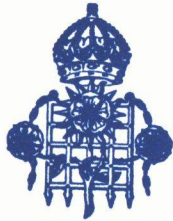


June, 1994



The Old Elizabethans (Barnet)

NEWS LETTER

FROM THE PRESIDENT:

June, 1994

Dear Old Elizabethans,

This is my first letter to you, the membership, as President. To follow Eric has never been easy (whether batting or bowling) but to follow on after his very successful stewardship of the past three years may well be difficult to match. However with your continued support and encouragement over the coming three years I will be able to continue to improve the fortune of the Association and its members.

Though we may have lost a number of O.E. stalwarts over the past year, all is not "gloom and doom". New initiatives are already in hand with special reference to school leavers under the watchful eye of membership secretary Maurice Slough, while Martyn Bradish is researching ways of improving our cash balance and cash flow. The new Management Committee is planning improvements to the pavilion and ground – these are not long term plans but near future requirements for implementation as soon as is possible.

To expand and improve our Association we obviously need more members, and while the Headmaster and School captain encourage leavers to become the newest Old Elizabethans we must do more ourselves. We often see offers of two for one these days, and I am suggesting that all our members know some contemporary or friend whom they knew at school, or indeed on the playing field, or in the school's many clubs and societies, and whom they could bring back into the company of other O.E.s and the Association.

Please, it needs only a little effort on your part to encourage one extra member to join and enjoy the facilities and functions run by the Association throughout the year. We need at least another 150 members to run the Newsletter and events over the year. My aim is to increase the membership, now 550, to 700 by 1997, but I can only reach that goal with help from you.

The Association Committee is working harder than ever on your behalf; don't let down those who have laboured long and hard in the past, serving the Association, Jack Parsley, Bernard White, Ron Orton and Cecil Britton to mention only a few. Let them be remembered by a flourishing increasing membership in the near future.

Remember, two for one is my aim over the next three years and with a little effort on all our parts we can do it.

With kind regards to you all.

Yours sincerely,

C. A. Winchester.

OBITUARIES

RONALD E. ORTON

Ron Orton died on May 25th, 1994. He was at the School from 1919 to 1927.

An active Association member for the whole of his adult life, Ron had been a Vice President for many years, and during the 1980's he was, with his customary modesty, thrilled and delighted to become our President. The extent of his contribution to O.E. affairs was enormous. He played an important part in the establishment of Gipsy Corner and served as Secretary of the Playing Field Company from 1952 until deterioration in his eyesight forced him to give up in 1992; from 1976 he was also Clerk to the Trustees of the Q.E. Endowment Fund, only retiring then in his 81st year because increasing difficulties with his sight and hearing made it impossible for him to carry on. For many years, as a Committee member, he also played a leading part in promoting O.E. Association events. Dinners, Dances, Founder's Day Breakfasts and Suppers, the 400th Anniversary celebrations in 1973, all benefited both from his careful, efficient organisation and from the infectious enthusiasm which was characteristic of him. Typically he chose to celebrate his own 80th birthday at a Q.E. function with a group of O.E. friends at the first Summer Ball in the School in 1991.

He liked company, had an ever-ready sense of humour and loved good jokes, even sometimes practical ones. Some O.E.s will remember the 1960's car rally with which he was involved, when he told us to bring a toilet roll, and one clue asked us to 'count the number of perforations between 191 and 192.' When someone finally discovered that these numbers represented the trolley bus standards immediately on either side of the entrance to Barnet Police Station, car after car dropped a pair of embarrassed participants to unroll their paper hastily along the kerb, scoop it up in armfuls and roar off, counting furiously.

During the war, Ron was commissioned in the R.A.F., attaining the acting rank of Wing Commander. For two years he was in charge of troop movements for all three services in Gibraltar, and in 1987 he made a nostalgic return visit there to be welcomed as an honoured guest by the NATO Commandant. Before and after war service he had a long and successful business career, much of it in the film industry, eventually becoming Company Secretary. However, simultaneously with his 'day job', at different times he managed to run his own florist's business, and later, after his father's death, his family's building firm, G. Orton and Sons of New Barnet. For the former he would sometimes travel to market to buy for the shop in the early morning before going to 'the office'. For the latter he would visit potential clients in the evening, after 'office hours', to prepare estimates. Later, during the 1970's and 80's, he became Clerk to both the Elstree and St. Stephen's Parish Councils, and when he finally retired in 1992, St. Stephen's, near St. Albans, honoured his outstanding service by naming part of its fine new parish buildings 'The Orton Hall'.

With all his many interests and responsibilities Ron was a very busy man, yet he always managed to convey the impression that everything was calmly and quietly under control. Certainly he was never too busy to attend to matters connected with the O.E. Association and the School, to both of which he was deeply attached.

Sadly, his beloved wife, Beryl, died in 1958 at a very early age.

He was a loyal friend, quick to support and encourage, slow to criticise or complain, a good man who leaves us much the richer for having known him.

We offer our sympathy to his daughter, Alison, and her husband, Aurelian.

The funeral at Holy Trinity Church, New Barnet, was attended by very many of Ron's O.E. friends and by the Headmaster. The Anthem, 'Let Us Praise Famous Men' was sung and the hymns were led by a Choir from the School.

The Address was given by John Robertson, O.E. (1941-46).

L.O.W. HERBERT (1920-5)

Leslie Herbert, known to generations of O.E.s as 'LOW' died in the Isle of Wight on the 8th March 1994. He was a member of Underne House, a notable athlete and a prefect.

On leaving School he pursued a career in banking and he maintained a keen interest in School and O.E. affairs. He was a keen sportsman, playing rugby and tennis. He became a Founder Member of the O.E.R.F.C., taking on the offices of Honorary Treasurer and, in 1937, Captain of the 'A' XV, positions he held until the outbreak of war in 1939.

LOW was commissioned in the Royal Artillery attaining the rank of Captain. Post-war he continued his interest in O.E. affairs, becoming a Vice-President of both the Association and the O.E.R.F.C.

He served as Clerk to the Q.E. Endowment Trustees from 1961 until 1973. When he retired from the bank he moved to the Isle of Wight, but was still active in becoming a Founder Member of the O.E. Masonic Lodge, which he served as Secretary and later Master.

In 1989 he initiated an appeal for a Memorial Plaque for his old Headmaster, Mr. William Lattimer (1906-29) to mark the 60th anniversary of his retirement. The plaque was unveiled on Founders Day by Mr. Peter Lattimer, Bill's grandson, in the Crush Hall, but, unfortunately, LOW was unable to be present as he was in hospital in the Isle of Wight. A great disappointment to him as the proposer of the project. His appeal was so successful that there was sufficient money to clean the portrait of Bill Lattimer, which hangs in the School Refectory.

Mrs. Herbert died in September last year and we send to his sons and families our condolences in their sad loss.

CECIL H. BRITTON

Cec Britton died on 6th April 1994, after a prolonged fight against a rare blood disorder which did not fully respond to medication.

He was at School from 1934-40, and, prior to joining the R.A.F., he worked for a time at Barclays Bank D.C. & O. His war service was in various parts of U.K., though he spent some time in South Africa. When demobbed he joined Cable & Wireless, by whom he was employed until his retirement in 1982, ending his career as Deputy Company Secretary.

He married Mary Pugh in 1951 and had two children, Alan (Q.E. 1967-74) and Sally.

Cec was secretary of the newly formed O.E. Social Club from 1956-64 and in the early days at Gipsy Corner did his share to help keep the 'new' Pavilion going. This included many stints of bar duty. For many years he and Mary frequented the Club on Saturday evenings after watching rugby or cricket. When the Bernard White/Bill Smith card school was in session, he was often roped in to make up numbers.

He was a Vice-President of the Rugby Club and a faithful follower of O.E. rugby.

When he retired he became interested in golf, which he played twice a week at the Arkley Club. His practice range was Gipsy Corner and some of his sliced shots ended up in the 'gang' mowers! His other hobby was painting and, thanks to Barnet College he became quite proficient at putting brush to canvas.

A man who had a dry sense of humour and who appreciated the company of his friends and acquaintances, he is sadly missed by all who knew him.

Our sincere sympathy is extended to Mary, Alan and Sally, and to his brothers John (1936-45) and David.

B.M.T. MORFORD, FRICS

Brian Morford, an Association member of many years' standing, died at the age of 79 on May 13th 1994.

He was at the School from 1923 to 1931, and he was followed there by his younger brother W.G.T. Morford, to whom we extend our condolences.

Although he lived in Tonbridge, Kent, he became a regular supporter of the 40 Society, travelling to the luncheons at Gipsy Corner. We shall miss his company.

LIEUTENANT COLONEL J.C. SWANN, RA (1953-61)

Jonathan Swann, one of three brothers, who attended the School, and a former School Captain, was tragically killed recently while serving in the Gulf. The following Eulogy was delivered at his funeral by Brigadier W.E. Strong, Commander of his home base on Benbecula.

"Jonathan Charles Swann was born 51 years ago and was commissioned into the Royal Artillery in 1965.

Brigadier Ian Lambie, one of his earliest commanders described Jonathan as one of the best forward observation officers in the Divisional Artillery. Jonathan obtained excellent results without flamboyance or arrogance. He was modest, cool, unflustered and thoroughly professional. These adjectives describe Jonathan perfectly. Throughout both his army career and his personal life Jonathan shone through as a kindly and generous man.

He had a genuine concern for the welfare of his soldiers and their families. He always displayed an immense amount of patience with even the most exasperating of people.

As a key staff officer in Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe he was noted as both a wise counsellor and, I quote, "the consummate international officer". We Englishmen are not renowned for our linguistic skills but Jonathan's ability to speak both German and French was of tremendous assistance not only in Belgium but also during his many tours of duty with the British Army of the Rhine.

During one of these tours of duty in Germany, General Quayle, his then commander, ascribed to Jonathan, "a total reliability, loyalty, discretion and readiness to take on any task that comes up". Indeed the General went on to say "I am tempted to use the word indispensable". What an accolade and so thoroughly well deserved.

In 1968-69, Jonathan served as the officer commanding the Islands of St Kilda off the North West of Scotland far into the Atlantic. Described by Hammond Innes, the well known author, as the "Island on the edge of the World". Jonathan so loved his time there that he jumped at the chance of coming back to the Hebrides last year. His appointment, responsibility for personnel and logistic matters and, not least, liaison with the Western Isles community was one at which he excelled.

I have known Jonathan for 15 years but this recent tour together has been of tremendous personal satisfaction. Whenever I was tempted into some precipitate action I would always discuss matters with Jonathan and he would invariably light his pipe, from which he was never very far, and give me such well balanced advice that he saved me from myself on many an occasion.

The bedrock of his adult life has been his marriage to Helen. Indeed Helen and Jonathan exemplify all the finest qualities of love, integrity and standards and they can be proud that these virtues are carried on in their children Katie and Jamie. Jamie is to be congratulated on taking and passing his driving test the morning after he had been told his father had been killed. I know the driving examiner was not informed of the tragedy beforehand. How proud Jonathan would have been of such an example of never taking advantage and playing it straight – his own virtues carrying on to the next generation.

Jonathan was an accomplished sailor and was nearly lost at sea some years ago in a typhoon off Hong Kong. I suppose it was the fact that much of his service, having been in Europe with the exception of Hong Kong that decided him to go on United Nations duty protecting the Kurds in Northern Iraq. When I went to the Gulf it was my last chance to be young – Jonathan saw this opportunity in the same way. If I can quote from his last letter to me, received some four days after his tragic death, "despite the unbearable wrench of leaving family behind, my tour here has been a fascinating one and rewarding. Certainly a memorable experience not to be missed".

He died so tragically yet he was part of a noble enterprise and I have received so many letters of condolence from friends and colleagues of all ranks I hope these letters will be of some small comfort to Helen and her family in the difficult times ahead.

I would like to conclude with the words of Canon Henry Scott Holland and I speak them for my friend and address them to Helen from Jonathan.

Death is nothing at all...I have only slipped away into the next room. I am I and you are you. Whatever we were to each other that we are still. Call me by my old familiar name, speak to me in the easy way which you always used. Put no difference in your tone; wear no forced air of solemnity of sorrow. Laugh as we always laughed at the little jokes we enjoyed together. Play, smile, think of me, pray for me. Let my name be ever the household word that it always was. Let it be spoken without effort, without the ghost of a shadow on it. Life means all that it ever meant. It is the same as it ever was; there is absolutely unbroken continuity. Why should I be out of mind because I am out of sight? I am waiting for you for an interval, somewhere very near, just around the corner. All is well."

THE OLD ELIZABETHANS (BARNET) ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, April 13th, 1994

SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1993-94

This meeting marks the end of Eric Shearly's three years of extremely hard working Presidency. We thank him for his tremendous efforts in the counting house in the pavilion, on the field with the tractor and in humble but time consuming tasks such as putting out the boundary flags. We thank him for his Chairmanship and general factotumship of the Playing Field Company, his presence on numerous committees where his voice is undoubtedly heard, his presence at all the social events and not least for being available at five o'clock in the morning when the alarm bell goes because somebody gets locked in the pavilion and goes into the bar. This calls for three cheers – and a few beers.

We think of one great highlight of Eric's Presidency and that was the Centenary Dinner at the House of Commons – a great occasion enjoyed by all.

Highlights of this last year include the Commemorative Luncheon and rugby match to celebrate the Fortieth Anniversary of the opening of the Memorial Playing Field and Pavilion at Gipsy Corner. This was arranged by Dennis Newell in his capacity as President of the O.E.R.F.C. and he was well supported by the Rugby Club, especially Nigel Ward and his family who cooked and served. The Dining Room was filled to capacity and overflowed into a marquee. It was a grand occasion which attracted twelve or thirteen of the team who played forty years ago plus the touch judge and an O.E. who played for the opposition.

Another less well publicised highlight was the Class of '34 Reunion when about 26 members, all about 70 years old, were royally entertained by the Headmaster to a splendid lunch and a guided tour round a much changed school. Many thanks to the Headmaster and Paul Olsen who arranged it.

Our regular social life included Founders Day with Church, Chronicle, Roll Call and refreshments with the Headmaster followed by the afternoon fete run by the Friends. O.E.s ran a "roll-a-penny" game at their tent. This was patronised mostly by young school boys but a few O.E.s dropped in. The following Sunday the Cricket Club organised a six-team tournament at Gipsy Corner accompanied by picnics, teas and a 200 Club draw. Later, in July, a select number of O.E.s attended the Friends' Summer Ball in the School Hall.

The Annual Dinner was held on October 15th at The School with Kenneth R Cooper, C.B., our Guest of Honour. He declined a microphone and proceeded to rock the rafters with a booming voice and amusing stories – a very nostalgic evening with special thanks to Ian Wicken who organised so well as usual.

Thanks to John Fuller the Forty Society held two very successful lunches at Gipsy Corner. The meeting on 4th November 1993 was attended by 43 members indicating that this is one of the most flourishing O.E. groups.

Your General Committee has met four times this year. Martyn Bradish and Maurice Slough have been very much concerned with membership and subscription matters. They have made progress and the direct debit system decided upon this time last year has been successfully instituted by Bradish.

The Committee has had many long discussions about the proposed new Management Committee for Gipsy Corner. Most of the necessary names have come forward and Charles Davies, Secretary of the PFC, has now sent out a call for the inaugural meeting. It is hoped that this Committee will bring new, young blood to the Management and to help with the daily work load at Gipsy Corner allowing the older folk to relax a little. We all wish them success.

Another hotly debated issue recently has been the matter of the share holdings (share ownership?) in the PFC. It is believed that Bradish's proposals to simplify and depersonalize the share structure, or some modification of his proposals, will soon meet with approval of all concerned.

Nelms is to be congratulated on two very informative newsletters. It is now probable that the next issue will be printed by the School. Nelms and his reporters have brought us more or less up to date with club and section events.

The Cricket Club recorded more victories than losses and was pleased with three maiden centuries, all in league games. The first XI ended 10th in the league while the 2nd XI led its league throughout the season only to lose its final game by one wicket.

The Rugby Club has had a rather disappointing and tougher season than of late but has won four out of twelve league matches and will end approximately ninth in the London NW3 league. In fairness it must be said that some defeats were only by very narrow margins.

One sad thing is that the Past v Present match with the School, cancelled for the last two years because of weather is now confirmed as a thing of the past. It has to be recognised that grown men should not play rugby with sixteen and seventeen year old boys. The Rugby Football Union, the School and boys' parents are all concerned by the situation and one has to bow to the inevitable — a great pity because this important contact with the School and the possible future O.E. players is lost.

The Association Football Club is playing with enthusiasm and the first team was in third position in its Barnet Sunday League when last reported.

The Golf Society had a poorly attended AGM and Social Evening but a programme for 1994 includes a Past v Present match, an autumn meeting and a Guest Day.

The Chess Club is doing well with a full fixture list and now field a second team. Charles Davies reports that three school boys are now playing for the club with a sprinkling of recent school leavers.

Thanks to the fund raising efforts of Cyril Winchester, Eric Shearly and Dennis Newell the 200 Club has donated £2000 to the Ground and Pavilion Fund. Congratulations to them for their devotion and hard work.

Last but not least we must comment on the weather. We have had an extraordinarily stormy, wet season from September onwards which has led to wet pitches, cancelled rugby and soccer matches and thus to seriously reduced bar takings. In addition the gales have blown panels off the roof of the tractor shed.

THE OLD ELIZABETHANS (BARNET) ASSOCIATION

BALANCE SHEET

AT 31ST DECEMBER 1993

	Note	£	1993 £	£	1992 £
INVESTMENTS					
Old Elizabethans (Barnet) Playing Fields Limited 5 shares of £1 each fully paid			5		5
Building Society deposit			22,024		25,086
			<u>22,029</u>		<u>25,091</u>
CURRENT ASSETS					
Stocks of ties and badges		14		39	
Debtors and prepayments		—		30	
Cash at bank		312		283	
			<u>326</u>		<u>352</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES					
Subscriptions in advance		171		78	
			<u>171</u>		<u>78</u>
NET CURRENT LIABILITIES					
			155		274
			<u>£22,184</u>		<u>£25,365</u>
FINANCED BY:					
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT					
Balance brought forward			14,581		10,970
Surplus for the year			1,093		3,611
			<u>15,674</u>		<u>14,581</u>
GROUND AND PAVILION FUND	1		2,510		4,784
SPORTS COUNCIL LOAN 1992-95			4,000		6,000
			<u>£22,184</u>		<u>£25,365</u>

M H S Bradish
Hon. Treasurer

13th April 1994

THE OLD ELIZABETHANS (BARNET) ASSOCIATION
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 1993

	1993	1992
	£	£
INCOME		
Subscriptions – current year	2,017	1,778
Subscriptions – arrears	38	447
Donations	370	2,170
Profit from 200 Club	2,000	2,010
Profit on Annual Dinner	81	152
Sale of ties and badges	–	–
Profit on Centenary Dinner	–	229
Building Society interest	1,038	1,124
	5,544	7,910
 EXPENDITURE		
Newsletters	2,004	1,840
Printing, postage and copying	230	424
Social Club subscriptions	152	–
Loss on Summer Ball	–	–
Wreaths	25	25
Insurance – Past v Present Match	30	–
Donation	–	–
	2,451	2,289
 EXCESS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE	 3,093	 5,621
Less: Appropriation to Ground and Pavilion Fund	2,000	2,010
 ACCUMULATED INCOME FOR THE YEAR	 £1,093	 £3,611

THE OLD ELIZABETHANS (BARNET) ASSOCIATION
NOTE TO THE BALANCE SHEET
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 1993

	1993	1992
	£	£
1 GROUND AND PAVILION FUND		
Balance brought forward	4,784	3,474
Gipsy Corner Appeal:		
Direct receipts from members	26	—
Contributions from:		
OE Rugby Football Club	—	—
OE Cricket Club	200	250
OE Association Football Club	—	50
OE Social Club	—	—
	226	300
Payment towards lease purchase	5,010	3,774
Grant to OE Playing Fields Ltd	—	—
	4,500	1,000
Appropriation for the year	510	2,774
	2,000	2,010
	£2,510	£4,784

THE HON TREASURER'S MONEY-MAKING BRAINWAVE



DO YOU WANT INTERNATIONAL TICKETS AT TWICKENHAM?

WOULD YOU BE WILLING TO GO INTO A RAFFLE FOR 2 TICKETS?

YOUR CHANCE WOULD BE A MAXIMUM OF 1 IN 50.

COST PER RAFFLE IS £10.

PROFITS ON THE RAFFLE WOULD GO TO THE O.E.s FOR BUILDING AT GIPSY CORNER

INTERESTED? WANT TO KNOW MORE?

RING **MARTYN BRADISH** ON 0707 655697 FOR A FACTSHEET OR WRITE TO **31 DUGDALE HILL LANE, POTTERS BAR, HERTS EN6 2DP.**

THIS OFFER MUST CLOSE SHORTLY SO PLEASE RESPOND QUICKLY.

NOTICE TO ALL DIRECT DEBIT PAYERS OF SUBSCRIPTIONS

Subscriptions to the Old Elizabethans (Barnet) Association for 1995 will be £10 and your bank account will be debited after 1st January 1995.

FORTY SOCIETY NEWS

The Forty Society held its Spring Luncheon on Thursday, 28th April 1993 at Gipsy Corner.

Those present were: –

J.G. Duncan (1923-33), A.M. Smith (1927-32), F.E.G. Fuller (1928-34), L.R. Heard (1927-36), E.N.H. Shearly (1929-40), B.J. Fuller (1931-7), D.L. Hughes (1931-7), R.W. Gunton (1934-40), D.A. Nelms (1934-41), M.A. Wheelans (1934-42), C.G. King (1935-42), D.C. Newell (1935-43), E.W. Tarbox (1934-43), B.L. McKean (1937-43), F.E.A. Green (1938-43), J. Wood (1940-4), G.L. Mabbett (1937-45), J.M. Robertson (1941-6), C.A. Winchester (1940-7), C.N. MacEacharn (1937-47), M.W. Back (1941-50), E.C. Davies (1940-50), M.G. Slough (1943-50), K.R. Cooper (1942–50), A.F. Mann (1942-50), R.D. Middleton (1943-50), J.A. Hobson (1943-51), J.E. Winchester (1943-51), J.A. Chapman (1944-52), P.J. Roethenbaugh (1945-52), J.H. Price (1945-53), M.F. Deller (1942-52), R.J. Elderfield (1944-52), B. Jones (1947-53), and C.A. Gibbens (1947-53).

Cyril Winchester, the newly elected President of the O.E. Association, took the chair.

The function started on a sad note when the assembled company stood in memory of Jack Parsley, Ken Baker and Cecil Britton.

The President welcomed Mr. Allen Bordolay, the leader of the School's Expedition to Zanskar, as our guest and Alan Mann, Michael Deller and John Price who were making their first appearance at the luncheon. A convivial luncheon followed with the usual hum of animated conversation.

Mr. Bordolay, as befits a geography master, enlightened us, by the use of visual aids, of the whereabouts of Zanskar in the Himalayas and outlined the plans for the expedition and the training that the party had done in North Wales. It should be a wonderful experience for the boys.

In proposing a vote of thanks to Mr. Bordolay, John Fuller recalled that in 1931 he went on a School Expedition to Waltham Abbey; how times change! A raffle during the luncheon raised a further £85 for the Expedition Fund. The next luncheon will be held on Thursday, 29th September 1994 at Gipsy Corner.

Enquiries to B.J. Fuller, 109 Margaret Road, New Barnet; Tel: 081-449 0590.

NEWS AND CORRESPONDENCE

The Association Annual General Meeting in April was comparatively well attended as A.G.M.s go, and, even more pleasing, the average age of those present seemed to have decreased slightly since last year. Cyril Winchester succeeded to the Presidency, Eric Shearly's three year term having passed unbelievably quickly, and Alan Morris, formerly our long-serving Treasurer, was elected a Vice President. The reports of the Secretary and Treasurer, presented at the meeting, are included in this Newsletter. The Social Club report complained of the disastrous effects of bad weather in cancelled games and loss of bar profits.

The recent Honours List yielded yet another O.E. mention; Commander Richard Aylard R.N., Private Secretary and Treasurer to the Prince of Wales, was appointed C.V.O.

Tim Edwards wrote with news of Kaye Townsend (Assistant Master 1956-65) who recently retired as head of the International School in Lusaka, Zambia. On a rare visit to the U.K., Kaye spent a night at Tim's home in St. Albans "before going on a long round of visits to family and friends". His main retirement activity is running a flourishing fitness centre in Lusaka which he himself set up. Old friends will find his current address in the new members' list.

Keen readers of the broadsheet papers may have picked up the connection with O.E. of the recently appointed new Headmaster of Eton, Mr John Lewis. A New Zealander, he was on the staff at O.E. before going on to teach at Eton and subsequently to become head of Geelong Grammar School in Australia, a post which he leaves to take up his new appointment in September.

Sadly, much of the news reaching us in recent months has been of the passing of distinguished and loyal Elizabethans. In Ron Orton, Leslie (Low) Herbert and Cecil Britton we have lost members who gave exceptional service to the School and the Association for most of their lives. Lt Col Jonathan Swann, a former School Captain, was one of two British officers who died in a tragic accident when their helicopter was brought down by 'friendly fire' over Iraq. In reply to the President's letter on our behalf, Jonathan's brother Christopher wrote for Mrs Swann and their family, thanking O.E.s 'for your kind message of sympathy and support at a most dreadful time'. The Headmaster tells us that he hopes, with the help of David Farrer, Jonathan's lieutenant of prefects, to raise a small fund for a School memorial.

Alan Salisbury (1941-50) has informed me of the very recent death on June 16th of his good friend D.W. (Ken) Kennard. He writes, "Ken was at the School for a few years only in the late forties, and played rugby for the 2nd XV and for Underne at full back. He remembered how he used to take penalties as a 'round the corner' kicker (soccer style) which was very much frowned upon by the Headmaster at that time. Ken was at one time a Director of Tottenham Hotspur Football Club, – a probable first for an old boy of the School to be a Director of a major football club. Ken had three daughters and five grand-daughters, and he will be very much missed by his wife Pam, his family and his friends."

Even more recently we have heard of the death on June 24th of Howard George Rogers (1919-23) at the age of 86. A former Association member, he had lived for the latter part of his life in Bognor Regis.

On a more cheerful note, may I draw your attention to Martyn Bradish's proposal on another page, of a draw for rugby international tickets. If the idea catches on it could help Martyn, as Hon. Treasurer, to cook our books even more effectively than he does at present, and surely no current or former rucker player can resist the chance of two Twickers tickets for a tenner. He will be glad to hear from scores of you.

Finally, Dennis Newell, encouraged perhaps by the success of his rugby club Vice-Presidents' lunches, tells me that he is exploring the possibility of arranging what he somewhat mysteriously calls a V.E. Day Supper and Dance on May 8th, 1995. He asks that we note the date, and promises more details in the next Newsletter.

Please check your details in the new membership list, on which Maurice Slough, Membership Secretary, has laboured mightily, and let him know immediately of any errors or amendments. Any of the officers whose names and addresses appear therein will be delighted to hear from you with news of yourself or your O.E. friends. We look forward to hearing from you.

D.A. Nelms, 20 Greenway Close, Totteridge, London N20 8EN.

CONTEMPORARIES AND FRIENDS

Did you leave prior to 1945? Then you will remember some or all of the following.

- Alderman Fern and the **outdoor** swimming pool,
- Eric Shearly winning the Public Schools' Mile in record time,
- the green enamel-faced bricks in the classrooms,
- Spencer Vaughan Thomas reading war news excerpts from his brother, Wynford Vaughan Thomas's letters from Anzio,
- E.H.J. bowling left arm medium from the School end on Stapylton,
- firewatching, and Gunton's foot through the Library ceiling,
- the bombing of the Refectory.

Do any of these events remind you of friends who might enjoy your company again at any of the Association's functions? Bring them back!

Next, memory lane prior to 1950 – Do you know another O.E., who is not a member, – who can share these events with you? Get him in!

C.A.W.

FROM THE HEADMASTER

From time to time Eric Shearly visits my room to tell me of the deaths of Old Elizabethans. I add their names to my list for Founder's Day and in May I prepare the obituary list. Often the names mean little to me and either Eric or George Heard fill in the details. The list this year is the longest I have seen in ten years. Jonathan Swann was one of the first O.E.s to accept my invitation to mark his twenty-fifth year of leaving the school by returning to take part in the Old Boys' dinner. He nominated his Lieutenant, David Farrer, to make the speech. On that occasion he told me that it was the first time that all his brothers had been together at Q.E. since leaving school. It was a shock to hear his death announced on Radio 4 as I was driving home from school.

Not long before, I had attended Jack Parsley's funeral, another regular attender at O.E. dinners. Most recently, on 6th June, I attended Ron Orton's funeral. I knew him best. As Clerk to the Trustees he had been a regular visitor to the school and occasionally he took tea with me. He performed his duties precisely without being fussy and performed with a humility that concealed his immense knowledge and skill. Ron had a wicked sense of humour and was good company. If I closed my eyes Ron might have been a few years younger than myself. Ron was a gentleman unswerving in commitment to the school and will be remembered with the other great men of public spirit, Chetwynd-Stapylton and Harold Fern.

News has reached me of more recent O.E.s. I spoke to Mrs Mawhinney last week and learned that David has been in China teaching English, is now married and his American wife is expecting their first baby. He intends to go to the U.S. to complete his medical studies. Younger brother, Stephen, is also married and is an assistant producer with ITN. Martin Blane, Tim's last Captain and my inherited first, is teaching. His successor Nick Baker, is practising Architecture. Having started in a practice in Berlin, he won a competition to build a student hall of residence in Germany. Sam Oakley, the next school Captain, has written to tell me that he has opened his own graphic design studio in Edinburgh. His brother Dan is working hard in Liverpool and has become a serious cyclist. Ben is just about to finish his degree at Coventry.

I was pleased to receive from Geoffrey Statham who lives in the U.S.A., a warm letter in support of our application for selective status. I had hoped by now that the Secretary of State would have made a decision. The Barnet Press ran an article this week alleging that the decision had been made – just hot air. Prospective parents are touring the school now seeking places for their sons in September 1995. There are no prospectuses to give them nor can we say what the criteria for entry will be.

As part of the process of information gathering to assist the Secretary of State in making his decision, HMI came to inspect the school. This was not the OFSTED rent-a-snoop, this was the A team of commissioned HMI.

Such inspections are always preceded by a request for papers – the documentation was 10 inches thick. There can be no doubt that the computer has made this operation very much easier. A couple of weeks later, the men from the ministry arrived and it was soon evident that they had read the paper-work. Undaunted by what they had in advance they asked for more paper. They shot about the school, even ignoring the siren bottles of wine left with the tasty lunch – HMI cover the ground: food is for wimps.

The report back noted does not offer flowing continuous prose – but to conserve space the bullet points have been abandoned and the points run together as continuous text. I am sure you will forgive this stylistic shortcoming.

The thoroughness and attention to detail associated with Queen Elizabeth's was still a feature of the School. On first visit over a year ago, very impressed by the standards of care, support and follow-up and indeed documentation evident in Year 1. This visit had shown that those standards were still maintained and indicated a consistency of approach, a consistency which was evident across the School through the Years seen on this visit.

Boys were to be congratulated on their helpfulness and openness, maturity and attentiveness. Prefects were clearly aware of their responsibilities. They do the job sensitively and sensibly. Standards in all lessons were good-to-very good (the highest grade in the handbook). A very good, productive learning atmosphere prevailed. In one lesson (literary criticism), the HMI confessed that he had learned a lot about Gerard Manley Hopkins. They noted teachers' probing questions, thoroughness of preparation and notes, and concluded that there was a good standard of teaching. Discussion very well handled, essay-centred work was very good and there was consistency of methodology. They spotted a tutor coping with a problem and noted that she acted thoughtfully and sensitively. They observed that revision was being done in a systematic way from the first year. Standard of documentation was high.

Policy development – among the best seen. Particular praise was given to the Policy on Dealing with Bullying, one of the very best they had seen. Praised Year 1 Welcome Booklet – among the best seen, homework diaries and personal organisers – impressive. Middle School Tutors Booklet good. Pupil files and record cards useful – very good information.

Review systems which fed the individual files as well as work checks by Cabinet and the computerised systems, comprised excellent initiatives. The achievements of, and support for pupils from a range of backgrounds and abilities was impressive. The monitoring, assessment were tight and recording was impressive, with particular reference to half-term testing and to reviews. A thorough system of initial assessment was in place, as well as an ongoing procedure for testing. Organisers and diaries combined with the other systems to give best practice.

They expressed real concern about the capacity of the premises for the numbers of pupils in the school.

The HMI Music specialist who came some weeks later reiterated many of the comments made by his colleagues and added.

The Big Band performance and celebration of good work were good and admirable features. It did not take him long to feel that he was in the midst of a lively, active, well-run department where a great deal was happening.

He had seen some of the best A level work he had ever seen. The Sixth Formers were excellent musicians and in the composition lesson he had observed teaching of the highest quality and very good work was being produced by the students. Particularly impressed by the ambition of composition work and of the ability to discuss, at length, the principles and rationale of work. He noted that he could easily have spent the entire visit with the senior boys, such was their talent and high level of motivation.

Music accommodation was poor and there was urgent need of capital to remedy the situation. Some Staff were working in conditions that are unacceptable. As there is no central space large enough for the Music Department to teach in, much teacher time is wasted in transporting equipment to different parts of the School. He noted that despite this there was excellent teaching taking place.

We were not unhappy with their view of the school and hope that the Secretary of State will take careful note of his Inspector's comments.

"FIFTY YEARS ON..."

ADDRESS BY SIR LESLIE FIELDING, KCMG

O.E. (1943-51), latterly Vice-Chancellor, the University of Sussex

"FOUNDER'S DAY" SERVICE, QUEEN ELIZABETH'S SCHOOL

Saturday, 18 June, 1994

*"Time present and time past
are both perhaps present in time future,
and time future contained in time past".*

T.S. Eliot, "Burnt Norton" (the Four Quartets)

Things are rarely what they seem to be on the surface. To be sure, if we bang a finger with a hammer, we know all about it; when we die, our physical bodies disintegrate and get re-cycled, like broken glass in a bottle bank. Yet the universal human instinct has always been that reality extends beyond the material world of the senses.

Human beings have the impression of living in three dimensions of space. Albert Einstein added a fourth dimension – that of time. His successors, the "Big-Bang-Black-Hole" cosmologists, now postulate the existence of ten or eleven dimensions, and even of parallel universes. Particle physicists, at the other extreme, have discovered a sub-atomic world (of leptons, bosons, quarks and the rest) the behaviour of which seems equally at variance with the rules of the world we thought we knew. According to some scientists, even Einstein's fourth dimension may have to be re-thought; as one of them said to me recently, "there is something odd about time, and the more one thinks about it, the odder it seems".

This brings me to the mysterious lines of poetry with which I began. We are all deeply influenced by our past; the past not only helps shape our present, but will be traceable in our future; and the whole sequence – past, present and future – is a seamless garment for God, who stands outside time.

In a way, the history of our School is an illustration of this.

Queen Elizabeth I – God rest her soul – founded schools like ours because times had changed. The Renaissance and the Reformation had swept through Europe. A new world order had opened up, of opportunity, danger and constant upheaval. To survive, England needed a new breed of entrepreneur, administrator, soldier and skilled artisan who could read, write and reckon; who could think for himself; and who aspired to be a Christian Gentleman who feared the Lord and served his fellow men.

Opportunity, danger and constant upheaval in the life of the nation was precisely what Queen Elizabeth's School was to witness, in the course of four centuries – from the threat of the Spanish Armada to the Battle of Britain; from the clash between Roundheads and Cavaliers (in which we stood for King Charles), to Parliamentary democracy and votes for everyone over eighteen; from the rise of the British Empire to the formation of the European Union.

The pace of change has quickened. Fifty years ago to the day, I was attending my first Founder's Day, sitting in this Parish Church near the front, singing the same hymns, following the same service. But the nation was at war. In the bombing, the School had received a direct hit; my home in East Barnet had been damaged by a near miss. The school windows had cheese cloth stuck all over them, to reduce the risk from possible flying glass, and were shrouded in "black-out" curtains. Food was strictly rationed; there were virtually no sweets. The Normandy landings had just taken place. Casualties among the Old Boys were continuing to mount – as since recorded in the list of nearly 70 names on the Memorial Tablet. No one in Barnet had yet heard of Auschwitz, Belsen or "Schindler's List"; but among the boys at school were a small but significant number of Jewish refugees from Central Europe, whose parents had been granted asylum in Britain before war broke out. Their presence was so naturally accepted that it passed without remark (as has the arrival at Queen Elizabeth's, after World War Two, of boys from other lands and of other religious faiths). In 1944, we had no idea of how different post-war Britain was to be, in which our parents were, for example, to be spared their worry about school fees. We had no inkling that our wartime Russian allies were to threaten us for forty years in a "Cold War", requiring Old Elizabethans to spend two years in a huge British standing army, between school and university. The thought never crossed our minds that we would be united with vanquished German enemies, thirty years later, in a "European Community". The subsequent collapse of the Soviet Empire from within was, of course, to be another twist of fate. Fifty years from now, in 2004 AD, who knows what further surprises lie in wait?

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Yet, despite all these sweeping and unforeseen changes, an Elizabethan will see a powerful thread of continuity, as he looks back. Whether dressed in doublet and hose or knee breeches, short or long trousers, a long and unbroken line of Elizabethans have in each of 421 years celebrated the same Founder, in the same church, in the same spirit we do today. The sense of tradition – of receiving something from the past and handing it on to the future – is expressed in the Form of Service:

"Inspire us, O Lord, so to do our work today, that, even as we are being helped by the remembrance of the loyal lives of those who came before us, so our faithfulness may aid those who shall take our places".

The School has prayed that it "may endure as a home of sound learning and of true Godliness". We have heard how the prophet Job asked where wisdom and understanding could be found; discovered it nowhere in nature or among men; but received from God the message that:

"the fear of the Lord, that is wisdom; and to depart from evil is understanding".

Finally, Saint Paul, in his Epistle to the Corinthians, has reminded us of the limits of mere human knowledge – for the present, we see only "through a glass darkly"; but three things last forever: "Faith, Hope and Charity".

These are not superficial or superstitious ideas. They go to the heart of the human condition. In this Century, the Holocaust and the Terror would not have happened if technical knowledge and learning in the Third Reich and in the USSR had not become utterly divorced from true Godliness and the fear of the Lord. In our own country, without the example of those who had come before, and without concern for those who would come after, we might not have had the Faith and the Hope to resist the evil empires of Adolf Hitler and Joseph Stalin. Nor might we have had the Charity with which to begin, in the post war era, the construction of a better Britain than that which my parents knew in the 1920's and 1930's.

God is He in whom the entire creation is grounded. But God's spirit is also present beside each of us and in the places which we make holy to Him, to guide us through time into eternity. One such holy place is this building, constructed by medieval catholics to the glory of Jesus Christ Our Saviour, inherited and cherished by the Anglican reformers, and open ecumenically this morning to Elizabethans of all religious faiths. Even more than the mellow Tudor brick of our first school building, this Church is a kind of time-capsule or island-in-space. Beyond the thick walls are the bustle and traffic of the world, the hurly-burly of Barnet High Street. But here inside, things are quiet and stand on a different plane. In the dignity and the calm of the Founder's Day Service, there is always more than a hint of the timelessness of God. Generations have come to Queen Elizabeth's, to sit on the pews which you now occupy. We have that to live up to. But we can also draw strength from it; and look forward confidently to the future. Fifty years on, I hope you too will be able to come back to this Church, as I have. Many more of us will follow, for as long as there is a place in England for "sound learning and true Godliness", and for as long as those who live on these islands fear and love the Lord.

So I come back to T.S. Eliot:

*"Time present and time past
are both perhaps present in time future,
and time future contained in time past"*

Thanks be to God.

O.E. CRICKET CLUB

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LEAGUE RESULTS

	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	AB	Pos
1st XI	4	0	2	2	3	15
2nd XI	4	1	2	1	3	7

SUNDAY RESULTS

	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost
1st XI	4	2	1	1
2nd XI	4	2	1	1
3rd XI	1	0	0	1

A very wet May severely curtailed both the activities and success of the League XI's. With three cancellations per team valuable time in the middle has been lost, and our results so far are disappointing.

The 1st's have been a shade unfortunate not to have won two of their games. Spencer Wilson bowled superbly against Sandridge on a lively O.E. track to take 8-23, and skittle them out for 54. Sadly too many batsmen lost their wickets playing rash shots and we ended up 49 all out! Another home game against Southgate Compton saw them equal our 163, for 9 wickets down.

The 2nd XI have fared slightly better, losing at Reed in the pouring rain, when they refused to leave the field and overhauled our 200, but winning at Sandridge where Jon Smith ran out their no. 10, with their no. 11 having already gone home to wash his long hair, (three cheers for Pete Mackay!).

As the season progresses it will be essential that all players make themselves available to play, and also show a greater commitment in assisting with the many minor but important tasks required to keep the club running.

A traditional Founder's Sunday Past v Present was played, which resulted in a victory for The O.E.s. Sadly the attendance by O.E. Association members was very poor, and the efforts of Denis Newell, Eric Shearly and Roman Parker were unrewarded. Even more disappointing was the attitude of The School, which declined to provide an umpire, and took the boys away by minibus as soon as the game was over. The cricket club will be addressing the problems of attendance at Founder's Sunday and the declining links and support from The School in the coming months.

On a brighter note Patsy Nolan is organising a mini tour to the Derbyshire area in August, and a trip is to be made to O.E.s Worcester to play the Alistair Cairns Memorial match. Martin Jay has a number of fixtures arranged for the 3rd XI, and will welcome any new recruits.

Finally a word of thanks to those whose hard work and continued support keeps the section afloat, and a request that we see some more new and old faces down at Gipsy in the coming months.

O.E. RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

Secretary: M.D.E. Parker, 1 Cedar Avenue, East Barnet, Herts EN4 8DY. (081-368 4767)

A sparsely attended A.G.M. on 22nd June ("There is a train strike, you know" said one late arrival) heard retiring Secretary, Nigel Ward's final report.

The 1993-1994 playing record was:

	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Points F	Points A
1st XV	29	12	0	17	428	381
'A' XV	30	19	0	11	560	340
Ex 'A' XV	24	6	1	17	408	519
'B' XV	2	0	0	2	12	51
Colts XV	2	0	0	2	15	46
Club*	19	10	1	8	300	185

(*to include Tour and Sevens Tournaments)

The above shows a very mediocre season although the 'A' XV, helped by an Antipodean contingent, not allowed to play 1st XV league games, had a good season and rightly won the Team Trophy.

The dreadful weather undoubtedly interrupted the season, both playing and training, and it is hoped the mole draining done in May, added to the land drainage scheme last year, will help matters. The 1st XV ended up 9th in the London 3 North West league; many of the defeats were by small margins. This is a matter being addressed by the two coaches appointed: Andrew Wheelans (O.E. and ex Saracens) and David James (O.E.).

Player commitment at lower team level is also a problem but it is hoped this, too, will be corrected.

There were several plus points in the season, – Dennis Newell's well organised Vice Presidents' lunch in April (the XV then went out to beat Old Verulamians) to add to his 40th anniversary celebrations last September. Elsewhere, there is a report on the Easter Tour but this helped bring the Club together after an indifferent season. Then, in May, a successful Dinner and Dance was held with almost 100 in attendance including guests.

At the Dinner, the following awards were presented:

Honours	Ronnie Printemps
Colts	Neil Wagstaff
Most Promising Player	Neil Wagstaff
Bill Smith Memorial	Kevin Watt

Liz Parker received a bouquet as she has handed over the tea duties after close on 40 years.

Talking of long service, J. W. Stephens (O.E.) was reappointed Hon. Auditor at the A.G.M.: he has fulfilled this duty for 48 years – excellent service.

The A.G.M. heard the usual matters, – non-payment of subscriptions, working parties needed, more commitment of players, etc. New topics included “Can the Club buy a washing machine to wash the shirts on a Saturday night?” The thought of a barful of drinking rugby players using a washing machine on match evenings is a frightening subject; – who (not what) will be in the machine on a Sunday morning?

The appointments at the A.G.M. included:

Mike Parker (Secretary)
Bob Parker (Treasurer)
John Fuller (Fixture Secretary)
Peter Yates (Ground Manager)
Lee Gray (Club Captain)
John Cripps ('A' XV Captain)
Gail Dunkley (Team Secretary)

In his introductory speech, President Dennis Newell paid tribute to Nigel Ward who was standing down after eight years' secretaryship during which the club's administration has been well served. He also mentioned the deaths of four stalwart O.E.R.F.C. members since the 1993 A.G.M., – Bernard White, Jack Parsley, Cec. Britton and Ron Orton – and asked the members to consider matching their past efforts in the coming season. Typical of D.C.N., bribes of 'free pints' were on offer for subscriptions paid in August.

The O.E.R.F.C. will be taking part in the CLOBs tournament at Old Shootershillians R.F.C. on 4th September. Their first two league games are:

17th September, away to Grasshoppers
24th September, home to Old Millhillians
1st October, away to Old Merchant Taylors

“TOON ARMY”

It all started at 06.00 on Good Friday at our Gipsy Corner clubhouse and it ended at 22.00 on Easter Monday at the same place – what went on, in between, is recalled below. Yes, the O.E. Rugby Tour to Newcastle.

The fact that the tour started off on April Fools' Day was not lost on the writer who was asked at 06.30, to go and collect another tourist's credit card “which is on the dashboard of the van outside the home – wife has van keys” – arrive at said address, no van and no reply from doorbell. Just as I thought, I had been “kippered” and had to return to face 47 O.E.s taking the mickey. The wife appears and gives keys to a van which had been replaced just days before. Return to the clubhouse where member says, “I wouldn't stitch you up, Scotty”, as he pocketed his credit card. Now that was an April Fool!

By way of a special O.E.R.F.C. Licence, the bar had been opened and one or two pints consumed along with the sausages in bread prepared in kitchen. By this stage, phase two had been successfully negotiated with the coach driver allowing alcohol on board, provided we concealed same in view of motorway police. That was the cue for each of the 48 member party to transport the bar stock to the coach. We were off at 07.30 with one member designated to ride “shotgun”, namely to look out for the police and shout warnings when it was a case of “drinks down”.

The destination was Newcastle where two of the party had toured previously, with another rugby club. With the help of John Fuller and his contacts in the North East, four matches had been arranged, – two on each of the Saturday and Sunday. John and Frances travelled up separately the day before and joined the touring party on the two match days but, significantly, did not disclose the address of their guest house!

It was still very blustery on the Friday morning after gale force overnight winds. "Thank goodness we're not going abroad – beer/sausages and a choppy Channel crossing would not go together," said an experienced tourist. The trip North was quite sedate, probably because of the early morning start but possibly a prelude to the saying, "a lull before a storm". Most dozed off (those that weren't on lookout sentry duties) until woken by one who shouted "Chimneys, lots of chimneys" as we arrived at the Castlebridge service centre close to the power station. The tour party (48 in number), all wearing special tour shirts and caps, soon had taken over the service centre. The remainder of the journey was spent recharging human batteries for the next 3½ days ahead.

The next obstacle was at Newcastle University, our home for the weekend. We had been booked in as "The O.E. Society" and, whereas the University was anticipating a group similar to John Fuller's Forty Society, they were not prepared for a rugby club, so all O.E.R.F.C. shirts and hats had to be covered up until we were booked in. The hall porter virtually admitted that he had been hoodwinked but he had nothing to worry about, and it was handshakes all round on the Monday morning. The refectory staff expected a group of antique dealers at breakfast but quickly realised that the only antiques were the looks on faces each morning over breakfast. Breakfast was compulsory and late arrivals (08.30 was the last permitted time) were greeted with punishment – a cold curry from the night before, Guinness on cornflakes or the "slops" from the night before's drinking were all dished out indiscriminately, even to one of the younger members ("I'm not a morning person"), who was late down every day.

Having achieved base camp, it was off to the local hostelry, there being no bar on the campus (student life must be hell) so it was a case of forty-eight pints at the nearest inn. The bar staff were not amused but the landlord was! Tour rules included left-handed drinking (except when under a fine), no pointing, no swearing and no hands in pockets – on each count I failed within five minutes so I was well onto my fourth drink by the time the second round was ordered. Being Good Friday, mine host had to lock up at 15.00 but not before a mega carry-out was ordered, thus allowing us to carry on in the campus common room. By now, everyone was well settled into the tour. Those who paced themselves managed to reach the nightlife of Newcastle, for others the bed acted as a magnet – one, who shall remain nameless, washed, shaved and dressed himself, ready for a night on the town, only to discover it was half past midnight.

Saturday morning saw the cultural part (what, in Newcastle?) of the trip with visits to art galleries, museums, etc., and to the Oxfam shop where two of the party kitted themselves out with a full range of women's wear (Hinge and Brackett, O.E.s style) after originally going in for a yellow sweater (Tour de France style). The scenes as the duo walked through the city centre on a busy Saturday morning had even the locals laughing. The women's wear became the ultimate fine for whatever reason and on both match days the host clubs were greeted with an O.E. in drag. After more "socialising", it was off to North Durham R.F.C. for the first round of matches – a team from Derbyshire were also on tour, dressed in style (braces, cloth caps, ferrets, et al) so between us we looked the part. The hospitality was great, to the extent that yours truly missed the coach home, but we suffered our one reversal of the tour. Whilst the 1st team were winning easily, the 2nd team game came to an abrupt halt when a home team player kicked an O.E., which led to a general brawl which included the referee being laid out. To this day, I do not know who threw the punch but the game was cut short, the referee staggered off (with a kingsize headache and black eye) and everyone talked about it over a pint or two or..... including the referee who was starting to see double for different reasons. A sing-song, silly games and the tying up of one O.E. ensured a good post-match celebration.

What happened on Saturday night/Sunday morning is a blur, but the other 47 in the party seemed to have had fun although some also suffered from amnesia! Suffice it to say there were one or two "extras" in the bedrooms that night.

Wynlaton Vulcans R.F.C. was our destination on the Sunday. We had been told it was usually windy there but on Easter Sunday even the locals said it was never that bad. When the ball was kicked to one touch, one had to borrow a bike to recover it from half a mile away and, of course, kicking the ball towards the pitch to restart the game was impossible. Both matches were won, convincingly, but the highlight was when the ball was popping out of the scrum, the inside centre picked up a hat, blown onto the pitch from one of the brave touchline supporters, and was just about to put it in his pocket when the fly half called a backs' move. Result? The centre scoring a try with a cap on his head. The opposition saw this as mickey-taking, which it was not.

More singing and silly things happened afterwards including releasing the handbrake of a jeep in which two local girls had come along to watch ("as invited by certain players the night before"). For that, the two players had to don the ladieswear whilst one stripped to the waist and received a baby's dummy, bib and nappy. The girls were not amused. Despite instructions to the coach driver ("Do not leave without me, this time"), he did, and two of us were left stranded in parts foreign (the other one talked so much they paid for his minicab home).

By the time I caught up with the party, again, in Newcastle, a disco at the local pub was in full swing with O.E.s totally dominating proceedings. The bouncers on the door said they had seen nothing like it before but, again, a lot of money was spent and everyone, bar staff included, had a whale of a time.

Things did not stop there – more drinks and silly games back at base camp saw the whole party into the early hours of Monday morning, some the later hours. Local girls, who thought they could drink, dropped out one by one as 02.00 became 03.00 and 04.00. I wouldn't be surprised if the last one to fall is not still in the campus toilet. For obvious reasons, the fines committee had a field day at Monday's breakfast and ensured that some were "topped up" to the last night's levels.

However, it was handshakes and smiles all round as the battle weary 48 climbed on the coach, on Monday. No damages. No bills unpaid. No one arrested. Everyone exhausted. A damn good time had by all.

The trip south was almost uneventful but for the same stopover at the same service centre. A child's water pistol had been purchased and was used under the door on an unsuspecting O.E. in the toilet, only to discover the O.E. was in the next cubicle. We didn't hang around to see the identity of our innocent victim.

Back at Gipsy Corner, there were a few more drinks consumed before the party broke up, but not before the tour leader was handcuffed behind his back. After five minutes, he pleaded to be released but no one had the key. He was led off, screaming, and was seen at the Potters Bar Fire Station forecourt asking to be cut free when his wife produced the key. She had been part of the conspiracy. Yes, it was that type of Easter Tour.

Peter Yates, June 1994

P.S. The title "Toon Army" comes from a football saying in relation to Newcastle/Sunderland teams. When it was used as a line-out call in one of the games, the O.E. forwards cringed with sheer fear!

O.E. GOLF SOCIETY

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

In the last newsletter I indicated that the future of the Golf Society would be discussed at a Committee Meeting which was in the throes of being organised. This meeting was held on 6th March. After a good deal of constructive discussion, we felt that the majority of problems were identified and the following decisions were made:

- 1) The Society should continue, but with changes.
- 2) The Summer Meeting should be discontinued.
- 3) The remaining Spring and Autumn Meetings should be held at local courses where we have members, in order that the savings in green fees could be spread across all the players and reduce the overall cost to a more affordable level.
- 4) The main competition of the day should be played in the afternoon, allowing the morning round to be optional for those not wishing to play 36 holes in the day.
- 5) The A.G.M. should be held at the Autumn Meeting.
- 6) The Guest Day should continue at Knebworth in November.
- 7) The Past v Present fixture should be dropped for the time being.

So, having seemingly got a few things sorted out, we approached this year's Spring Meeting at Crews Hill G.C. on 27th April full of hope, and guess what, – 10 people showed up!! However, we had a good day, especially the Hon. Sec. who won the Captain's Cup with 40 points from Jerry Golland and Josh Wright with 35 points each. John Lain was the best Rabbit with 26 points. One point I must mention concerns one of our staunchest members, Peter Allen, who regularly drives up all the way from Newbury to be with us. I am sure he would also have thoroughly enjoyed the meeting, had he not turned up one day later than the rest of us!!

The Autumn Meeting has now been arranged at South Herts. G.C. on 14th September so this will be the first chance to gauge the response to the Committee's plans. Just to act as a reminder, the other meetings for 1994 are the match versus Mid Herts G.C. on Saturday 24th September and Guest Day at Knebworth G.C. on Thursday 24th November.

Come on, all you golfers, – we need to see you at South Herts. This is your Society, let's keep it going.

O.E. ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL CLUB

Hon. Secretary: A. Silvey, 52 Nash Close, Welham Green, Herts. AL9 7NN (0707 275096)

As we footballers sit back and enjoy the excitement of the World Cup, there is still a buzz around the Old Elizabethans Football Club following the first team's victorious capture of the Barnet Sunday League First Division title.

In an enthralling finale, the team won their last match by virtue of a last gasp goal by Giles Pratt to lead the table for the first and only time in the season, after three other teams had been in contention until the latter stages. This was a remarkable effort to win in such fashion but success was thoroughly deserved in view of the high standard of football played throughout the season. It bears testimony to the efforts of Richard Fidler and Steve O'Brien, who are the first team management team and who both played in many of the games themselves.

Meanwhile the Reserves narrowly escaped relegation by the skin of their teeth yet again, but generally there was a marked improvement in the level of their performances.

The season indeed ended on a high note when the Reserves defeated Locomotive Enfield 3-2 for the only time in the season, and this team eventually won the Barnet Sunday League Junior Cup and Division 2 title.

We now look forward to next season with some relish, and training will commence on Wednesday, July 13th, and continue every week thereafter. If anybody is interested in playing, please come down to Gipsy Corner and join us.

THE OLD ELIZABETHANS MASONIC LODGE (No. 7987)

Secretary: J.H. Wickes, 49 Sunningdale, Stopsley, Luton, Beds. (0582 28493)

This year sees the 30th anniversary of the founding of the Lodge (30th October, 1964) and a number of the founder members including Dennis Cheeseman and John Robertson as past masters remain active in our affairs. Regretfully during the last year the Lodge has mourned the loss of the late Leslie Herbert, who was Secretary for many years, and also the late Percy Woodruff, who was an honorary member. Many members also mourn the loss of the late John Townley who, like Leslie Herbert, was well known in Old Elizabethan circles.

Instead of holding a single ladies' night as in previous years, the Lodge has now adopted the popular idea of holding a ladies' festival weekend (usually October) at a selected hotel venue in places such as Bournemouth and Great Yarmouth. These have proved an overwhelming success with both members and a host of friends. This year, the ladies' festival is again being held at the Carlton Hotel, Great Yarmouth, from Friday, 21st to Sunday 23rd October, 1994. Members of the Association and their ladies are cordially invited to attend what promises to be a very memorable occasion. Further particulars may be obtained from the Festival Secretary, Alan Hoy, 12 Owl End, Great Stukeley, Huntingdon, Cambs. PE17 5AQ. (Telephone 0480 458685).

Regular meetings of the Lodge take place four times a year at the Halsey Masonic Hall, Turners Hill, Cheshunt on the second Monday in March, the first Thursday in May, the third Thursday in October (Installation) and the first Thursday in December. The Master Elect for the Lodge's 30th Anniversary year is Brian Hewitt, who travels regularly from his home in Hawkhurst, Kent, to attend both the regular meetings and other events.

Recently the Lodge held a special ladies' luncheon at the Rose and Crown Hotel, Tring, where 15 members and the ladies met in a convivial atmosphere.

Members of the Craft who are interested in becoming joining members are invited to contact John Wickes for further information. The Lodge will also extend a very warm, traditional welcome to any Old Elizabethan who may be interested in being initiated, or those who require further information.

The O.E. Lodge was formed for the benefit of masonry in general and the former pupils of Queen Elizabeth's School in particular. Membership is now open to non Elizabethans. Many O.E.s having been Past Masters who are active in Lodge affairs include Buchan McKean, Colin Gibbens, Keith Johnstone, John Paternoster, John Wood, Keith Lindsey, Ken Carter, John Wickes and Ken Burfoot. Other O.E.s who enjoy active membership include David Perkins, John Jordan and Brian Currell.

THE OLD ELIZABETHANS 200 CLUB

Chairman: C.A. Winchester *Hon. Secretary:* E.N. Shearly *Hon. Treasurer:* D.C. Newell

Once again, may I thank members for their support; your membership plays a vital part in the ever more difficult task of running Gipsy Corner, the Association's Headquarters and Memorial Playing Field.

A list of winners so far this year appears below, and the final draw for the year will take place at the Association's Annual Dinner which will be held at the School on Friday, October 14th.

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WINNERS 1994

£200	O.E. Golf Society (223)	
£100	D. Leake (38)	A.M. SMith (29)
£75	A.P. Mackey (67)	
£50	D. Fuller (66)	B.L. McKean
£25	M.A. Wheelans	O.E. Golf Society (214)

HON. MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT

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

After a spate of very welcome new members reported in the last issue I have to report that the influx has temporarily abated. We are very hopeful that with the combined efforts of the School, Eric Shearly and an emotive letter addressed to this year's school leavers by yours truly, apart from all the efforts made in the normal course by you all, our numbers will start to increase again. Having said that I also have to report that together with the Honorary Treasurer, Martyn Bradish, I have weeded out over 70 members with whom we had lost touch and whose subs were not being paid. This has reduced our membership drastically but only from the numbers point of view. It is obviously of no purpose whatsoever to retain names on a list and try to convince ourselves that we remained strong – our strength comes from those of you who do keep me informed of all your changes, who pay the subs on time and in the right amount. The new Direct Debit scheme which Martyn introduced has lightened his work load, and now gives us a much firmer base on which to go forward. If only each one of us remaining on the list could recruit just one extra member we would be able to do all sorts of nice things to our headquarters, things to make it a more welcoming place to meet with old friends and reminisce over the past glories of fifteens or elevens long gone, to boast of that straight drive down the fairway (which wasn't straight and never saw the fairway!). Pleasant dreams!

Accompanying this newsletter is the new list of Members brought as close up to date as printing and editorial constraints allow. Please check your entry and let me know as soon as possible if I have made any errors in putting you onto the new format, which I hope you like and can read without getting your lines crossed.

Having done this list and I should remind you that it is done on the occasion of a change in President, I will not labour you with a host of amendments. Instead I will list those of our number who regretfully have passed away, and those who have resigned of their own volition. I shall also append a note of those who have been removed from the list by default, purely for information. If you can get any of the latter to let me know where they are I will take them back at once – well, not quite all at once – there does remain the matter of their subs!

DEATHS

BRITTON, C.H.	1934/40	6th April 1994
HERBERT, L.O.W.	1920/25	8th March 1994. He was a Vice-President
MORFORD, B.M.T.	1923/31	13th May 1994
ORTON, R.E.	1919/27	25th May 1994. He was a Past President
PARSLEY, F.J.	1922/27	31st January 1994. He was a Vice-President
SMITH, S.C.	1928/34	25th December 1993
THEAKER, S.	1920/27	February 1994

RESIGNATIONS:

CHAMBERS, R.D.	1981/88	HERSOM, A.S.	1960/68
HOOKER, A.L.	1977/84	ISON, B.	1925/33
MACKIE, B.L.	1977/84	RYMILL, P.F.	1951/58

DELETIONS BY DEFAULT:

ADUGUN, G.D.A.	DAVENALL, A.S.	JONES, G.G.	OSTERLOFF, P.L.	STREVENS, D.P.
BAKER, A.R.	DAVIES, C.B.H.	KAKOULI, D.	PARKER, J.C.	SUTHERLAND, I.
BARCLAY, I.C.	DE SAUSMAREZ, N.	KAY, P.J.	PASCHALI, A.S.	SUTHERLAND, R.S.D.
BARLING, A.	EMSLEY, J.J.	LACEY, M.R.	PHILLIPS, I.J.	SYMEOU, A.
BECK, S.J.	FALKINER, M.T.	LENNARD, C.H.	PIGOTT, G.J.	THOMAS, A.G.
BEX, L.	FISHER, G.A.	LEWIS, N.J.	POUPARD, A.C.	TOMAS, M.W.
BIBBY, P.C.	FORD, M.S.	LONGLAND, J.L.	RAISHBROOK, A.D.	TYLER, C.A.
BILLINGTON, B.A.	FRENCH, P.M.	MARTIN-SMITH, D.R.	REARDON, S.	VOKES, T.M.
BISHOP, R.H.	GALLUCCI, M.P.	MCPHAIL, I.F.	RIXON, D.M.	WARD, D.S.
BORST, S.K.	GIBBINS, N.H.	MOORE, R.F.G.	ROCHE, A.P.	WATT, K.R.
BROWN, C.	GIBSON, J.	MORGAN, D.J.	SAGAR, T.L.	WILKIE, G.R.
BURNETT-GODFREE, E.J.	GUTHRIE, T.R.	MORRISON, K.F.	SHERLOCK, I.B.	WILLIAMS, A.D.
BURNETT-GODFREE, H.R.	HOBDDAY, J.A.	NORRIS, D.G.	SINCLAIR, A.J.	WILSON, D.A.M.
CALVER, R.	HOLMAN, R.N.	OAKLEY, S.D.	STOCKDALE, S.H.	WISHART, D.A.
CHALK, D.C.	HOUSTON, E.	OLLEY, N.J.	STRACHAN, D.R.	
CHOTTAI, K.	JAMES, S.A.	OSBURN, P.A.	STRACHAN, N.A.	

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Date:	Event:	Contact:
Sept. 14th	Golf – Autumn Meeting South Herts G.C.	Ian Slade
Sept. 24th	Golf v. Mid Herts G.C.	Ian Slade
Sept. 29th	40 Society Luncheon Gipsy Corner	John Fuller
Oct. 14th	Association Annual Dinner The School Hall	Ian Wicken
Oct. 29th	R.F.C. Vice-Presidents' Lunch (1st XV v. Welwyn)	Dennis Newell
Nov. 24th	Golf – Guest Day Knebworth G.C.	Ian Slade
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April 8th	R.F.C. Vice-Presidents' Lunch (1st XV v. London N.Z.)	Dennis Newell
May 8th	<i>Proposed</i> VE Day Supper and Dance	SEE NEXT NEWSLETTER

THE ASSOCIATION ANNUAL DINNER

FRIDAY, 14th OCTOBER, 1994

This is the yearly function at which all age groups and section members can get together with staff and senior boys. It is a pleasant and interesting evening, starting with a reception at the bar in the main assembly hall where we also sit for a first class dinner. Our Guest of Honour and the Head round off the evening with reminiscences of the past and state of the art education in the '90s.

Join us in October at Queens Road. Write to me, Ian Wicken, or ask your section Secretary if you would like to be part of a particular group.

RETURN SLIP

ASSOCIATION ANNUAL DINNER

Friday, 14th October, 1994

Queens Road, Barnet, 7.30 for 8pm. Cost £15.

Please send tickets to:—

(Name)

(Address)

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Telephone Number

Please enclose cheque payable to 'Old Elizabethans, Barnet' and a stamped, addressed envelope.

I/We would like to be seated next to

or with section members.

**Ian Wicken, 16 Great Bushey Drive, London N20 8QL.
Tel. 081 445 2940**



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