupert, M.P., former junior defence minister. There are several press references to Judge Geoffrey Parmiter O.E., of Torquay County Court, who has recently been interviewed on both television and radio, commenting on the current spate of Court cases of mortgage arrears and re-possession. He has made known his belief that re-possession of defaulters' houses should be only a last resort. There is a book review of Edward Blishen's latest, "The Penny World", and Paul also records having caught O.E. television appearances by Don Haxby on an I.T.V. "Cook Report" about racing, and by the Rev. R.J. Tudor representing the Methodist Church in the B.B.C. "Songs of Praise" from Westminster Abbey on the Sunday after the beginning of the Gulf War.

Both Paul and John Fuller sent me copies of Obituaries from different national newspapers of Thomas Critchley O.E., whom some of us remember as a notable Underne sixth-former in the thirties, and who went on to become a very distinguished Civil Servant. At various stages in his career he was principal private secretary to R.A. Butler, secretary to the Royal Commission on the Police, secretary to Lord Denning's enquiry into the Profumo affair, secretary of the Gaming Board and assistant under-secretary of state at the Home Office. His books include 'A History of the Police in England and Wales' and 'The Maul and The Pear Tree', the story of a sensational early 19th century murder, written jointly with P.D. James. He died in July, aged 72.

May I draw the attention of Tim Edwards' former pupils and colleagues to the fact that he has recently moved to St. Albans; his new address is in Maurice Slough's Membership Report in this issue. Tim looks forward to your continued correspondence, and has promised to go on writing an annual contribution to the Newsletter after his Christmas mail.

Please note, too, the enclosed application form for a new member. Eric's first aim on taking over as President is to persuade every existing member to find among his acquaintances at least one new recruit to the Association in celebration of our Centenary.

At the present time the future of the Newsletter is uncertain. Its survival in the current form depends on the balance of costs and subscription income, and although I personally should be reluctant to accept a reduction in the quality of printing and presentation, we are of necessity having at least to investigate possible cheaper styles. As an interim measure we are producing only two issues this year instead of three. Let us know if you have any views on this, and do drop a line if you have any news for the next issue, whatever form that may take.

D.A. Nelms  
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## SOCIAL EVENTS

*Social Secretary:* I.F. Wicken, 16 Great Bushey Drive, London N20 8QL. Tel. 081-445 2940

### **SUMMER BALL**

The Summer Ball, held on Saturday, 29th June, was a huge success. Nearly 300 Friends of the School and Old Elizabethans sat in the School Hall in Queens Road, which had been decorated splendidly by the Friends, and dined and danced to two bands. The Friends had organized a delicious buffet and the Old Elizabethans laid on a bar which helped the evening to finish most enjoyably.

A date has been fixed already to hold another Ball next year, again at Queens Road, with even more ambitious plans, so make a note of the date.

5th JULY, 1992

– and book early to avoid the disappointment that some had this year.

### **ANNUAL DINNER FRIDAY, 18th OCTOBER, 1991**

A reminder that this year's annual dinner is approaching fast and once again will be held in the School Hall at Queens Road. This year our Guest of Honour is C.P. Eggington (1960–65) and we have been able to book the same caterers that have made the evening's meal so enjoyable for the last few years. Use the form at the back of this Newsletter or 'phone me on 081-445 2940.

### **CENTENARY DINNER FRIDAY 8th MAY, 1992 HOUSE OF COMMONS**

Further details of our Centenary Dinner which our M.P., Mr. Sydney Chapman, has kindly agreed to sponsor for this special occasion, are beginning to be available. Initially seats are reserved for Old Elizabethans, School Staff and their ladies and companions and, if there are seats available, other friends of the Association and School. Security at the House of Commons is tight and we must stick to the time scales (7.30 until 11.00 p.m.) which we have been allowed for the Dinner. There will be an opportunity to buy souvenirs and we will be investigating the possibilities of a tour of the Commons prior to the Dinner. We still hope to keep the cost of the Dinner to about £30 a head. In view of the difficulties of parking in the Westminster district it should be possible to organize a coach to transport us, perhaps picking up and dropping off at several points between Potters Bar and Westminster. The additional cost should be reasonable. Please advise Ian Wicken (081-445 2940) if this would interest you – and if you would be interested in arriving early for a guided tour. The number of seats left is diminishing rapidly, so please complete a reservation form at the back of this Newsletter A.S.A.P. To help you make up your mind, and to act as an acknowledgement of reservations and/or deposits received so far, the following O.Es have made reservations so far –

V.S. Alford	A.H. Gardner	M.W. Pollard
S.E. Alford A.M. 47–82	R.M. Godfrey	J.H. Price
H.W.C. Alloway	E. Harris	H. Purchas
M.W. Barker	J.H. Heard	E.C.G. Seward
A.J. Bell	L.R. Heard	E.N. Shearly
W.N. Bolt	J.A. Hobson	R.J. Sim
C.M. Britten	P.J. Hollins	M.G. Slough
V. Buswell	J.A. Hume	A.M. Smith
I. Buswell	N. Kobish	M.J. Swinn
R. Busvine	C.N. Maceacharn	E.W. Tarbox
D.P. Claringe	M.W.B. Maceacharn	A.H. Tarry
T.R. Custance	R.D. Middleton	N.G.S. Watling
E.C. Davies	B.T.D. Morford 23–31	M.A. Wheelans
E. Daw	W.G.T. Morford 26–32	I.F. Wicken
M.F. Deller	A. Morris	C.A. Winchester
C.D. Devos	D. Newell	G.C.J. Winchester
P.V. Douglas	D.A. Nelms	I.D.G. Winchester
G.W. Firth	J. Olney	J.E. Winchester
J.C. Fitkin	R.E. Orton	P.J. Yates
B.J. Fuller	D.J. Perkins	

If you would like to sit near a particular friend, or in a group such as the Rugby Club, Golf Section, Royalists or the Lodge, please use the space on the booking form to let us know.

## FORTY SOCIETY NEWS

The Spring Luncheon was held at Gipsy Corner on Thursday, 18th April, 1991.

Those present were:— R.E. Orton (1919–27), E.W.B. Daw (1915–21), S. Theaker (1920–7), F.J. Parsley (1922–7), W.H. Gelder (1923–8), J.G. Duncan (1923–33), B.M.T. Morford (1923–31), A.M. Smith (1927–32), L.R. Heard (1927–36), F.E.G. Fuller (1928–34), H.W.C. Alloway (1928–34), J.H. Buswell (1931–6), D.L. Hughes (1931–7), B.J. Fuller (1931–7), J.C. Clark (1930–9), K.F. Baker (1932–7), G.C.J. Winchester (1934–40), C.H. Britton (1934–40), R.W. Gunton (1934–40), M.A. Wheelans (1934–42), R.M. Godfrey (1934–41), D.A. Nelms (1934–41), C.G. King (1935–40), B.L. McKean (1937–43), D.C. Newell (1935–43), J.B.B. Dainton (1938–45), A.E. McCormack (1938–9), E.C. Davies (1940–50), C.A. Winchester (1940–7), J.E. Jordan (1936–46), J.F.C. Olney (1943–7), M.G. Slough (1943–50), R.K. Smith (1945–51).

We were pleased to welcome two new members, Ron Godfrey from Oxted, who was paying his first visit to Gipsy Corner, in spite of the fact that he was Secretary of the Association in the immediate post-war years and launched the original appeal for the Old Elizabethans' War Memorial, and Roger Smith. It came as a surprise that Roger could have left 40 years ago; time marches on!

An excellent meal was enjoyed by all and there was a convivial atmosphere as members recalled past experiences.

After lunch, John Fuller reviewed his years as Association President and thanked members for their support during his term of office, which would terminate at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting. He wished Eric Shearly every success in taking over the reins. Eric had sent his apologies for absence as Pam had succeeded in prising him away from Gipsy Corner to some foreign clime.

George Heard gave an update on affairs at the School.

The next luncheon will be on Wednesday, 24th September, 1991, at Gipsy Corner. Details from B.J. Fuller, Tel: 081-449 0590.

## FROM THE HEADMASTER:

Sadly I must again begin my letter to you with unhappy news; Kevin Burr, teacher of Business Studies died after a long illness. He was thirty years old. Following prolonged treatment for cancer, Kevin went to Poland with his fiancée where he died on the 18th May.

I will remember Kevin, the big man who was so intent on making a success of his career, his dogged application in the classroom, his regular requests for critical comment and his growth as a professional. We come to accept that much of our work is taken for granted, the more senior in the profession the more so. In this Kevin was exceptional, he was unfailing in his thanks for any service or kindness however small. He was ever willing to take on work, I was grateful for it, but I shall remember best the grin which announced the satisfaction he found in achievement. We will miss Kevin, but more we will regret the loss of a gentleman to the school and to the profession.

With staff turnover down dramatically, the lowest for the last ten years, I must remark on the departure of one of the last of the Jenkins appointments, Neil Kobish, who joined the school in 1961 after graduation from London University where he won the Platt prize for Greek and, in successive years, the Bunnell-Lewis prize for Latin verse. Initially, a classics master, subsequently, Head of Classics, later a Careers master, and for almost twenty years Head of Careers, Neil was also an enthusiastic member of the Q.E. Dramatic Society and the Musical Society, an interest he pursues out of school as Chairman of the Barnet and District Choral Society. Generations of boys took part in his skiing trips and many more have sharpened their tongues and wits in the Elizabethan Union, a training ground in poise and confidence.

In his twenty-two years as a careers master, Neil made many contacts with industry and commerce. He built up an extensive network of contacts who responded to him and obliged the school with the provision of work experience places. The Q.E. Careers Convention was a model of its kind and attracted larger numbers than many exhibitions organised at borough level.

Neil joined Q.E. at the time T.B.E. was appointed Head and witnessed many changes: the transition from grammar to comprehensive, the addition of the new buildings, the retirement of Eric Shearly.

When external auditor, Grant Gleghorn, O.E., insisted that all accounts maintained by teachers at the school be brought under one central account, in the interest of good practice, he was equally insistent that the account operated by Neil remain independent, as a model of good practice; and this in one of the most able composers of Greek and Latin verse.

Though he retires now from his post here, I have no doubt that Neil will soon do what he might well have done thirty years ago, return with vigour to the academic life. We wish him all the best and hope that the memoirs will owe more to Cicero than to Seneca.

The vacancy will be filled by Andy Phillips who rejoins the common room after five years with the Met. He will take over where NAK left off. The Met's other contribution to the school this year comes via Andy Harrower who has been working hard as Chairman of the Appeals Committee, where he applies the principles of the 1980, '81 and '88 Education Acts. With just over five hundred applications for the 180 places at Q.E. the job demands a fine sense of judgement and enormous stamina.

O.E.s contributed to the weekly Sixth Form Seminar. Alan Grant, O.E., leader of Buckinghamshire council and writer of one of the A level textbooks, addressed the Politics Society. Daryl Birch, O.E., back from his extended travels in India and the Far East, spoke to the Sixth on the benefits of travel. Daryl, and brother Jeremy, now serving with the Met in Brixton, were among the school's top swimmers who competed in the nationals.

There was no surprise in the news this month that our swimmers have again qualified for the National Swimming finals for the fifth year in a row, but it was a welcome surprise to see our water polo team, who entered the national competition for the first time this year, come fourth.

Our athletes won the Barnet Schools Athletic League final, were 1st in the Barnet Schools Athletic championships at U20, U17, U16, U13, while the wretched U15 and U14 managed only an overall 2nd. 35 boys were selected to represent Barnet in the Middlesex Schools Athletic Championships, with four more chosen as reserves. Lovell Senior won the Middlesex U17, 3,000 m. and Lovell junior won the Junior London Marathon.

While the Mountain club commuted back and forth to Wales, the Angling club toured the home counties and the Chess club, inspired by the draw with the O.Es, cleaned up in Barnet. A large cast found time to take part in the performances of Chitty, Chitty, Bang, Bang, which had a very favourable review in the T.E.S. Though I found Michael Stewart's review in the Elizabethan more to my taste.

Our musicians had a busy year with a trip to Switzerland, three concerts per term, a recording session for That's Life and a backing track for a record by the pop person, Enya. By way of contrast, the Choir sang Choral Evensong at St. Alban's Abbey and one of the principal choristers has auditioned successfully for the Coliseum production of La Boheme and another has been accepted on the Eton Choral Course.

I was not the only member of staff who truanted from the paper work to sneak into the Hall to hear the excellent house singing competition; unison singing of the "Hippopotamus Song", "Do You Hear The People Sing", memorable clarity of diction by some eighty boys enjoying the delivery of "We All Stand Together". The Debating, Public Speaking, and Instrumental Music competitions generated a buzz of excitement and the visiting H.M.I., not renowned for their approval of competitive activity, was captivated by the Drama with its air of fun, farce, wit and, occasionally, sharp social comment on the problems of family life. After a couple of days in the school in the care of First Year, Stefano Biggi, the inspector concluded that competition at Q.E. was a "catalyst for excellence".

It is not possible to provide an account of all the school and house events in this Newsletter; any O.E. who wants the detail of house and school events should drop me a postcard and I will forward a copy of School's Termly Newsletter.

At the School's Annual Meeting for Parents, 'George' Heard gave a verbal report based on the Governors' Annual Report which is circulated to parents. He has kindly prepared the following summary of his talk, which we hope will interest O.Es at the end of this first full year of Grant Maintained Status.

**SUMMARY of**  
**Presentation to Annual Parents' Meeting**  
**July 18th, 1991**  
**by L.R. (George) Heard, Chairman of Governors**

The Governors reported with deep regret the deaths of their colleagues Bob Govett and Robin Davis and would wish to place on record their appreciation of the significant contribution each made to the work of the Governing Body; particularly in the decision making and organisational periods leading the school to Grant-Maintained Status.

The Governors welcome the new Governors: Sydney Clark, who formerly taught at Q.E. for 30 years, being Head of Chemistry and Head of Upper School, and Peter Warden, well known as Hon. Treasurer of the Friends and duly elected by a ballot of all parents. Barry Martin was elected as Vice-Chairman in place of Robin Davis.

With finance provided to run the school directly from the Department of Education and Science, a figure approaching £2.5M, it was considered prudent to establish a Finance Committee to establish budgets, monitor expenditure and consider major projects.

A Safety Committee was also established and is developing a Safety Manual to define and publicise sound practices. Safety inspections have been undertaken eg. security of electrical connections. Governor Govett, shortly before he died, undertook a survey related to C.O.S.H.H. (Control of Substances Hazardous to Health) eg. chemicals, corrosive fluids, poisons and solvents. The visiting Factory Inspector was agreeably surprised!

The considerable volume of documents from the D.E.S. and related bodies reported in the 89–90 Report has died down somewhat to a list of some 40 or so given in Appendix II to the Annual Report – some of great importance; others quite surprising, eg. extracts from the Environment Protection Act 1990 related to the School's legal responsibility for the control of litter and dog faeces.

All standing regulations, practices and procedures required of the Governing Body have now been issued; those during 1990–91 are listed in the Annual Report. Those that affected the teaching staff were subject to review and agreement with them before issue and these consultations produced many helpful proposals for amendment.

So much for the routine work of the Governing Body.

More interesting and significant are the initiatives that have been implemented by virtue of our G.M. status. With absolute control of both our finances and our decision making, projects can be initiated, controlled and concluded rapidly and economically.

First, the Governors wished to place monies where they would have the greatest effect on learning: to reward teacher dedication and effort through pay awards, to put a complete set of standard books in the hands of each pupil, to increase teacher and pupil access to computer facilities, to take steps to improve the working environment, to assist record keeping for teachers by giving access to a powerful computer-based Information and Data System.

Second, a start has been made on the repairs to the school structure and on refurbishment of some key areas; although much still needs to be done. Following up a proposal from a parent at the last Annual Meeting, consultants were invited to study the economics of our utilities (electricity, gas, etc). A revision of tariffs gave a saving of some £5,000.

The teachers have responded with enthusiasm, both in the classroom, represented by the excellent 'A' level and GCSE results and in many other fields, where sport, music and chess have, in particular, been reported to you. There are others of equal merit, in some of which your sons will have been involved.

Thanks are expressed in the Report to the many who have also contributed, in effort, time or cash to the School's operations: individual parents and boys, the lively Friends, the faithful Trustees, the Police, Industry and Commerce (through presentations and tutorials and, especially, Work Experience) and many more besides. These contributions widen the scope of the educational experience and are of great value.

Lastly, finance.

## **INCOME**

The Annual Maintenance Grant is now formula derived: in the main on a basis of pupil numbers and partly on occupied floor space.

The Annual Maintenance Grant was £2,078,790. Special Grants for Development, to offset liability for VAT and for in-service training of teachers was £70,499. The Capital grant for the new boilers was £237,748. There were earnings from lettings of the Swimming Pool, the Gym and the Music Room and interest was earned on monies held in a high interest bank account to a total of £73,855. The total income was therefore £2,460,892.

## **EXPENDITURE (excluding Capital works)**

The staff costs represented 74% of total expense; being in the school buildings (maintenance & occupancy costs) 10%; operational costs 6%; within classroom costs 9%.

The year-end balance was some £13,000; well within the amount the D.E.S. permit as a carry-forward year upon year.

Credit is due to the Bursar and the office staff in keeping our financial records, notwithstanding some software on the SIMS system that did not generate all the analytical information that was necessary without something of a fight!

A Development Plan for the School has been produced in collaboration with design consultants, which involves new Science Laboratories, a Design and Technology block, expanded Library space, expanded 6th Form Study areas and a Gym extension, both to meet emergent curriculum teaching needs, to accommodate a growing 6th Form and to meet the teaching space standards defined by the Department of Education and Science. The projects would span 4–5 years and the estimated total cost approaches £5M.

We are advised that the project cannot start in the current financial year 1991–2, the granted Capital is only £28,400 for urgent repairs. This is a great disappointment to the Governing Body, whose feelings have been firmly transmitted to the D.E.S. and the Minister.

Lastly, may I read from the formal Annual Report to Parents.

### THE CORPORATE WHOLE

“The Governors wish to express their appreciation for the sound leadership and direction of the School through the Headmaster, Deputy Heads and Heads of Department and to acknowledge the contribution made by the academic and support staff, the parents and senior pupils to the corporate life of the School. The first full year as a Grant-Maintained School has undoubtedly been very successful, if at times a little stressful! Together, we will strive for even greater success.”

### O.E. RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

*Hon. Secretary:* Nigel Ward, 82 Barnet Road, Potters Bar, Herts EN6 2RD. (0707 58066)

The anticipation at the beginning of a new season is increased this year by the Rugby World Cup: not that the winning country will be playing at Gipsy Corner but that there will be interest in the sport and, like soccer and hockey in recent years, it is hoped this interest filters through with new members, for a Club like ours should be fielding four, if not five, senior teams plus a Colts each weekend, whilst we should be looking to create a minis/junior section as that is where the future of rugby football lies. We shall have to see.

But to the present: at the A.G.M. in June, the senior officers in the Club were re-elected including Bob Parker (Treasurer), John Fuller (Fixture Secretary) and Tim Lane (Club Captain). Mark Robinson relinquished his post of Vice Captain last season to take over Team and Membership Secretary. As Mark has just moved, please note his new telephone number – 081-441 3093 – because whether you are a player, a Vice President or a general supporter we need to be up to date with the membership records.

Last season’s playing records were:

	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Points For	Points Against
1st XV	29	18	1	10	475	324
'A' XV	32	18	1	13	530	386
Ex 'A' XV	28	10	2	16	262	473
'B' XV	16	7	1	8	173	180
Colts XV	4	0	0	4	46	121
Club	19	7	0	12	219	253

which, generally, was rather average and, certainly, below the expectations last year. The 1st XV ended in 3rd place in the Hertfordshire League in the Courage Clubs Championship, was 10th in the Merit Table, although we did retain the Eric Frisby (matches v. Barnet), Ken Redding (v. O. Ashmoleans) and Pat Connolly (v. Mill Hill, Barnet and Finchley) trophies. Against the better teams in Herts we did not perform to our abilities but this is being put right, even now, as training has been underway since 1st July and the floodlights, which failed last winter resulting in our having to go up to Saracens and share their facilities with the women’s team!, are being upgraded and extended to almost cover the bottom pitch.

The presentation of the accounts went smoothly for Hon. Treasurer as there was no bone of contention about the Chairman’s remuneration – this has stayed at the same rate for 56 years so big business please note.

By the time this Newsletter is received, the 1st XV squad will have had a pre-season training weekend down at O.Es Bristol in preparation for our first game on 7th September, at home to Hackney. We had hoped to be returning to Dulwich for the CLOB's tournament but we were asked to be first reserve team so the trip to Bristol was hastily arranged.

Club members will receive, separately, the pre-season newsletter with fixture card: there is one, unfortunate, error – our Herts President's Cup match on Sunday 3rd November is away to Bacavians, not Saracens as printed. This is the day after the World Cup Final, so make it a big weekend and, if you can, pop along to Bragbury End, Stevenage on the Sunday.

At the moment, the details of the P v P in December are unclear as the traditional date is the 7th which is a league match. We may have to play the game v. the School on the Sunday or play without 1st XV players. For more information contact John Fuller (081-449 0590).

We have also restored our fixture against Hendon, the Club the O.Es first played in the 1935–36 season.

Last season, Dennis Newell (President), Bob Parker and I had to spend brief spells in hospital. Hopefully, the other two have recovered to full fitness but I would like to thank those who kept the Club running in our absence. I hope the Club enjoyed good fortune in the season ahead and thank everyone for their interest.

### O.E. CRICKET CLUB

*Chairman:* R. J. Elderfield, 48 Bluebridge Road, Brookmans Park, Hatfield, Herts AL9 7SA.  
(0707 54539)

In this mid-season report the first observation is that the summer was late arriving. Early matches and indeed some in June were played in weather conditions rather different from those of the last two seasons. This not only accounted for the players feeling somewhat chilly or dampened but it also meant that ground preparation was made more difficult.

Having spent £700 on reseeded Gipsy in the spring, the dry cold weather meant the seed did not 'take off' until well into June. Since then the field has been looking better and better. Now (mid-August) it is in very good fettle – a tribute to many hours of cutting and hard work by the diligent few. The table is improving but slowly and the spread of moss is showing signs of abating.

A pre-season get-together was only reasonably well supported by playing members: our thanks to Jan Falkiner for some very appetizing snacks.

The results for the season to date show a slightly less glossy performance than last year but nevertheless some useful wins and interesting games have been recorded.

		Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Ab.
League:	1st XI	13	5	1	6	1
	2nd XI	13	4	4	5	–
Friendlies:	1st XI	12	1	9	2	–
		10	3	5	2	–

The 1st XI had good wins against Preston, De Havilland and Rickmansworth whilst the 2nd XI were especially pleased with a close draw against the run-away leaders in their division, viz Preston.

Of individual performances it is pleasing to record four centuries, one for the 1st XI by Miles Collins in a "friendly" and two for the 2nd XI in the same match by Steve Mitchell and Miles Collins (league v. Southgate Adelaide), whilst Mark Clifford scored 102 v. Parkfield in a friendly. Several half-centuries have been scored including those by T. Smith, J. Festa, G. Stockbridge, A. Tullis, S. Mitchell, M. Clifford and R. Parker. Tristan Smith has scored over 400 runs for the 1st XI. Clearly the skipper is setting the pace again, whilst Steve Mitchell has over 300 runs for the season so far – all in league matches.

With the ball, special mention goes to Joe Festa who has already bagged 45 wickets for the 1st XI and Paul Barnfather returned a best 7–43 v. Sandridge. In the 2nd XI Lionel Watson has 20 wickets from just 8 games.



Fielding this year has been of a pretty high standard with Simon Parker holding 17 catches behind the stumps and Tristan Smith 11. In the 2nd XI Stuart Borst has been outstanding.

All in all there is a good team spirit throughout the Club but a few more players for Sunday games would be welcome.

Founder's Sunday on 16th June was unfortunately a dreadful day – it was windy and very wet and not a ball was bowled! So the School Eleven made an early departure leaving quite a few O.Es to partake of beer and chat. Outside the Clubhouse two well sealed tents could be seen; some picnic people just won't give in.

On 15th and 16th August a Club XI is on tour to Worcester playing Worcester Taverners and Old Elizabethans, Worcester.

Mention will be made elsewhere in the O.E. Newsletter of the Playing Fields Company's intention to improve the pavilion and playing facilities. Suffice it to say the Cricket Club is pleased to have been asked for ideas. No doubt in due course when deliberations have been completed some action will be seen, hopefully reflecting some of our suggestions along with those of other sections which use the facilities.

For the diary

O.E.C.C. Dinner/Dance – Friday 11th October at Brookmans Park Hotel

Tickets (approx £16 each) available from Tristan Smith and Mark Chenery.

### O.E. GOLF SOCIETY

*Hon. Secretary (Elect):* Ian Slade, 199 Durham Road, Stevenage, Herts SG1 4JP. (0438 722980)

With Mike Swinn having decided to become a better European by spending his working week in Zurich, I was presented with the unenviable task of following in his footsteps as Secretary, at least for 1991.

My worst fears started to come true when, the day after I had contacted the players with their starting times for the Spring Meeting, the Secretary of Aspley Guise G.C. phoned and told me we would have to start 45 minutes earlier than planned to avoid a clash with another Society. Having rung everybody a second time with revised starting times, 20 of us finally gathered on 3rd May to play for the Captain's Cup.

The morning was thankfully dry, and although there was a bitterly cold north-east wind blowing, this clearly didn't affect Clinton Green who won with a creditable 35 points. Second was Mike Harrison with 34 and third was Jerry Oubridge with 33. The Rabbit's Prize was a battle of the Winchesters, with Cyril edging out Jimmy on countback with 32 points. The afternoon turned out much brighter and warmer and in the Greensome Foursomes John Price partnered the Captain, Peter Allen, to victory with 38 points, from Mike Sage and Jimmy Winchester with 37.

The Past v. Present match was again played at Arkley G.C. on 28th June and despite being one player short, we managed to win by 3½–2½. My thanks go to Jerry Golland for doing the 'clericals' in my absence.

We could only muster 16 for the Summer Meeting at John O'Gaunt G.C. Due to another change of format (what have I done to deserve this job?) we played the Sarum Greensomes on the Carthage course in the morning. Early mist and low cloud soon lifted to give a hot sunny day. The competition was won by those well-known bandits, Mike and Dave Cadney, with 39 points, from Clinton Green and Mike Harrison with 38. In the afternoon we played singles on the John O'Gaunt course, which was in superb condition. Mark Pollard, making his first appearance for 2 years, won with 36 points, with Brian Verrall taking second place on 35 points after a countback from yours truly.

The Autumn Meeting is scheduled for 2nd October at Enfield G.C. If any O.E. whom I don't already know about wishes to play in this, or indeed any future meeting, please give me a ring.

R.J.E.

## O.E. ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL CLUB

*Hon. Secretary:* A. Silvey, 52 Nash Close, Welham Green, Herts. (0707 275096)

The 1990–91 season can be described as a period of consolidation for the Football Club with all three teams languishing in mid-table, which nevertheless was a fine effort considering that they had all been promoted the previous season.

Now we are geared up for the new season, 1991–92, and hopeful of challenging for honours.

Training has already started on Thursday nights since the start of July, and now Sunday training has also commenced.

Anybody who is interested in playing football should come down on one of these nights as we are always on the look-out for new players.

A.S.

### CYRIL WINCHESTER'S GOODIES!

#### **O.E. Wines**

We are hoping to produce our own label Claret and Chardonnay for the Centenary of the O.E. Association for about £48 to £50 per case of 12 bottles. As the order is to be limited to 100 cases it will probably be necessary to order with payment and collect from a central point during a short period to avoid costly storage and loss of stock.

If you wish to order by the case, please telephone me (Cyril Winchester) on 081-440 4969. I expect delivery some time in Jan/Feb 1992, provided payment has been made in advance.

#### **O.E. Ties**

A special tie of a new design (modest, in keeping with the occasion) will be 'struck' for the Centenary year. Further details later, cost approx. £5.

The following ties are in stock now and can be ordered by 'phoning me.

1. All over crest, dark blue.
2. White, light blue, dark blue stripes, single crest.
3. Cricket section, available to past and present members.
4. Forty Society, silver, light green and aubergine stripes, single crest.

All cost £4.25.

Gold braid blazer badge – 3 left at £12.75 each.

C.A.W.

## O.E. 200 CLUB

*Organiser:* E.N. Shearly, 14 Granville Road, Barnet EN5 4DU. (081-449 1367)

It is hoped to enlarge and improve facilities at Gipsy Corner in the next few years and the contribution of the 200 Club towards this objective will be most important, so if you are not already a member, the O.Es need your support!

So far this year two draws have taken place and a list of winners is published below. The next draw will take place at the Annual Dinner which will be held in the School Hall on Friday 18th October.

### **Winners**

£200	A. McCormack (247)
£100	M.J. Chenery (52), M. Gould (71)
£50	D.R. Smith (193), Golf Club (219)
£30	H. Seward (177), J. Parsley (273)
£20	J. McKean (88), M.A. Wheelans (24)

E.N. Shearly

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<b>Date:</b>	<b>Event:</b>	<b>Contact:</b>
<u>1991</u>		
2nd October	Golf, Enfield G.C.	Ian Slade
11th October	Cricket Club Dinner Dance	Tristan Smith or Mark Chenery
18th October	Association Annual Dinner	Ian Wicken
28th November	Golf, Knebworth G.C.	Ian Slade
<u>1992</u>		
8th May	Centenary Dinner House of Commons	Ian Wicken
5th July	Summer Ball	Ian Wicken

## HON. MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT

M.G. Slough, 54 Homewood Avenue, Cuffley, Potters Bar, Herts EN6 4QR. (Tel 0707 875189)

I have little to report since taking over from Peter Yates and my contribution to this letter will be concerned mainly with amendments to the Members List. Sadly I have to report the deaths of two members, J.C.E. Eyres, 1933-34, who died on the 2nd June 1991 and W.E. Newnham, 1926-36, who died on the 26th April 1991. We have gained five new members and I am hopeful that over thirty application forms sent to school leavers will eventually find their way back to me. My thanks to the Headmaster for his valiant efforts in this direction. Thanks are also due to Professor P.J. Rhodes, 1951-59, who correctly chides us for inserting apostrophes into our title where apostrophes have no right to be: hopefully the next re-print of the Membership List will find these little invaders annihilated!

Now come along, all you O.Es. Just that one letter and that a complaint, to boot. Have none of you any juicy morsels of news to titillate our appetites? Surely amongst you there are some who actually lead exciting lives which would enliven this letter and confirm to us back at base that there is life out there, somewhere. I did not even get one letter of commiseration on my appointment as Membership Secretary (Honorary, of course).

Needless to say our thoughts are with Pat McCarthy and his family at this happy time of re-union with son John to whom we send our best wishes for the future and a heartfelt welcome back to freedom.

### **MEMBERS' LIST AMENDMENTS**

#### **Period from 30th May to 15th August 1991**

R.F. HAINES (1929-33), Michaelstowe Hall, Ramsey Road, Ramsey, Harwich, Essex CO12 5EW. (0255 886235).

Prof. P.J. RHODES, MA DPhil FBA (1951-59), Telephone should be: 091-386 4083.

J.W. BRITTON (1938-42), Rivera de Trayamar 261, Apartado 4, Torre del Mar, Malaga 29740, Spain.

A.J.V. LINES, FRICS (1957-64), Sycamores, Manor Lane, Hemingford Abbots, Cambs PE18 9AJ. (0480 300013).

D.R. STRACHAN (1977-84), 8 Maxwell Road, St. Albans, Herts AL1 5LA. (0727 44537).

D.R.H. MAUGHAN (1975-), Postcode is EN6 5HW.

Sqdn. Ldr. P.M. ECKERT, BSc(Hons) C.Eng MIEE MRAs (1960-67), Please note correct surname and letters thereafter: and new telephone number 0533 751258.

L.R. HEARD (1927-36), Telephone No. is 0438 840204.

R.E. HEALE, BSc (1970-77), 'South Hill', 11 Richmond Road, Sherborne, Dorset DT9 3HL. (0935 814614).

B.L. MACKIE, BCom (1977-84), 18 Vale Drive, Barnet, Herts EN5 2ED. (081-449 8234).

A. GILHAM (1985-90) (1969-73).

T.B. EDWARDS, MA (1961-83), 6 Old Garden Court, Mount Pleasant, St. Albans, Herts AL3 4RQ. (0727 865019).

B.G. VERRALL (1959-66), 67 Moffatts Lane, Brookmans Park, Herts AL9 7RT. (0707 56613).

W.H. SAWARD, BSc CEng MIEE (1966-71), Well Cottage, Shiplake Row, Binfield Heath, Henley-on-Thames, Oxfordshire RG9 4DR. (0734 461866).

### **DECEASED MEMBERS**

J.C.E. EYRES (1933-34). He died 2nd June 1991.

W.E. NEWNHAM (1929-36). He died 26th April 1991.

### **NEW MEMBERS**

M. CASH (1985-90), 3 Valencia Road, Stanmore, Middx HA7 4JL. (081-954 9118).

H. HOFFMAN (1955-60), The Croft, Dams of Rameldry, Kingskettle, Fife, Scotland KY7 7TY. (0337 30051).

F. HUTCHINSON (1984-91), 49 Priory Gardens, Highgate, London N6 5QU. (081-340 1640).

C.G. GUARDINO (1986-91), 24 Gateacre Walk, Brooklands, Manchester M23 9BA.

N.A. KHALID (1984-91), 81 Bosworth Road, New Barnet, Herts EN5 5NA. (081-449 9572).