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The Old Elizabethans (Barnet)

NEWS LETTER

OLD ELIZABETHANS' NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 1984

From the Chairman:

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Dear O.E's,

During 1983 I was amazed to discover that a boy was listening to a concealed radio during one of my lessons. I would be the last to argue that my classroom discipline is such that my surprise was caused by his disobedience of a well known school rule. On the contrary, experience has taught me that should a school rule be invented, e.g. "No Radios in School", then the boys will compete with each other to smuggle the most elaborate of HiFi equipment into the school and then defy the teachers to discover its whereabouts.

On the occasion to which I refer above, I was in luck. I noticed that the silly boy was tapping his hand and nodding his head vigorously in tune with rhythmic sounds which, to me, were inaudible. I also noticed that he was wearing a hearing aid. It was then that I moved in for the kill.

The confiscation proved to be easier than I expected because as yet I was uncertain of the whereabouts of the offending machine.

To my astonishment he handed me his wrist watch and a tiny ear phone.

I subsequently learned that with the ear phone plugged into the side of the watch it could be tuned to a number of different frequencies giving excellent reception. It also kept very accurate time.

So much for modern technology. Now that Mr. Sinclair has invented the miniature flat television screen, we shall, no doubt, need to amend the school rules. How long before we need to search our pupils' faces for that well known mesmerising effect? How soon shall we see Wimbledon on the ends of ball point pens?

Perhaps George Orwell might have been surprised by the technological achievement of the 1980's even if some of his sociological predictions for 1984 may prove to be somewhat inaccurate. However, even he might have been permitted a knowing wink on learning that amongst his many other qualities and qualifications, our new headmaster, Eamonn Harris M.A., has the gift of computer literacy.

Now we shall have to wait until, say, 2004, to discover if Mr. Harris is succeeded by one of I.B.M's products.

Tim Edwards retired in style at Christmas and many O.E's were amongst the 250 guests invited by the Common Room to attend his retirement dinner.

Speeches by the Director of Education, and O.E. Ken Carter, reflected the respect, affection, and high regard in which T.B.E. was held, both in the school and locally.

T.B.E. was also the guest of honour at the Association's Annual Dinner in November. The school has proved to be a popular venue for the occasion and eighty O.E's enjoyed three excellent speeches from Martin Blain (the school captain), John Keeley O.E., and Tim Edwards. Fate dictated that as a reward for his very entertaining speech, John Keeley's name should be the first drawn from the 200 Club hat. Two hundred and fifty pounds the better, perhaps he can now afford to buy one of Austin Knibb's donkeys.

Thank you for your donations to a leaving gift for T.B.E. and also for Bernard Pinnock. We shall be making a presentation to T.B.E. on Friday February 10th at Gipsy Corner. We hope to see many of you during the evening beginning at 8 p.m.

We shall leave the presentation to Bernie until the cricket season when, I understand, he promises to come out of hibernation.

Should any of you still wish to contribute, Alan Morris will be pleased to receive your donation.

During November, I was honoured to attend a dinner given for Bernard by a small group of ex Harrison's and sporting O.E's who have remained friends since they left school in the sixties.

John Keeley, with the efficiency one would expect from a School Summer Fair organiser, managed to bring together Mike Harrison, Norman Woodford, Alan Morris, Rod Jones, Mike and George Wormald, Dick Newton, and Ned Tarry (home from Durban S.A. for a short stay).

The result was an exuberant and hilarious occasion, much enjoyed by Bernard who radiated his approval throughout the evening.

For my part it was a delightful event and my thanks to the O.E.'s present for their generous hospitality and thoroughly entertaining company.

As you know, a major event to be organised by the Association during 1984 is Founders' Day on June 16th. I have drawn up a questionnaire which is included in the newsletter. Implicit in this is the intended programme and we should be grateful for a response as we shall need to accurately gauge the numbers of boys and guests to be seated at the church, etc. We may need to provide tickets. Our next newsletter will contain a detailed programme of events based on your response.

One function of the Founders' weekend will be to bid Eric Shearly (11 years boy and 35 years teacher at the school) a long and happy retirement. Should you wish to contribute to a farewell gift to E.N.S. from the O.E's we are including a form for this purpose in the newsletter.

If you are in contact with other O.E's who are not members of the Association please be good enough to inform them of the date, and encourage them to attend. Should they wish to stay at a local hotel for the weekend, then John Fuller is the man to contact.

We intend to contact as many of his previous colleagues as we can in the hope that the day will reunite all of those who have been associated with Eric during his long career at the school. As Ken Carter explained in one of his speeches, since 1900 the school has seen five headmasters in office, and Eric will have served time with four of them!

I have received a letter in the very elegant hand of John Pearce who says:—

"In spite of the general belief, Cullercoats is not as cold as Barnet can be. We fared much better here last winter than in many other places. I do find the gales unpleasant, the winds, although not very cold, are at times very boisterous. Indeed I am in excellent health and thoroughly enjoying life here; the folk are most kind and friendly, always anxious to help".

Hopefully J.P. will come to Founders' Day and supervise the correctness of the behaviour of the boys and O.E's parading in Underne House.

One ex Undernian who may also be present is my brother John Gould (1957-59). He is now a Senior Consultant in anaesthetics at Vancouver General Hospital. No doubt he will know what to do should anyone in the house keel over on parade — apart from confiscate hip flasks!

I have recently visited E.H.J., marvellously alert and buzzing with news of O.E's. He had previously written to inform me of the death of Major General Moore Coulson and we have reproduced this letter and some of the news extracted from his Christmas mail elsewhere.

Although he had not seen 'Chariots of Fire' E.H.J. was very knowledgeable about the careers of both Liddell and Abrahams and at one time during his headmastership Harold Abrahams had visited the school, E.H.J. thought in 1939, as a reporter for the Times, to report on the Public Schools' Athletics championship. No doubt E.N.S. was one of those to come under the great man's scrutiny.

Weather and good health permitting, we would hope to see Mr. and Mrs. Jenkins on Founders' Day.

Ron Orton has, of course, written to Eamonn Harris to congratulate him on his appointment and to welcome him to the school. I am sure that the O.E's will offer him their support and encouragement in the hope that he will build upon the not inconsiderable successes of the past so that the school can continue to thrive in the future.

Tim Edwards will be a difficult man to follow. For 22 years he was the hardest working colleague in the school and the most loyal to both teachers and boys. Kind, always approachable, proud of the school and its achievements, good of humour, generous in every way and a strong sense of leadership by example. Alpha plus for his period of headmastership and good wishes for a long and happy retirement.

A happy and prosperous New Year to O.E's.

MARTIN GOULD

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the A.G.M. of the Association will be held on THURSDAY, 12th APRIL 1984 at 8.15 p.m. at Gipsy Corner.

A copy of the Agenda will be posted in the Clubhouse in advance of this date.

JOHN HUME

Honorary Secretary

(St. Albans 56636)

From the President:

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January 1984

Dear O.E's,

At the Annual Dinner held in November at the School, the Association welcomed Mr. Tim Edwards as Guest of Honour and who resigns as Headmaster and the hot seat after twenty-two years.

For those Old Boys who could not be present, I thought a brief reference to his reply would be appreciated.

It was predictable that he should dwell on the nostalgic past of a school which provides the opportunity for every boy to develop a personality, talent and academic potential.

Yet at the same time he stressed the importance of contributions made to the School – some not great in themselves yet pleasing – but all contributing to an inherited spirit.

Personalities and their particular niche, he mentioned, were Peter Ambidge, Rev. Butler, Freddie Brittain, Mr. Griffiths the groundsman, Jack Covington, Harold Fern, Ralph Cocks, 'Curly' Mayes, Ken Harris, Spencer Vaughan Thomas and John Pearce.

As an onlooker, for I am of the Lattimer vintage, it was virtually impossible not to feel the esteem held by those at the dinner for Tim. Our best wishes go to him and Mrs. Edwards in their retirement.

So the Edwards custody is closed and the legacy passes to Mr. Eamonn Harris M.A. The Association extends to him a warm welcome and prosperity to his future and that of the School.

Sincerely,

R.E. ORTON

FROM THE HON. TREASURER

Subscriptions

Thanks to all those members who have already updated their bankers' order instructions, so that the new subscription of £5 was paid on 1st January. In general, however, apathy prevailed with the result that some 170 members continued to pay £2. A third and final opportunity to amend your instructions is given with this Newsletter. If you are one of the delinquents, please take this opportunity (by 15th February please) so that I do not have to contact each of you personally.

Before the next Newsletter is published I shall be meeting with Peter Yates to carry out a detailed review of the Membership List. Regrettably all those in arrears may find themselves deleted from the mailing list for future communications.

Donations

May I take this opportunity to thank the many members who have generously donated to the funds of the Association and to the collections for Tim Edwards and Bernard Pincock. I regret that, because of the number of contributors, I have been unable to acknowledge all individually.

ALAN MORRIS

O.E. RUGBY CLUB

Hon. Secretary: Alan Britton, 11 Welbeck Road, East Barnet, Herts.
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Playing Records. (Up to and including 31-12-83 and cup games)

| | P | W | D | L | F | A |
|----------|----|----|---|---|-----|-----|
| 1st XV | 20 | 10 | 1 | 9 | 226 | 228 |
| A XV | 17 | 7 | 2 | 8 | 177 | 235 |
| Ex A XV | 12 | 5 | 0 | 7 | 140 | 142 |
| B XV | 12 | 8 | 0 | 4 | 183 | 71 |
| Colts XV | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Club XV | 7 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 52 | 46 |

A look at the playing records shows that the club overall is still just ahead on wins against losses. This is a good sign at the "halfway" point of the season, showing that the club is regaining its former health.

The First XV under Ian Barclay's leadership have enjoyed several successes and one of the club's best ever cup runs in the Herts President's K.O. Cup. A comfortable home win by 47 – 0 over Hatfield Polytechnic in the preliminary round set the scene. This was followed by another home game, against Tring in the first round and a win by 15 – 9. (We have since done the "double" against Tring beating them 12 – 6 on Christmas Eve in a normal fixture. A "guest" player, Simon James, scored the points).

The second round provided us with a tricky away game against Bacavians. In very wet conditions, Mike Parker's first half try converted by Dave James was enough to see us home 6 – 3. The Bacavians goal kicker fortunately chose this game to miss a handful of kicks, mostly from long range, but it would be a travesty of justice if they had won, as we were the much better team. It should be pointed out that beating Bacavians caused quite an upset in Hertfordshire rugby circles.

We were now in the quarter finals and faced a difficult away match against Fullerians. The whole team gave 110% effort all the way through the game. We were soon leading by a Dave James penalty and although this had been pulled back by half time we were definitely still in contention and Fullerians were worried. All good things come to an end, and our cup run ended that day, the final score being 3 – 21. Although beaten by the better team, the score does not truly reflect our efforts.

On behalf of Ian Barclay, may I thank all those O.E's who supported the club at cup games. Please don't stop there; come and support on Saturdays as well.

The A and Ex A XV's have had mixed first halves of the season caused mainly by being unable to field settled teams because of injuries and unavailabilities, while the B XV have continued to carry on in their own fashion.

Due to a lack of players and a manager, the Colts have not yet played. Once again I must ask if there are any O.E's out there who are willing to set aside Saturday afternoons (and Sundays for the Colts Cup) and look after the future of the club. One look at the First and A XV's will prove the benefit of having a Colts side, as several players in these sides are former Colts.

Congratulations at this stage of the season go to Graham Trotman and Andy Evangelou who have both played for Herts Under 21s and to Steve Harper who was selected for the squad.

Two Sevens competitions were entered at the beginning of the season. Barnet's competition was in the event called off due to the pitches being unfit but we did go to Old Haberdashers Old Boys Sevens, where we reached the third round, being beaten by the eventual winners, Old Gaytonians.

Your support will again be welcome at two other Sevens competitions towards the end of the season. These are the Herts Sevens at Bacavians on Sunday 1st April where we have been drawn against Hemel Hempstead in the final game in the first round, and the Middlesex Sevens Preliminaries at Saracens on Saturday 28th April.

This season's annual dinner will again be held at The Red Lion, Great North Road, Hatfield on Friday 6th April. Details will be sent out separately in the next few weeks.

Easter Tour this year will be to Amsterdam. Three games have been arranged and further details can be obtained from the organiser, Simon Gould.

A final plea, this time from the membership secretary. If you have moved please let him know at once. He cannot be expected to keep up to date records without having up to date information. The membership secretary is Graham Habben, 49 Woodfall Avenue, Barnet, Herts. Tel. 01-449 1672. This plea does not apply just to players and non-players. New members are always welcome.

A Happy New Year from the rugby club to all O.E's.

ALAN BRITTON

O.E. CRICKET CLUB

Honorary Secretary: R. C. Gardner, 93 Buckingham Road, Borehamwood, Herts. (01-953 2559)

A new committee was elected at the AGM before Christmas and is as follows:

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| 1st XI Captain | P. Mackay |
| Vice-Captains | A. Johnson |
| | M. Mabbott |
| 2nd XI Captains | G. Cook |
| | D. James |
| Hon. Secretary | R. Gardner |
| Asst. Secretary | J. Dawkins |
| Hon. Treasurer | I. Winchester |
| Hon. Match Secretary | L. Calderwood |
| Hon. Team Secretary | E. Shearly |
| Association Representative | I. Slade |
| Colts Organiser | E. Shearly |
| Press Officer | P. Yates |
| Other Member | A. Lane |

The posts of 2nd XI Vice Captain
3rd XI Captain
3rd XI Vice Captain
Social/Fund Raising Secretary
were not filled.

Due to a healthy balance sheet (reflecting the hard work of the committee) it was agreed the subscriptions should remain the same as last year.

The secretary indicated in his report that the base of the club was becoming smaller and unless more support was forthcoming the outlook for the club's future was not healthy.

One person whose commitment can never be faulted is Les Calderwood. He has indicated that he would like to stand down as Match Secretary as soon as a replacement comes forward. While those loyal to the club remain, the picture is not all gloom, and this season I believe some progress has been made.

Most important, I think, is the good fortune in finding two groundsmen who have already made their mark on the square. It is vital to have a good wicket to attract better players. The lack of competition for places, especially at 1st XI level is not good for the club. Many regulars have felt a return to form might have come about with a spell in the seconds. Even for those in form, competition would add an edge to their game. The presence of the regular groundsmen should enable us to make ourselves a more presentable club.

The need for colts sides has already been established and the committee has renewed its commitment to the growth of the colts section. This will entail far greater support than in the past when Eric Houston has taken on the full burden. Eric's position as colts organiser will be difficult to fill and we must all give his successor our full co-operation if we are to see the colts section flourish.

The statistics for the year show our relative strength at 2nd XI level. The structure of the results has not changed. The 1st XI winning, drawing and losing roughly a third of nearly 30 matches, the 2nd XI winning over half and losing very few of 24 games and the 3rd XI winning 2 and drawing 2 of four games to keep up their impressive record.

It is the Club XI matches this year which provoke more memorable moments. The early part of the season was dominated by the rain quickly followed by success in the Oakhill Cup.

Founders Sunday was a complete success in beautiful sunshine and cricket week too provided enjoyment and an opportunity to entertain teams from Barnet, Cockfosters and Black Horse. A simple format was condensed into 3 days and caused less strain on our resources — an encouraging sign for the future. Further encouragement should be gained from the tour to Wincanton in August. This is to be repeated in 1984 (August 20 - 24) with a base at Castle Cary.

Regular newsletters should help to improve communication within the club, something lacking for some years.

Finally, please note that Cyril's Gluhwein is being held at Gipsy Corner on Sunday, 29th January from 12 noon.

BRUNO GARDNER (*Honorary Secretary*)

O.E. GOLF SOCIETY

Honorary Secretary: Mike Swinn, 7 Lower Tub, Bushey Heath, Herts. (01-950 4680)

The Society's AGM took place at Gipsy Corner on 25th November under the guidance of Alec White, our past President, because Bill Fernie was acting in his other Presidential capacity, that of the Herts. Golf Union. Following many years of dedicated work for the Herts. Golf Union, Bill is retiring as President in early 1984 and is threatening to take it easy. However, if the past is anything to go by, he will quickly find something else to become involved in. The meeting, attended by some twenty members plus a dozen guests, started with the 'democratic' process. Jim Winchester was elected as Captain for 1984, the handicap committee being formed by Hash Howard, John Lain, Mike Sage, Brian Verrall, John Wickes and Jerry Golland. Ian Slade retained the post of Treasurer on account of his 'creative accounting' and yours truly failed to find someone else to write more interestingly. The evening continued with a film of the 1982 British Open and the usual bar nibbles. We also managed to bring a smile to the face of the Association Treasurer, Alan Morris, by giving him a cheque to clear our debt to the Association. This cheque being the result of some very generous donations by some senior members of the Society.

The meetings which have been fixed for 1984 are Dunstable Downs on the 5th April; Arkley, where John Duncan is Captain this year, on 5th July and South Herts. on 28th September. These are all day meetings with a sandwich lunch followed by dinner in the evening with permutations of the day usually possible. Golf club dinners are usually very good and local or not so local O.E's are always very welcome to join us. Dates have not yet been fixed for the other regular events — the afternoon match followed by dinner against East Barnet Old Boys, the Past v. Present and the North Wilts Golf Weekend for the family.

New members in 1983 included Andy Bell, Peter Hawkins, John Keeley and Roger Taylor with Bruno Gardner and Dick Newton rejoining the Society. However, there is plenty of room for new members of all abilities, so if you are interested, please contact the Honorary Secretary.

MIKE SWINN (*Honorary Secretary*)

FROM E.H.J.

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January 3rd 1984

I promised to send you any news from my Christmas Mail. But first may I thank the O.E's for their generous present: it was very good of them.

As to my mail, it was large, well over 100 cards. I think that I have managed to answer nearly all of them, thereby boosting the already excessively large profit that the P.O. makes in return for a poor service.

The O.E's of my time are now all so senior that they have finished any trips of duty abroad that they have to make, so letters from overseas are few.

But Leslie Fielding (1943-51) writes from the European Commission at Brussels that "life is busy with many 'crises' ", but that he hopes to get over next Founders' Day. Dr. Anton Obrist (1938-44) writes from Basle that he was shaken to hear that my successor was retiring, but that "middle age has dealt reasonably lightly" with him so far. Major J.C. Swann is second in command of an 8 inch gun regiment, keeping a watch on the Rhine "or more strictly perhaps the Weser". Malcolm Bourne writes from Camden, New South Wales. R.E. Beacham has taken up singing and is in the Khartoum Singers Group, who will do Christmas concerts in the Catholic Cathedral; the introduction of the very strict Sharia Moslem code is making life a little difficult, but the letter from Khartoum was very cheerful. Unfortunately it was followed by a disaster. Driving a mini-bus northward from Khartoum across the desert with his own family, and that of a friend aboard, he had a dreadful crash. He himself, was cut about, and bruised, but his friend was killed, and Beacham's wife and two small sons had grave injuries requiring operations, for which they have been flown home to U.C.H. R.H. Vincent (1938-44) is finishing his two year stint as chairman of the export group and still travels a certain amount overseas. His wife does some Speech and Drama work at the nearby Bluecoat School, which has brought the Vincents in touch with Peter Cuss (1942-50) who is teaching there. Vincent's two contemporaries, K.J. Miles and D.A. Nelms, are both retiring at Easter.

The news has possibly broken generally among O.E's that D.L. Haxby (1939-46) has the important appointment of Principal of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons. Dr. Colin Kolbert and the few other O.E's at Cambridge had an O.E. "do" in honour of the appointment. Congratulations must also go to another important appointment, for Dr. Kolbert is to sit as a Recorder in the Crown Court. He also sits "Civil" at Ipswich County Court, "so never a dull moment", he says.

Lt. Cdr. R.B.E. Bell, R.N. is being moved from Culdrose in Cornwall, after 8 years. The reason was the disbanding of his Trials Team as an economy measure, but he is being moved to Portsmouth, unbelievably, to build up another Trials Team!

J.L. Lockwood (1929-38) has had some years of very painful trouble with one hip, but has now had a replacement operation which seems to be quite successful.

Dr. P.J. Rhodes (1951-9) is now Professor of Ancient History at Durham and says goodbye in the Summer to his colleague, the Professor of Latin, G.B. Townend (Master 1943-6), who is retiring. Rhodes' principal publication is costly, but he is bringing out a Penguin Classic in June, which I deduce is a sort of abridgement of it, to be titled Aristotle's Athenian Constitution.

Dr. J.S. Dodge (1939-47) is now settled in Warwick and holds the new post of District Medical Officer, Rugby Health Authority; and he continues with this same work for Warwick University and the Curatorship of Computer Child Health programmes. He hopes there will be no more reorganisations of the Health Service. "Just to be left alone for a bit would be nice — there is more than enough excitement without the addition of bright ideas from our masters".

N.G.S.Watling (1950-6) is now settled in Chester. He is the Purchasing Director for Europe of the American firm of McCormick, which specialises in Spices, Herbs, etc., a post involving much travelling.

Finally, news from two retired masters. Mr. Alford finds retirement "a lively and enjoyable experience" and Mr. Richard Shewell is maintaining a vast interest in music — playing, teaching, making instruments — and working on a two-manual harpsichord!

Yours

E.H.J.

FROM T.B.E.

Dear O.E.s,

Since the last issue of The O.E. Newsletter, my own time has galloped alarmingly towards the final count down to December 31st, and there have been some memorable moments on the way.

The main event, surely, of September was the appointment of the new Headmaster, Mr. Eamonn Harris. An Irishman from Dublin (fitting partner to our Caretaker from Kilkenny), he has had a distinguished education, first in Ireland and later at the University of Lancaster for his M.A. After teaching for a number of years in Croydon he went to be First Deputy at the Samuel Whitbread Upper School in Shefford, Bedfordshire, four years ago. He has been mainly involved in the area of social studies of which he was Head of Department in Croydon, and in Religious Education. He was a rugby player for a long time, playing for his University and owing a number of injuries and a tooth to the game. Aged 40, married to a teacher, with one daughter of ten (and two dogs), he plans to continue to live in Hitchin.

Mr. Harris had already made a number of visits to the School before taking up his appointment, getting to know a large number of his future colleagues, and several senior boys. I see him as a formidably able and impressive man with the energy, vision and stature to take the School confidently and successfully into the twenty-first century. I wish him luck and a long and a rewarding run, and I am happy to have handed over our School to him.

To turn to a few other items of news, may I first gladly make a correction to a point in my last letter: O.E.s gained not three, but five Firsts at University this year: I omitted John Batchelor's success in Engineering at London (though he was mentioned by Martin Gould), and have since learned of David Ashworth's in Mechanical Engineering at Nottingham. Congratulations to all. I wonder how often this has happened in the School's history?

A very successful innovation last term was our first O.E. Arts Festival, organised by Mike Faulding, in which many boys of all ages took part, displaying their very varied talents in painting and the visual arts, drama, mime and music.

Already remarkably well equipped in the field of Computer Studies, we have been presented with further valuable and expensive items to help us continue to develop this important area of the curriculum. You will be pleased, too, to know that Mr. Harris is well qualified to carry on this trend, for he is the first computer-literate Head in the School's history.

In the last issue Martin Gould reported the sad destruction by fire of the "pavilion"/groundsmen's hut. It now seems fairly certain that it will be rebuilt, but no date has yet been given.

The stability of the teaching staff looks like being maintained in an encouraging way, and turnover remains low. At Christmas we did, however, lose Carol Howley who has been with us since our Quatercentenary Year. She has left to devote more of her time to her infant daughter. There are, though, some other changes of staff ahead: Eric Shearly's retirement in July must mark a major break in continuity, and he will be accompanied by at least one other retiring colleague in the person of John Bloice-Smith, our Head of R.E.

If I may turn to a more personal note, I must place on record my most grateful appreciation to everyone who worked so hard to make my retirement a quite unforgettable experience for me. The Association Dinner on November 18th was the first of many occasions, all of them marked by a warmth and level of kindness of a memorable nature. John Keeley's entertaining (impromptu?) speech was as generous as it was enjoyable, and it was good to see many O.E's present. Thank you all for your company and good wishes. The School Senior Rugby Fifteens' Dinner after the Master's match was, for me, a unique experience (— but has anyone got Zoe's telephone number?), and it was followed on December 17th by a quite extraordinarily generous and lavish occasion in the Refectory, with a splendid dinner, some 250 people present, representing a fascinating cross-section of people connected with the School over my time since 1961. Ken Carter gave the main speech, and marked a friendship of thirty-six years' standing in the nicest way. It was good to see among the guests a number of School Captains, including Chris Martin (1955-62), Richard Newton (1956-64), Dr. Max Ball (1967-74), and Eric Burnett-Godfree (1971-78). O.E.s generally were excellently represented by some very old ones, with Alan Cook (1910-1916) probably the doyen, and many of later generations. I was presented with an exquisite Turkish carpet from boys, parents, Governors, Trustees and many other friends, and the compact version of the Oxford English Dictionary by members of the Common Room. An unforgettable evening indeed!

I look forward to seeing many O.E.s on future occasions:- February 10th will be the first, at Gipsy Corner, and Eric Shearly's Founders' Weekend on June 16th and 17th will be a most important one.

Thanks to all O.E.s who have made my twenty-two years so enjoyable. I am sure you will give my successor, Eamonn Harris, as much and even more support to help the School flourish in the future.

Au revoir!

TIM EDWARDS

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Members have been busy moving throughout the winter months and the following changes of address are announced:

W. O. COOK (1920-26) to 20 Heagebooms, Welwyn Garden City, Herts. AL7 2DP (Welwyn Garden 32188)

L.G.B. WORMALD, B.A. (1959-66) to Gothic House, 119a Hadham Road, Bishops Stortford, Herts. CM23 2QG (0279-55055)

K. HENDERSON, F.B.O.A., F.S.M.C., (1953-60) to 18 Webbs Close, Ashley Heath, Ringwood, Hants.

P.F. BEECHEY (1946-51) to 9 Seymour Close, Wells, Somerset BA5 2DJ.

Dr. M.J. BALL (1966-74) to 37 Mountbatten Drive, Newport, Isle of Wight.

R.S. TREBY, A.I.B., (1961-67) to "Walney", St. Brelades Park, Route de Noirmont, Jersey, Channel Islands.

E.J. BURNETT-GODFREE (1972-79) to 2 Kimberley Road, Bull Meadow, Exeter, Devon EX2 4JG.

I.N. DEAN, B.A., (1964-71) to 14 Hadley Grove, Barnet, Herts.

C.D.N. DICKMAN, B.A., (1954-62) to College Barn, The Green, Duxford, Cambridge.

A.S. HERSOM (1960-68) to 37 Desmond Avenue, Hull HU6 7JY.

J.R. PATERNOSTER, B.D.S., L.D.S., R.C.S. (1955-63) to 29 Long Meadow, Bishops Stortford, Herts.

D.J. MORGAN (1971-76) to 39 Lexton Gardens, Baldock, Herts.

N.J. LEWIS (1968-75) to 14a Palace Gates Road, Wood Green, London N22 4BN.

W.J. GARLAND (1959-66) to 95 Bygrove, Field Way, New Addington, Croydon, Surrey CRO 9DN.

G.D. SCOTT, B.Sc.(Eng), (1949-57) to Rose Cottage, High Street, Hemingford-Grey, Cambridge P18 9BN.

N.J. OLLEY (1964-71) to 89 Church Road, Leckhampton, Cheltenham, Gloucs.

M.B. TRIPP (1933-41) to 73 Pine Grove, Brookmans Park, Hatfield, Herts. AL9 7BL.

J.R. DARLING, M.A. (1940-49) to Plevna House, Yarmouth, Isle of Wight PO41 0QE.

E.B. STITT, B.A., B.Lett., F.R.Hist.S., (1934-42) to 2 Ashtree Close, Little Haywood, Stafford ST18 0NL.

Judge N.G. SCRIVEN (1937-44) to A1602, Tregunter Towers, Hong Kong.

Dr. A.O. GAULD, M.A., Ph.D., (1943-50) to 5 Abbot Close, Keyworth, Notts. NG12 5JG.

R.B. WHITE (1954-60) to 39 Holmdale Road, London NW6 1BJ.

W.E. NEWNHAM (1929-36) to C/o 33 Lower Green Road, Pembury, Kent.

B.G. VERRALL (1959-66) to 3 Moffatts Lane, Brookmans Park, Hatfield, Herts. (Potters Bar 56613).

D.J. SULMAN (1969-76) to 18 Maurice Avenue, Balquhiddelock Wood, Stirling FK7 7UB. (Bannockburn (0786) 816419). It is not coincidence that this is the last change of address in a long list but, recalling the victory of the 1314 battle, us Scots must stick together!

In the last newsletter, a typing error referred to "Ron" White having left the Navy – this should, of course, have read Rory and he quickly buttonholed me during a brief visit to Barnet to correct this mistake. He even brought his father, BERNARD WHITE (1923-28), up from Cornwall to make sure I got the message!

Unfortunately, one or two amendments have to be made to Year Book entries:—

E.W. TARBOX (1934-43) lives at 8 Dalmeny Road, New Barnet, Herts. EN5 1DE and

B. ISON (1925-33) lives at Flat 1, 38 Ventnor Villas, Hove, East Sussex BN3 3DA.

Two amended telephone numbers, now read:

J.P. KEELEY (1956-64) — Radlett 3164 and

B.E. FOX (1939-48) — Nottingham 663448

R.D. MIDDLETON (1943-50) also has a new telephone number (Harrogate 872756) although at the same address. He has amended qualifications — M.A., C.Chem.F.R.S.C.

I regret to have to report the death of two members:

On 14th September, Captain H.A. WRIGHT (1903-06) and

On 25th November, Major General S. MOORE-COULSON, C.B., E.R.D., who was a master at QE from 1932-39.

New members to the Association are:

P.J. MARTIN (1976-83), "Salix", Leecroft Road, Barnet, Herts. EN5 2TH (01-440 9504)

M.W. THOMAS (1978-83), 33 Masefield Crescent, Balderton, Newark, Notts.

S.M. SHAH (1980-83), 85 Morton Way, Southgate, London N14 (01-882 5869).

D. CHOPRA (1979-83), 38 Margaret Road, New Barnet, Herts. EN4 9NT (01-449 3231).

Unfortunately, not many members advise me of their changes in circumstances and this can only result in delays in communication or, worse, losing touch altogether with a member. Please advise me when you move — a change of address card is the best record — so that you can keep in touch with other O.E's. Most of the previous changes were received through the Hon. Treasurer with the increased subscriptions/banker's mandate forms but Alan Morris is too busy to act as Assistant Membership Secretary as well as counting the £5 subscriptions, which were due from 1st January 1984, so please write to me direct.

Your subscriptions should be sent to me or Alan without delay.

An interesting letter, full of nostalgia from J.D. OATES (1922-32), to close my report. He recalls Curly Mayes in his younger days, Bill Lattimer at the 350th Anniversary and the tableaux presented illustrating various items from the history of the school, the whipping post being used by an international rugby player, giving a lecture organised by E.H.J., to rebound the ball to show accuracy in throwing, the pavilion being used for changing, bathing and tea — without electricity — as "Titus" says, "shades of Sandy and his horse".

Best wishes to OE's for a very happy 1984 — please keep in touch. I would rather read news from members than any further reference to that damn book by G. Orwell!

PETER YATES, (*Hon. Membership Secretary*)

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ERIC'S IDEA

Extracts of correspondence (Via C.A.W.)

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Ludham, Norfolk,
NR29 5QG.

St. Benets 667

Dear Mr. Winchester,

Eric's Idea

I was delighted to read in the recent newsletter about an old fashioned Founders' Day.

I started my sentence at the old school in Wood Street in Sept. 1922 and my first Founders' Day was the 350th Anniversary in 1923. One's memories of those years are still vivid; Curly ringing his bell, Bill Lattimer sailing across the playground like a ship in full sail, the whipping post (obsolete in my time!) and who could forget Sgt. Maj. Kefsham's "knees beeeend".

The deluge of ripe mulberries at the beginning of the Autumn term, and I wonder who else now knows where Steve's black ruler finished up?

I hope that nearer the time some method of reserving two seats in the Parish Church will be announced and, in the meantime, I look forward to 1984 Founders' Day Mark I.

My kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

J.A. GIBBS (1922/27)

Tel: 01-906 2429

70A Abbots Road,
Edgware, Middlesex,
HA8 0SE

10th October 1983

Dear Cyril,

I have been reading with much interest "The Old Elizabethan" Magazine and found here and there news of those with whom I was or still am acquainted. However, by far the most inspired article written by yourself was "Eric's Idea" with regard to celebrate his retirement. For me this will surely bring back nostalgic memories as I am sure it will for many other Members particularly of the Old School Era and, like myself, those who were of the Ancient & Modern Era, having seen something of Wood Street Education and also of the transitional period to Queens Road. I have already made a note on next year's calendar and shall await with interest further details. Eric has certainly come up with some outstanding things physically, mentally and even with that growl peculiar only to him!

Yours sincerely,

RON HAINES

From The Warden, LATIMER HOUSE, 131 Banbury Road, Oxford, OX2 7AJ Phone: Oxford (0865) 57340

Dear Cyril,

13th October 1983

I was interested to see Eric Shearly's "idea" in the O.E. Newsletter, and think it a very good one. I can remember all his nine items except one. When I started at the school in 1938 he was head boy and was already showing his athletic prowess.

I suppose that, as I am a Church of England clergyman myself, you would expect me to approve of a Founders' Day service, but I like the idea for other reasons as well, and will endeavour to be present.

With all good wishes,

Yours sincerely,

ROGER BECKWITH

Ware 2001

Marshalls, High Cross, Ware, Herts. SG11 1AJ

10/10/83

Dear Cyril,

Super idea 'Founders' Day' will volunteer for the cricket match. Looking forward to meeting many old friends.

Yours, DAVID WEBSTER

OLD ELIZABETHAN'S ASSOCIATION (BARNET)

200 CLUB

Promoter: J.H. Buswell,
8 Queens Road,
Barnet,
Herts. EN5 4DG

Dear Old Elizabethan/Friend,

Once again we are seeking your support for the next cycle of the 200 Club and enclosed is a form for your care and attention.

A few of you who signed Bankers Orders last year on a 'continuous' basis will be automatically included in the 1984 draws without further form filling out. The Association is looking for further massive support from

- A. Past investors who have not signed such Bankers Orders and who will be required to sign in again,
- B. Those of you who have not yet supported the Club with a special emphasis on those who enjoy the facilities of the improved club house, which has been partly financed from 200 Club profits.

Please do not file this or consign to the w.p.b., but give it your immediate positive attention.

| <u>DRAW NIGHTS 1984</u> | | <u>1st Prize</u> | <u>2nd Prize</u> | <u>3rd Prize</u> |
|-------------------------|---------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| January 29th | Gluhwein Morgen | 30 | 15 | 10 |
| March 1st | Annual Dinner Dance | 100 | 25 | 10 |
| 31st | | 30 | 15 | 10 |
| April 28th | | 30 | 15 | 10 |
| May 26th | | 50 | 25 | 10 |
| June 17th | Founders' Day Sunday | 250 | 25 | 10 |
| July 28th | | 30 | 15 | 10 |
| September 29th | | 50 | 25 | 10 |
| October 27th | | 30 | 15 | 10 |
| November 16th | Association Annual Dinner | 250 | 25 | 10 |

A CONSOLATION PRIZE OF A BOTTLE OF SCOTCH WILL BE GIVEN AT EACH DRAW

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O.E. 200 CLUB

PRIZES 1983

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| £250 | F. E. Wallwork, 119 | J. Keeley, 118 | |
| £100 | W. F. Edmonds, 18 | | |
| £ 50 | Dave Wilson, 53 | 'Stan', 57 | |
| £ 30 | B. Maceacharn, 97 Jimmy Winchester, 76 | Golf Club, 132 Kay Walton, 96 | A. T. Cheek, 9 |
| £ 25 | E. Frisby, 50 T.J. Custance, 154 | Ian McPhail, 26 Ben Falkiner, 188 | Peter Haxby, 150 |
| £ 15 | B.L. McKean, 39 D.J. Townley, 199 | J.C. Fitkin, 93 N. Ward, 108 | Golf Club, 132 |
| £ 10 | M.W. Gatting, 2 Lynne Winchester, 78 R. D. Jones, 70 | G.R. Fox, 104 B. Jones, 13 Paula James, 16 | Golf Club (2), 100 & 128 'Stan', 57 A.W. Anderson, 92 |
| Scotch | M.J. Mabbott, 38 A. Milne, 102 T.G. Childs, 178 | J.D. Oates, 114 Barry Young, 109 R. Elderfield, 98 | D.S. Ridler, 112 Golf Club (2), 137 & 136 D.J. Robinson, 113 |

(Can anyone remember Geoff Fox being mentioned in the same breath as Mike Gatting before? - Ed.)

200 CLUB 1984

May I thank all those who subscribed to the 200 Club last year (1983) and congratulate the winners and hope that you will all take part again in 1984. If you have signed a banker's order, you are automatically included. If you pay by cheque would you send it straight to Jimmy Buswell, 8 Queens Road, Barnet, Herts. EN5 4DG.

To help make even more profit out of this venture, would you please send in your sub immediately to save having to write letters (an extremely costly business with the numbers concerned).

Thank you again. May I wish you a happy and successful 1984.

C. A. WINCHESTER

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FRIENDS OF QE

During the summer the FQE held their annual fete and raised well over £1000 towards the funds for the School, etc., Tony Church and in particular Pat Nethercott doing stalwart work. Unfortunately a considerable part of our standing fete materials, stalls, etc. were destroyed in the fire to the groundsman's premises. A successful Barn Dance organised by Ted Allen was held on 12 November and was a sell out as usual.

A covenant scheme is being organised for the school and it is hoped to launch this early in 1984.

A new committee came into being with the new school year and the position of Chairman was taken over by Lawrence Hopkins. Ian Sutherland, who was the previous Chairman, became Parent Governor at the Last Governors' meeting and thus completes a link between the Governors, School-Friends and the OEs.

It is hoped to foster communications with the OEs, to hold joint Darts evenings, and possibly a cricket match in the Summer. OEs would be very welcome at the 200 Club evenings which take place at Gipsy starting about 8.30. They are on 10 February and 9 March. Anyone wishing to contact either Lawry or Ian can do so on 449-4017 or 959 5354.

IAN SUTHERLAND

GEN. MOORE-COULSON

Major-General S. Moore-Coulson, Master 1932-9, died on November 25th, aged 75.

Educated at the Wyggeston School, Leicester, after a little experience in a Notts. Grammar School, he came to us to teach both Art and Crafts. Always smart in appearance, he not only did good work in the Classroom, but was a valuable all rounder. He was a good Rugby Footballer, (scrum half, if my memory is correct) who played for Barnet when not coaching or "reffing" at School, and a good all round cricketer, who once did the hat-trick in the Masters' Match. He painted some admirable back-cloths for the School Play and above all, he was an experienced chorister with a bass voice of real quality, whose solos were a feature of the School Concerts. In short, he was a notable one of the team of masters who did so much for the School in the nineteen-thirties.

Being on the Special Reserve of Officers, he was called up at once when the war broke out, was commissioned in the Leicester Regiment, and saw much hard fighting in the Western Desert campaigns, at the capture of Tobruk, and in the Levant. At the end of the war he transferred to a regular commission in the Education Corps, in which he rose rapidly and had a distinguished career, becoming Director of Army Education, and (in Colonel Lockwood's words to me) making "an unusually good job of it". He was made Commander of the Bath, and held various other appointments of importance after retiring from the Service.

E.H.J.

CALENDAR FOR 1984

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Event</u> | <u>Contact</u> |
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| 29 January | Gluhwein Morning - Gipsy Corner (from 12) | Cyril Winchester |
| 10 February | Retirement Party for T.B.E. - Gipsy Corner | Martin Gould |
| 1 March | Association's Dinner Dance, Hatfield House | Ron Orton |
| 5 April | Golf Society - Dunstable Downs G.C. | Mike Swinn |
| 6 April | Rugby Club Dinner - Red Lion, Hatfield | Alan Britton |
| 12 April | Association A.G.M. - Gipsy Corner | John Hume |
| 16/17 June | Eric's Elizabethan Weekend | Cyril Winchester/Martin Gould |
| 5 July | Golf Society - Arkley G.C. | Mike Swinn |
| 20/24 August | Cricket Tour | John Wells |
| 28 September | Golf Society - South Herts G.C. | Mike Swinn |
| 16 November | Association's Annual Dinner | Cyril Winchester |

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| 12 March | Association's Committee Meeting | John Hume |
| 23 March | Race Night - School | Tony Johnson |