



The Elizabethan

The newsletter of
The old Elizabethans (Barnet) Association

FROM THE PRESIDENT

THE WAY AHEAD

As Dr Johnson might have said, "the threat of election as President concentrates the mind wonderfully".

Of course, I do not actually feel threatened by being elected as your new President but it does make me realize how careful your Association officers have to be in not favouring any particular part of our membership. None of our four Headmasters' regimes is "better" for its members than any other. How much do those who fought in Hitler's war have in common with the CND generation? Who can say? But all members can be proud of the School in their time and we all belong to the Elizabethan family and so can rejoice in the many diversities that have occurred during the eight or so decades of the School's life that our memories encompass.

So I am mindful of some of the pitfalls that await us and very grateful for the honour you have done me.

While I am on about history, a bit of my own. I joined QE in 1938 just when we hit the national headlines for the very first time. My pride was immense when – listening to the Saturday sports results for my parents' football pools – I heard that QE had won the Public Schools' Athletic Challenge Cup and that Eric Shearly had won the mile only two fifths of a second outside the junior National record! Wonderfully, we still all know him today, our own domestic God, not too weighed down by his MBE.

Then came the war. There was a lot of excitement and pride about. For schoolboys, the RAF easily eclipsed today's Man United for hero worship and the Elizabethan had pages and pages of letters from OEs in the forces all round the world that made for riveting reading. As we began to win the war we became very pumped up about the rising success of the School, despite nagging wartime difficulties. Firewatching with the Head and harvest camps with 'Frosty' Winter, guiding our drinking preferences from brown ale to bitter, were great learning experiences.

After the war, we won the Athletic Cup twice more and they had to change the rules to stop us taking permanent possession? Glory days indeed. Winning that Cup was our hallmark.

THE WAR MEMORIAL PLAYING FIELD

With this sporting spirit behind us, it was natural that we should commemorate our own 50 war dead with Gypsy Corner.

Enthusiasm was high. During the war we had been the Dig for Victory generation – at home my family built a chicken house out of the bombed out timbers from St Olav's church in the City – and after the war we all became the DIY generation, although the title had not yet been invented. Elizabethans rolled up their sleeves and built our pavilion from off-the-ration building materials and this DIY team spirit endures today.

The swinging Sixties, however, saw a sharp decline in new membership from 25% of school leavers at its peak to a small fraction of that number latterly. Roughly two thirds of our current membership joined the School before 1960. There are many

reasons for this fall; many other old pupil Associations have suffered similarly. Our world changed but most of us did not. We relied on the old virtues.

Membership drives were held and more dramatic measures were tried and the heat of debate became uncomfortably high. But there were some winners. John Fuller's idea of Forty Club lunches for long time leavers has been a wild success culminating last July with a ladies' lunch and tour of the School focused on the new buildings financed largely by gifts through the Friends of QE.

In the time since we lost rugby to a "Saracen raid", great quantities of voluntary work, a dedicated OE donation of funds and much improved management by the Gypsy team have stabilized and controlled the situation there. We are committed to maintaining Gypsy: we have an attractive pavilion, cricket is particularly strong and we are now in a position to explore options and business plan for the future.

THE OLD PUPIL ASSOCIATION MARKET SURVEY

Although I had always been a regular visitor to Founders' Days I was not an active OE during my working years. On leaving school, I had deserted cricket and rugby for the fleshpots of tennis and later got married to a Hampstead girl in South Africa. Returning to the UK, I was "posted" to Sevenoaks as a Management Consultant and was happy to send all our kids to the innovative school there. However, Eric Shearly's retirement commemoration in 1984, the attractions of the Forty Club and the construction of the M25 drew me back to Barnet. Then retirement and the reported heat of OE Annual General Meeting debates suggested I put myself forward for the OE Committee – illegally according to our Secretary! So I was co-opted into the heat of the kitchen.

Three years ago while your committee was discussing why one of our recruitment initiatives had yielded only modest results the Headmaster suggested we should survey how other Alumni Associations were faring to see if there were lessons to learn. I was asked to convene a small sub committee to survey the 'market'. A market led approach was absolutely correct and our first task was to identify the widest range of activities or services we could offer to our members and in support of our School. The list had to have changed since the war.

We noted that the structure and prominence of amateur sport had changed and a whole new fitness industry had sprung up. The quality of sport and leisure facilities had vastly improved. Graduate education was now commonplace, changing our members' tastes and spreading their homes away from Barnet. Today only about 50% of our existing members live in Barnet, the nearby Home Counties or Greater London.

The Old Pupil Associations we contacted had differing strengths. Highgate held a wide variety of social and business based meetings at the school, in London and in the provinces, plus a Commonwealth wide network of newsletter correspondents. St. Albans, which had sold its old city centre sports field for many millions of pounds to developers, had invested in lush new facilities out of town for the school and for Albanians, which cater for many south Hertfordshire non-Albanians as well.

Taking the broad view, the Headmaster suggested we set about building a strong Elizabethan community. To be strong such a body of people has to know its roots, where they come from, how they think and work, to trust each other and to be proud of themselves. This suggests cultivating common experiences, memories and the

understanding of why QE has been and is special, a subtle process that we believe we can assist. We believe that the classic Old Boys' Associations of a century ago characterized by the 'old school tie' and Pall Mall clubs were very important in business and public affairs.

Supported by new Web Site technology we believe Elizabethans can build a powerful, personally helpful network for our members if we structure our IT, our meetings and our communications well. QE boys tell us they think this is the future. We hope so.

"THE WAY AHEAD" PROGRAMME

After completing the original market survey, the committee looked positively at our opportunities. We also examined creating a five year business plan with a major objective of doubling membership in that period, but felt we had first to reduce the uncertainties by a shorter term, grittier approach which Ken Cooper dubbed 'The Way Ahead'.

Project budgets have been set for the Web Site and for a London based Business Club. The design contract for the former has been signed with the full support of the School and the launch meeting of the Business Club was held most successfully in July at the Royal Overseas League. A volunteer committee for the club has been established, one member of which, quite fortuitously, used to work for my old consultancy firm.

Work on the new house style was completed some months ago - you have already seen the new Elizabethan cover. To "promote the culture of Benefaction in wills" we are enclosing a new style brochure entitled 'Wills and Bequests' with this copy of the Elizabethan. In a changing political world we believe it is essential for the school to maximize its financial independence. The centuries old custom of Benefactions in Britain is to be encouraged! Please respond.

Robert Busvine

OBITUARIES

Editor's Note: I am sure that, in a way we all regret the increasing size of our Obituary section. It is true that over the last few years the Association has been in danger of losing more members annually than it actually gains. While moves are afoot to buck this trend I make no apology for the celebratory nature of the following and trust that you will not be depressed from reading on by the thought that the fine men concerned are no longer with us.

I was very grateful to Maurice Slough for the typically dogged resilience with which he pursued contact with Mrs Gabrielle Weaver, the widow of an OE who had asked that her husband's passing be remembered to friends and colleagues through "The Elizabethan". His story is (as seems increasingly typical for OEs), both interesting and inspiring. The photograph you will see to follow is a mark of the respect and affection in which he was held by members of the Dorset Austin A7 Club who attended his funeral in the way he would surely have wished.

JOHN SAMUEL WEAVER

John went to QE in 1939. He was in Underne House, eventually becoming a prefect, and left in 1945. He very much enjoyed those years, which included service as a Sergeant in the A.T.C. He was always popular both with staff and his contemporaries.

He spent a year at Southampton University, but realised that he was not on course for the career he had in mind, as he wished to train for Primary School Teaching. Accepted by St. John's Teacher Training College, York, for 1947, he found himself with a year to fill in. When Mr. Jenkins, still the Head of Queen Elizabeth's, realised that John was available for a temporary teaching post, he invited him back to take Geography until the returning Geography master was demobbed. This proved to be very successful, despite the fact that John was teaching older boys who remembered him as a pupil. The post lasted for the first two terms of 1947.

This provided an anecdote of its own. I was three years younger than John, still a pupil at Q.E.G.S. and, as they say today, we were an item. So we walked together as far as my school every day before John caught a bus to continue his journey. My Head, Miss Balaam, announced on one occasion that her attention had been drawn to some of the girls who were walking to school in the company of boys! She thought this 'unseemly' and told them individually not to continue the practice. I was not spoken to at the time, but later I had to see her about another matter and, as I left the room, she asked me how John Weaver was and how the rather unusual situation was working out for him. She could not exactly forbid me to walk along with a master, could she? She was, in fact, always kind to us and, I think, a little amused by the circumstances. She remained interested in 'us' up until her untimely death.

John was ideally suited to Primary School teaching and easily gained the respect and confidence of pupils, parents and staff. He made good use of the gift he had of inspiring and encouraging those around him.

His first post in 1949 was at Churchill J.M.I. School in East Barnet. We were married in 1950 and kept in touch with our schools while we remained in Barnet, once introducing our young son to 'Ernie' who exclaimed, "Good God, Weaver, is this yours?" I think his surprise was due to the passing of the years and not the

appearance of our son! John Pearce was one of his Godparents. We later had two daughters.

In 1956 we moved to Letchworth where John was on the staff of Hillshott School, again a J.M.J. From there, in 1958, he was appointed Headmaster of Norton, St. Nicholas C of E, J.M.J. School, Letchworth, where he remained until 1966. He was the youngest Head in Hertfordshire at that time. His next post was at a school in the process of being built at Parley, near Ferndown, Dorset. He was appointed to equip, appoint staff and open the school with a full complement of pupils on a rapidly growing development north of Bournemouth. We moved to Bournemouth. When the Dorset Education Authority reorganized its educational system and the designation of the school, John became a relief advisory Head. His intention was one day to have a school of his own again!

This he achieved in 1973 when he was appointed Head of Moordown St. John's C of E, J.M.I. School, Bournemouth. He took early retirement in 1983, having been a headmaster for 25 years.

He was always grateful for the opportunities he had been afforded in life and considered himself a lucky man — despite various health problems which he experienced over the years. In retirement his hobbies comprised a 1932 Austin 7 and his computer. We celebrated our Golden Wedding in 2000.

John leaves a son, who is also a teacher, married to a teacher, two daughters and their families. He was very proud of his eight grandchildren. Both they and his wife remain in Bournemouth.

Gabrielle Weaver nee Long



The Dorset Austin A7 Club at the funeral of John Weaver

JOHN GRAHAM DUNCAN

John Duncan was a QE Boy between 1923 and 1933. He was a member of Stapylton House where he passed the Higher School Certificate and served on the Library Committee in 1932. He was a founder member of the OE Golf Section in 1934 and served on its committee. During the war he served as a Leading Aircraftsman in the RAF. He was a founder member of the Forty Society and attended regularly until recently.

B J F

RICHARD JOHN GOLLAND

My father died on 14 April 2003 of pneumonia. He had been diagnosed as having oesophageal cancer in January. Thankfully he died peacefully in the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital. His funeral took place on 24 April. Over sixty friends and relatives attended. He is survived by my mother, Peggy, my sister Mary, myself and four granddaughters.

Dad was born on 12 October 1917 in Palmers Green. He grew up in New Barnet. His father had been a pearl setter, but had given that up to own a newsagent opposite what is now Sainsbury's. He attended the Margaret Road Infant School, and on 14 September 1928 attended Queen Elizabeth's School in the old buildings in Wood Street, joining Underne House. By the time he left on 26 July 1935, he had witnessed the retirement of Bill Latimer, and the appointment of EHJ. He left having gained his Oxford Senior Certificate in English, History, French with oral, Mathematics, Chemistry and Physics. His school file records that he was "a pleasant boy of reasonable ability".

At school he had played rugby, and continued to do so for ToCH until he went abroad in 1937. On leaving school he was offered a job with Rubery Owen. He attended evening classes with a view to gaining a Civil Engineering qualification. He worked on the new stands at Twickenham, the American Embassy, and the Speke factory erected by Rootes. In 1937 Rubery Owen learned that his uncle was an important civil servant in the Air Ministry. He was asked to use his "influence" to gain work from the Air Ministry, and refused. Having been demoted in consequence, my father took a post with Pauling & Co working on the Penguin Wharf in Beira (now Laputo) in Mozambique. He had met my mother before leaving. His notes record that he would take local leave in Rhodesia, and enjoyed shooting trips at weekends. He was still working in Beira when the Second World War began.

In 1941 he was transferred to the Tete Railway contract as a section engineer. This was an eventful time in his life judging by the photographs of train crashes and the stories of leopard hunts with which we were regaled in later years. Throughout this time Dad had been corresponding with my mother.

In 1944 he left the Zambezi for Cape Town to try to find a ship home. He volunteered as a gunner on S.S. Manchester, although he would recount his fear that if the gun on the poop deck had ever been fired it would have gone straight through the bottom of the hull! They sailed unescorted to Freetown. From there a convoy comprising seven ships (Manchester was the commodore's vessel, with one Flower Class corvette as escort) sailed for Gibraltar, and after one U boat alert joined a large convoy of 125

ships. From Gibraltar the convoy sailed through dawn air alerts to Liverpool, arriving on 3 May 1944. After a couple of weeks leave, he was called up, but failed the medical as he had spent so long in the tropics. There cannot have been very much wrong - he was 85 when he died!

Pauling & Co immediately appointed him as engineer on the construction of the Phoenix Units for Mulbery Harbour. He married my mother on 12 July 1944, and after one and half days' honeymoon in Horsham, they moved to Swansea where he helped to build two larger units to reinforce the Mulbery Harbour breakwaters. They were completed in September, whereupon my parents returned to London, taking up residence in Croxley Green. Dad then worked in Pauling & Co's London office after the war. He became involved in some of the system built houses and bungalows that were being erected to provide urgently needed housing. In 1948 Pauling & Co were awarded the Mikindani to Ruio Railway construction contract in Tanganyika (now Tanzania). Mikindani is in the south of the country next to the Mozambique border. Father was appointed sub-agent. The bungalow in Croxley Green was sold, Dad left for Tanganyika and my sister and I moved with my mother to stay with her parents in Oakwood. My mother, sister and I flew to join Dad in 1949 by the last commercial flying boat trip from Southampton. Father worked on the railway contract until it was terminated in 1950 owing to the collapse of the Groundnut Scheme. We remained in Mtwara whilst the plant was shipped back to UK and the remaining equipment disposed of.

In 1951 we all returned home, staying initially with my mother's parents in Oakwood. Eventually we settled in Monkfrith Way, Southgate. My father was then put through a deep sea diving course, prior to leaving for Freetown to build a 500 ton slipway for harbour tugs. This was an extension of work already underway for construction of a deepwater quay, passenger terminal and transit sheds etc. Pauling & Co then went through a period of re-organisation, which meant that Dad ended up as Agent for all work being done in Freetown, including the Kongara Dam project. In 1953 he succumbed to appendicitis and was very ill. He returned to London in 1954 to help with tendering work for tunnels outside Freetown. At the same time Pauling & Co were awarded a contract for reclamation work and construction of a quay in Aden. He went out there in October for a twelve month stint, taking charge of the contract pending the appointment of an Agent. During this time he paid two visits to Assab in Eritrea to organise an underwater survey to provide a loading point for French contractors. Here he indulged in a few flying lessons.

In October 1955 he returned to London, only to find that the new management set up at Pauling & Co was not to his liking. He resigned, debated getting into consultancy but was eventually enticed back into contracting by his old friend Jimmy McBride. He joined D & C & Wm Press. He was instrumental in putting together a successful joint tender with S.A. d'asaude for roadworks in Iraq. In November 1955 he left for Iraq as deputy Agent, working on the stretch of road between Jalulla and Derband Khan. This was very isolated and wild country, populated by Kurds. Their idea of fishing a mountain stream was to throw a hand grenade into it! Father travelled over most of northern Iraq and visited Mosul. His mother died in December 1956, and he came home on leave. Whilst home he proposed a new specification for the road base, which proved very successful, being easier to construct and cheaper as well! His life in Iraq was punctuated by home leave in March 1956, 1957, and 1958. On his return in 1958 the revolution took place in July. He was arrested in August, accused of plotting against the New Government. His association with the Kurds was the root of the problem. Having been advised by H.M. Government that he was in danger, a hasty exit took place in November 1958. His travelling days were over.

In February 1959 He joined John Mowlem & Co as senior engineer on the Port of London Maintenance Contract. Mowlem's had held the contract since 1923. At that time the docks were still operational, and father's patch extended from Kew to Tilbury. I was privileged to visit his jobs on Saturdays during holiday time. He had bought himself an old Morgan 4/4 drophead, and I have happy memories of the drives into the docks. The Morgan was sold when Mowlem's gave Dad a Mini as his firm's car. David Hoskins (1955 - 1961) bought the Morgan! The Mini gave Dad a chance to expand his horizons. He became involved with the Mini7 Club, and ran numerous autocross events on Sir John Whitmore's estate near Tilbury. His work was fascinating, as the docks were gradually changing from warehouses to flats, and docks to marinas. There was plenty of scope for his diving expertise. One of the highlights of his time with Mowlem's was the rebuilding of the St Katherine's Dock entrance lock - the only example of the work of Telford in London. He often told how the massive granite lintels were so accurately made and installed that the water that escaped past the lock door was minimal. On the day before royalty were due to open the lock, disaster occurred. Water was leaking out as fast as it could be pumped into the lock. A diver went down and found that someone had thrown a bicycle into the lock, which had been squashed into the sill. Once removed, the opening was a success!

During the 1970's Dad took up boating on the Norfolk Broads. He bought a small motor boat, Ellen, to be replaced later by Aquamedes, a short, portly motor sailer. Those who knew Dad would say this was very appropriate! On the way he was instrumental in setting up the Brundall Yacht Club, started teaching people navigation and the approved telecommunication course required to enable use of VHF transmitters (over 2,000 pupils by the time he stopped), and in 1982, when he retired, he bought a house in Brundall where he lived until his death.

Until the last four months of his life, Dad was the unofficial local taxi for so many of the older residents of Brundall who needed help in getting around, something that Mum is continuing. He will be missed by the Brundall community, who are now providing Mum with all the support that she needs at this time.

My father was a quiet, dignified, intelligent man with an impish sense of humour. His sense of duty reflected the tough times that his generation lived through. He was a fine example to Old Elizabethans and, I suspect, typical of the boys who have been privileged to attend the School. He thoroughly enjoyed his occasional visits to the Annual Dinner, and to Founders Day. It will not be the same without him.

Jerry Golland
(1956 - 1963)

RONALD GUNTON

Ron Gunton of Leicester House died on February 14th 2003. He was an OE personality.

He joined the School in 1936 when he was living in East Barnet. He soon showed his prowess at rugby football. Although short in stature, he was broad in physique and acquired the name of "Chunky". He was a fearless wing forward, who would disappear into a mass of forwards and re-appear with the ball, and would fall on the ball at the feet of a forward rush without hesitation. He played in an unbeaten Colts XV and in the 1939/40 season gained his First XV colours, although he was very young. He was an enthusiastic swimmer and held a number of School records at that time.

He made his mark on the School during wartime ARP training, which is recorded in the School's history. E H Jenkins, in his book "Elizabethan Headmaster 1930-61", writing of the School's activities in countering possible incendiary bomb attacks, records:-

"Exercises were frequent, and in one of them a fervent fellow got off the "cat walk" under the roof and put his foot through the library ceiling...leaving his mark with a vengeance".

Ron was the "fervent fellow", and the ceiling remained damaged for many years.

On leaving School, Ron joined the Royal Armoured Corps as a Trooper. He saw action in the invasion of Europe and the advance into Germany as a tank driver. He also played the drums in the RAC band.

After demobilization, he trained as an accountant. He played in the very successful OERFC 1st XV under the captaincy of Tom Pay, when the Club played in Oakhill Park, East Barnet. When the Club was moving to the OE Memorial Field in Mays Lane, Ron was one of the volunteers who excavated the foundations for the pavilion and the holes for the septic tank.

He was one of the few OEs who owned a car in those days, which at weekends he filled with rugby or cricket players according to the season.

He met Anne at the Royal Free Hospital and they duly married. They lived in Friern Barnet, Wheathampstead and finally St Albans, the latter complex had a swimming pool.

His old mate, Denis Marriott and he joined the Verulam Golf Club and he became Captain in the 1990's. He was Vice-President of the OERFC and later the Barnet Saracens Old Elizabethans RFC. Both Denis and he were regulars at the OE Forty Society Luncheons, until quite regularly. His last appearance at a gathering of the OEs was at the Memorial Service for Denis Marriott in St Albans in January.

He faced his fatal illness cheerfully and bravely, just as he faced those forward rushes in earlier years. His funeral was at West Herts Crematorium, Garston, and there was a large congregation representing Ron's many interests, including a large OE contingent. Adrian Turner, OE, gave the address.

Ron and Anne had no children and we extend our deepest sympathy to Anne and Ron's twin sister Olive in their sad loss.

B J F
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MICHAEL PATRICK KEHOE

Michael was at the School between 1950 and 1957. He was a member of Leceister House. He won Athletic Colours in 1957 for the 220 yards and the Long Jump. His contemporaries made particular mention of his athletic prowess and regretted the loss of contact with him after leaving School.

B J F

DOUGLAS LOTHIAN KNIBB

Douglas Knibb of Broughton House was at QE between 1934 and 1939 and was the youngest of three brothers who attended the School in the 1930's. He was a cousin of the late Trevor Knibb.

He was a keen sportsman and played in the same Colts XV as Ron Gunton, in the centre. He was also first choice long jumper in the School's Athletic Team, although he was young, in 1939.

He left School when he was in the Lower V to take up a Halton Apprenticeship in the Royal Air Force just before the outbreak of war. He played rugby for the OERFC wartime XV when he was on leave. On completion of his apprenticeship, he volunteered for flying duties and became a Sergeant Air Gunner. He was shot down while on operations and became a Prisoner of War in Germany until 1945.

On leaving the RAF, he moved to the Midlands and took up a career in the motor industry. He lived in Solihull. He was a Life Member of the OEs. He was a generous supporter of the appeal for the long lease on the OE War Memorial Field in 1990.

B J F

T LUZMORE

Mr Luzmore's first name remains a mystery, he was a member of Broughton House, and became in 1925/6 Secretary of the School Photographic Society. This Society combined with others to form the Science Society in the following year. He was a School Prefect and left the School in 1927. When the OE Association introduced Life Membership in 1928, he became a Life Member. He married Elsie Maud Hatford at Peckham Rye on June 8th 1936 and lived thereafter in South London, retiring eventually to Eastbourne.

B J F

FROM THE HONORARY SECRETARY

You will find in these pages the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on the 29th April 2003 and, like last year, I have not included the Annual Balance Sheet and Accounts nor the Report of the Playing Fields Company, but if any of you would like to see them, I shall be happy to arrange for copies to be forwarded to you.

I will take this opportunity to let you know that we are looking for a volunteer to take over from our Treasurer, Martyn Bradish, who, as you will see from the AGM Minutes, has tendered his resignation, but has offered to continue for a further year. If any one would like to consider this job and wants more information I would ask him to speak directly to Martyn. At the same time we also need deputies for the Social Secretary and for the Forty Society, just to provide back-up and assist at the events organised by them.

In fact your committee feels that all our Officer jobs could well do with Assistants for back-up in case of need and for, what is perhaps more important, continuity, or succession. A new job is for a "Web-Master", someone to control the input of information onto the new web-site currently being established for the Association. This will entail a certain level of computer skill and use of a personal computer and if any one would like to help us out with this, please let me or Alan King, the Membership Secretary, know. An opportunity for someone bright to get in on the ground floor of this exciting venture.

Finally an impassioned plea on behalf of the Chairman of the Playing Fields Company board, Mr Eric Shearly, for more assistance with weekly maintenance work which is vitally necessary at Gypsy Corner: this is particularly aimed at all those of you who succeeded in persuading the Committee of the day not to sell up. You promised to help - where are you?

M G Slough
Honorary Secretary
July 2003

SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR THE AGM

This has been an eventful year where your committee has gone to great lengths to carry forward elements of the 5-Year Plan outlined at the AGM last year. The major thrust has been in marketing ourselves and a sub-committee comprising myself, the Chairman, the President, the Treasurer, and the Editorial and Membership Secretaries set about this task. It was not an easy one and under the guidance of our Membership Secretary Alan King we set about looking at our image and how we could bring ourselves into the 21st century. You have already seen the first results of these labours manifested in a new corporate style, which the committee all felt was striking and yet retained all the elements of the Abbott crest. We are endeavouring to recruit new members by contacting in the first instance those people who have signed up to the web-site "Friends Re-united" and who left the school about 13 years ago i.e. those who would now be about 30 years old. At the time of writing the efforts made have produced minimal results, but there is along way to go yet. A new Business Club is poised to be formed and holds a preliminary meeting in London in May. This is in the capable hands of Ken Cooper and Martyn Bradish and we expect great things from this initiative.

After 20 years as your Editorial Secretary, Dennis Nelms wishes to hand the job over to a younger person. I would have said "more active" person but Dennis's agility belies his age. We naturally respect his wishes in the matter, and I can only say in the sincerest way possible that we owe a great debt of gratitude to Dennis for all his efforts over the years. We would like to wish him well for the future – one which I know will not see a diminution of his affection for this Association. Dennis has also been an Endowment Funds Trustee for more years than he wishes to re-call, and at its last meeting he handed the Chairmanship over to Ken Cooper who has been Vice Chairman for about 4 years.

We also say good bye to Martyn Bradish who as Treasurer has rigorously guarded our funds for 10 years or so. This is a thankless task but on your behalf I would like to say "Thank you" to him tonight.

I will propose later in this meeting to seek your approval to make both these hard-working officers honorary life members as a token of our thanks to them both for all the efforts they have put in to the Administration of the Association over the years. I know you would wish to join with me in wishing them all the best for the future. On the sporting side the cricket club remains the stalwart supporter of Gypsy Corner followed closely by the Association Football Club. Great efforts are continually being made by the board of the Playing Field company to keep the ground and pavilion in good order and I do not intend at this juncture to say further than that as there will be a full report from the company later in this meeting. They all deserve a vote of thanks from us all in keeping our HQ alive.

Away from Gypsy Corner an elite group started an O E Bowls club at Goslings Sports Park Welwyn Garden City in July last year. Let's just say that the few are having an enjoyable if unsuccessful time in matches, where results have been poor. But those who have joined are not downhearted and we will overcome!!! We would dearly like some more members so speak to me after the meeting. We are an open club and wives, partners, sweethearts and friends are all welcome.

The Forty Society continues to hum and we are all looking forward to the next lunch at the School, again with wives/partners/sweethearts/friends in attendance. The Secretary of the Society and up to tonight our esteemed President, David Walsh suffered a serious heart attack in October last year and has made a remarkable

recovery. In his absence John Fuller has re-taken the reins for the next lunch so it had better be a good one, John! We all send/offer David our best wishes for a continued recovery.

The Masonic Lodge is thriving although one of its founder members and Past Master, John Robertson is still not restored to full health after his stroke some 18 months ago. Nearer to home the Elizabethan Society in conjunction with the Association has held another highly successful dinner debate and I exhort all of you who missed out this year to look out for next year's tryst. Ken Cooper is the man responsible, ably aided and abetted by the School's Mr Jones. For the first time for some years a party of OE's attended the FQE Annual Ball and it is to be hoped that this will become an annual OE event. A select band of OE's participated with the Friends of QE in a Quiz Evening at which David Walsh was joint quizmaster and at which he suffered his heart attack. I do not believe there is any connection between these two things – all I need say is that thankfully the close proximity to Barnet General Hospital enabled David to receive emergency treatment very quickly indeed.

Finally I would like to thank all those who throughout the year have continued to provide assistance in all our endeavours with particular reference to the School, the Headmaster and his teaching and administration staff. Above all a heartfelt vote of thanks to Jeremy Dhondy and Emi Aghdiran for their computer wizardry and advice, Jeremy for coping with our internet demands and Emi for all the work she has done and is doing with the school records and Friends Re-united helping us to make contact with former pupils.

M G Slough
Hon. Secretary
29 March 2003

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATION

HELD ON THE 29TH April 2003 AT 8.00 P.M.

AT GYPSY CORNER

Present: K R Cooper (Chairman), M G Slough (Hon Secretary), M H S Bradish (Hon Treasurer), A F King, (Hon Membership Secretary) D A Nelms (Hon Editorial Secretary), R L Busvine, K Jackson, S P Mitchell, E N H Shearly, J Smith, (Committee Members) and 14 other members.

1. APOLOGIES:

K Fitzgerald, D Shirley, J Brown, A Salisbury, A Morris, T J Custance, D Norris.

2. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:

The minutes of the last meeting held on the 24th April 2002 were signed by the Chairman as an accurate record.

3. MATTERS ARISING:

.01 It was reported that Mr R J Paget (1952/59) had taken over the administration of the 200 Club following Mr Shearly's appeal at the last meeting.

4. REPORTS:

.01 SECRETARY:

Mr Slough read out his report a copy of which is attached to these minutes. The Chairman reiterated one point, namely concerning the invaluable help received from the school and he wished this to be recognised by the meeting. The report and the Chairman's rider were both accepted with acclaim on a proposal by Mr Busvine, seconded by Mr Jackson.

.02 TREASURER:

Mr Bradish presented his audited accounts for the year ended 31st December 2002, and commented on certain variances. A discussion ensued about the rising costs of "The Elizabethan" put down to larger content with colour pictures, new cover and additional costs due to all V1th Formers receiving the magazine, and costs incurred for graphic design works on the new corporate image. The resultant loss on the year's trading amounted to £1281 (£1467 2001). He drew members' attention to a donation received from a charity with which a member of the Association is connected, and wished to publicly acknowledge this. He felt that future cost for postages and stationery would continue to rise. He wished to acknowledge the audit work of Alan Morris and

to thank him for his assistance. On a proposal by Mr Shearly seconded by Mr Mitchell, the accounts were duly adopted. They are attached to these Minutes in the Minute Book.

.03 OLD ELIZABETHAN'S (BARNET) PLAYING FIELDS CO. LTD:

Mr Jackson went through his report, prepared on behalf of the Playing Fields Company, a copy of which is attached to these Minutes. The year had been a good one as far as both bar receipts (Social Club) and lettings (PFC) were concerned, and the end result was a joint surplus of £2750. He was happy to report that the gross profit of the bar was improving due largely to tighter controls and stock checks having been introduced. General maintenance work is carried on, and the groundsman's work was visible for all to see, though his costs are rising. Whilst there are several items requiring capital expenditure, these are on hold temporarily in view of the matter of drainage of some of the playing pitches. This is now so bad, often prohibiting the playing of matches, that a sub-committee is currently submitting a report setting out what remedial action is necessary. This will necessitate large expenditure and this will no doubt be the subject of much debate over the next few months. The Chairman congratulated the PFC on its report, Mr Jackson for his presentation and on a proposal made by Mr T Cooper, seconded by Mr R Hammond, the report was adopted unanimously.

5. THE WAY AHEAD - A PROGRESS REPORT:

The Chairman outlined progress made over the last year in elements of the 5-Year Plan as follows:-

1. Our representation of ourselves by means of a revamped corporate image based on but in no way intended to denigrate the Don Abbott logo design. The outward and visible sign has now been seen in the new cover for "The Elizabethan", in our letterheads and marketing material, all of which is felt to be striking and modern.
2. We had started a recruitment drive based on those who had signed up to the "Friends Re-united" web-site, with particular reference to those who had left the school some 13 years ago, i.e., those in their early thirties. In this we were being greatly assisted by the school who had sent off over 400 e-mails to former pupils. The results were not outstanding - 19 had expressed interest and of these three had been converted to membership, but it is early days. Mr King the Membership Secretary at this point set out some statistics regarding the numbers of actual members compared to the number who have passed through the school over the last 50 years, highlighting the lean years where there is no representation at all in our membership. A quick head count of those present at this meeting indicated that, with the exception of two, all the rest had left the school over 40 years ago. It was this situation that the Committee was endeavouring to address.
3. We were building on the strength of "The Elizabethan" Magazine by using the title no longer used by the School for its magazine. It is not just a series of reports but contains photos and articles of interest, which will enhance its position as the main vehicle of contact with the vast majority of our members.
4. We are investigating our own web-site with a view to setting up an interactive chat-room and bulletin board. It is acknowledged that this is

- rapidly becoming the way the younger generation communicates and we are making progress in this direction.
5. We are keen to see clubs like the 40 Society being formed for other years. Whilst there have been attempts to do this in the past without success, new initiatives are welcome. With this in view a Business Club is in process of being formed, under the direction of himself and Mr Bradish, and a preliminary meeting has been arranged for the 3rd July at the Royal Overseas League to inaugurate this.
 6. Finally the chairman wished to emphasise that the committee has been working hard on all these and other activities directed towards the health of the Association and increasing the membership.

1. ELECTION OF HONORARY OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE:

.01 PRESIDENT:

Mr Walsh's term of office as President has now elapsed and the Chairman wished to place on record the Association's thanks to him for all his strenuous efforts and unbounded enthusiasm over the last three years, and to wish him well in his recovery from his illness. He invited nominations for the post and as none were forthcoming, he then proposed from the Chair, Mr R L Busvine (1938/47). This was seconded by Mr Slough and, in the absence of any other nomination, Mr Busvine was duly elected President for the ensuing three years.

.02 SECRETARY:

Mr Slough, in the absence of any other nomination, was re-elected Secretary by acclaim on the nomination of Mr Jackson, seconded by Mr Fuller.

.03 TREASURER:

Mr Bradish having indicated his desire to resign, members were asked for nominations for the post. On there being none forthcoming, the Chairman informed the meeting that Mr Bradish was prepared to stand for a further year, during which time a replacement would have to be found. On the recommendation of the Chairman seconded by Mr Busvine, Mr Bradish was duly re-elected as Treasurer.

.04 MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY:

Mr King, nominated by Mr Slough and seconded by Mr Smith, was, in the absence of any other nomination, duly re-elected by acclaim as Membership Secretary.

.05 EDITORIAL SECRETARY:

Mr Nelms had previously indicated that after 20 years as Editor, he wished to "retire". The Chairman expressed in no uncertain terms the great debt the Association owed to him for making the magazine such a readable thing and for ensuring that our main lifeline to members was in such good shape. He echoed the feelings of all present when he said

that Dennis's dedication, not only to the editor's job but also to his role as a committee member, was unsurpassed and thanked him for all his help over many years with the administration of the Association's affairs. He then made a presentation to Dennis of a cheque (amount unspecified) as a small indication of the Association's thanks for a job well done.

He was glad to be able to announce that a volunteer to take over the mantle had come forward in the shape of Mr Darren Norris, who has been a committee member for some time and who is currently secretary of the Cricket Club. In the absence of any other nominations and at Mr Nelms nomination, seconded by Mr Shearly, he was duly elected.

.06 SOCIAL SECRETARY:

Mr D Newell nominated and Mr K Jackson seconded Mr G Fawke, the present incumbent and in the absence of any other nominations, he was duly elected.

.07 AUDITOR:

Mr A Morris was nominated by the Chairman, seconded by the Secretary and in the absence of any other nomination was duly elected.

.08 COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Due to the elevation of Mr Busvine to the post of President, and Mr Norris to Editorial Secretary, there are two vacancies. No nominations for these vacancies were made, and, on a proposal from the Secretary, the remaining members of the committee were re-elected *en-bloc*:

K R Cooper, K Jackson, S P Mitchell, E N H Shearly, J Smith, and D Walsh.

The vacancies can be filled by co-option by the committee in due course.

7.0 ELECTION OF HONORARY MEMBERS AND VICE-PRESIDENTS:

.01 HONORARY MEMBERS:

Mr Dennis Newell had been nominated by Messrs P Haxby and J Fitkin for services rendered to the Association over many years. Mr Slough nominated Mr D A Nelms and Mr M H S Bradish: these were seconded by Mr J Smith and Mr S Mitchell respectively. All these gentlemen were then duly elected to Honorary Membership.

.02 VICE-PRESIDENTS:

There were no nominations for Vice-Presidencies.

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Mr Mitchell proposed a vote of thanks to Mr Shearly after many years of service as chairman of the Social Club, from which he has now retired. This was agreed with acclaim.

There being no other business and with thanks to all members for their attendance the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.50 p.m.

M G Slough
Hon Secretary
Wednesday, 30 April 2003

FROM THE HONORARY TREASURER

The Honorary Treasurer gives notice that those Old Elizabethans paying their subscription by direct debit will be debited £20 for their 2004 subscription on or shortly after 2 January 2004.

FROM THE HEADMASTER

Dear Old Elizabethans,

I was very pleased to have had several recent opportunities to meet with old boys socially at the OE v Sixth Form annual Dinner Debate, Forty Society Luncheon, the Founder's Day Ceremony and Fete, the Summer Ball and Senior and Junior Awards ceremonies. As always, the Friends of Queen Elizabeth's arrangements at these events were impeccable and old boys, staff, parents and visitors enjoyed the friendly and congenial atmosphere that prevailed. I am pleased to see that an increasing number of old boys are making use of the OE Memorial Library on Founder's Day and other occasions to meet up with former peers or to use it as a base for an individual or group visit to the School. OEs are always most welcome here. I am delighted to share my reflections on School events and current pupils' achievements with old boys as another eventful and successful academic year draws to a close.

Four events in particular, provide quite splendid insights into the sporting, cultural and academic life of the school during the spring term. On 19th March Professor David VandeLinde, Vice Chancellor of the University of Warwick, was the Guest of Honour at the annual Senior Awards Evening held in Main Hall. In his address, Professor VandeLinde expressed genuine admiration for the 71 senior award winners' achievements in the broad diversity of their academic and extra-curricular activities. The boys' unending capacity to impress with refined musical performances was again evident in the two major concerts held this term. Packed houses enjoyed a diversity of genre performed to very high standards at the Christmas¹ and Spring concerts. However, it is the achievements of the great majority of our boys at Queen Elizabeth's that is a source of that deep pride. A revealing measure of quite how well the generality of our boys are doing was confirmed in the publication this term of the long-awaited DfES added-value league tables. Such is the value added by the pace of learning at Key Stage 3, that the average 14 year old boy at Queen Elizabeth's is the equivalent of 5 terms' schooling ahead of pupils of equal ability in schools across the country. This remarkable progress provides the foundations for the 9 A grades our 16-year-olds achieve, on average, at GCSE and the AAB grades our 18 years olds achieve at A-Level before taking up their places at one of the Russell group of Universities². On Sunday 9th March Queen Elizabeth's, hosted the 27th annual seven-a-side Rugby Tournament. Sixty-four teams from schools across the country competed in 124 games. The event ran smoothly and efficiently, the rugby was of the highest standard and the players' behaviour, on and off the pitches, was exemplary. It is easy to see why this splendid event has, over the 27 years of its existence, earned its proud reputation on the circuit.

During the first week back after the Easter holiday, months of painstaking rehearsals culminated in a superbly directed³ junior drama production. A cast of 35 Year 7 & 8 boys performed admirably in a wonderful performance that captured the spirit and substance of Milne's "Toad of Toad Hall". The flamboyance of Toad, subtlety of Mole, gravitas of Badger and assurance of Rat were highly impressive and contributed to a

¹ Rescheduled to avoid the December power cut.

² An informal self-selected representative body from research-led institutions, so-called because meetings take place in the Russell Hotel and include the following Universities: Birmingham, Bristol, Cambridge, Cardiff, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Leeds, Liverpool, Manchester, Newcastle upon Tyne, Nottingham, Oxford, Sheffield, Southampton, Warwick, Imperial College of Science, Technology & Medicine, King's College London, London School of Economics & Political Science University College London. To this we would add Durham as another of our boys' preferred choice of University.

³ Directors were Miss Vickers and Miss Maule.

polished and imaginative production. Another group of younger boys that has excelled beyond their age range is the Young Enterprise company, "Avanti", consisting of 25 Year 10 boys⁴. Having won the local competition "Avanti" saw off competition from hundreds of Sixth Form teams, including those of leading grammar and independent schools, to win the North London and the London Finals. The team now go forward to represent London in the UK Finals in July at the Savoy where they will compete with 12 other teams from around the UK for the national title. Their impressive awards to date⁵ sustain Queen Elizabeth's unequalled record in this national competition⁶. Our current Year 9 boys' have also excelled by improving even further⁷ upon last year's KS3 mathematics results that ranked among the top 5% of Grammar schools nationally. We look forward to the remaining public exam results.

The very high standard of music at the School was, amongst other things, in evidence by our thirty-eight junior strings players' rendition of Vivaldi's, *Concerto for Two 'Cellos*⁸ in G Minor, 1st Movt., at the July Junior Concert. It is unsurprising that the School received such a fine set of Associated Board results, including 7 Distinctions, two at Grade 8. One of our boys has been awarded an instrumental scholarship from Warwick University⁹, two¹⁰ have been performing in the production of *Joseph* in the West End and another¹¹ is covering a solo role in the Royal Opera's production of *The Magic Flute* at Covent Garden. Three Year 11 design students¹² were awarded prestigious Arkwright Scholarships for the study of Design Technology at A-level and at the Edinburgh International Science Festival our Sixth Formers¹³ performed wonders by winning the finals in the 'Walking on Water' competition sponsored by *New Scientist*. Four Sixth Formers who participated in the Chemistry Olympiad achieved considerable success; one¹⁴ being awarded a bronze certificate, one a silver¹⁵ and one of our boys¹⁶ finished in the top ten in the country. Two Year 12 bio-chemists¹⁷ have been awarded prestigious Nuffield Bursaries that enable them to spend 6 weeks this summer working on projects¹⁸ alongside research scientists at the National Institute for Medical Research in Mill Hill. Finally, in May, the Minister of State for School

⁴ YE Team 2002-2003: Daniel Garsin 10P MD, Michael Lane 10B Chairman, Warendra Balakrishnan 10U Operations Director, Ridwan Choudhury 10S Marketing Director, Sam Granger 10P Sales Director, Daniel Isenberg 10P Finance Director, Nick Myers 10P ICT Director, Mark Wolfson 10S HR Director, Nick Gale 10P ICT, Andrew Messios 10P ICT, James Clarke 10B Operations, Daniel Cohen 10P Operations, Jack Hobday 10U Operations, Steven Poon 10B Operations, Ben Miller 10P Operations, Jake Schogger 10H Sales, Sebastien Yoe 10P Sales, Neil Yogananth 10B Sales, Joe Fernandes 10H Finance, Nick Wallis 10U Finance, Peter Morcos 10B HR, Ryan Fox 10B Marketing, Samir Juthani 10B Marketing, Vishal Mehta 10S Marketing, Vishal Vyas 10S Marketing

⁵ Including "Best Product Award" for their Aquasense a bath level sensor and "Best Presentation Award".

⁶ Q.E's Sixth Form Young Enterprise 1999: Best Company Report; Best Product in North London Finals. Q.E's Sixth Form Young Enterprise 2000: winner Of The North London Finals - "Best Product & Stand"; winner of the London Divisional Finals - "Best Product"; winner of the U.K. National Finals; winner of the Young Enterprise Europe Competition.

Q.E's Sixth Form Young Enterprise 2001: winner of the North London Finals - "Best Product & Stand"; winner of the London Divisional Finals - "Best Product"; runners up at the U.K. National Finals.

⁷ Nearly 70 % achieved the top level, Level 8, and none under Level 7.

⁸ The two soloists were Max Sweiry 9P and Benjamin Yadin 7P

⁹ Michael Kruger 13G

¹⁰ Scott Benson 8B and Thomas Clarke 8B

¹¹ Andrew Bullmore 7H

¹² Stephen Dauncey 11S, Sebastian Roberts 11H and Gregory Chandler 11S

¹³ Ashish Patel 12F, Sacheen Patel 12A, Birendra Balakrishnan 12A, and Johan Byran 12H

¹⁴ Alex Mirtchev 13A

¹⁵ Mohsin Badat 13F

¹⁶ Alistair Bell 13F

¹⁷ David Yadin and Carl Marincowitz

¹⁸ Investigations into the formation of the lateral line in zebrafish and the development of cells in chick embryos.

Standards wrote to congratulate Queen Elizabeth's on winning its third consecutive DfES "Achievement Award" for substantially improved results.

While our senior boys are engaged in GCSE, A/S and A-Level examinations, the summer term provides the opportunity for us to host various annual award ceremonies that formally recognise and celebrate the very many boys who have distinguished themselves in a range of academic and extra-curricular activities. I was delighted to welcome John Petevinos (O.E. 1986–1993) as our Guest of Honour at the Junior Awards Day in July. John was a splendid School Captain who achieved a first class MEng Degree with Distinction from Cambridge and the honour of being nominated a "Scholar of Gonville & Caius", his College. It is helpful to boys and parents to hear the address of one of our own, ten years into his post school career, who is already giving leadership to blue-chip companies as a senior consultant in the strategy group of Deloitte Consulting. At House Award Ceremonies a most impressive number of boys from each year achieved Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards, the product of accumulated individual House Point scores that form part of the merit system. The Colours Assemblies provided occasions to celebrate individuals' sporting excellence and achievement across each year group and I am conscious of the pride with which the bearers will wear their coveted colours ties.

During the holidays, builders, engineers, fitters and decorators will move onto the site to modernise 3 physics laboratories, install three interactive whiteboards in teaching rooms, upgrade the heating system, renew windows and refresh tired looking rooms and corridors. The FQE now plays a pivotal role in the School by helping to fund these essential tasks, sustaining the rich extra-curricular provision for the boys and accumulating capital for future projects such as the new hall and pool. By removing some of the burden of these expenses from the School's budget we are able to avoid teacher redundancies – no mean feat in the light of the serious schools' funding crisis that has been well aired in the national and local media. I shall write personally to those who may wish to join the many old boys who covenant in support of the Friends of Queen Elizabeth's and their response to the funding crisis that leaves most of Barnet's secondary schools in the red for the foreseeable future. At Queen Elizabeth's the shortfall amounts to £290,000. We will have to work harder on future appeals to realize our ambitious yet essential building plans. Ultimately it will be the generosity of parents, old boys and friends in business and industry that will secure future developments at Queen Elizabeth's. Despite the wider context of turbulence¹⁹ and uncertain funding in education, a remarkable feature of the past year has been the extent to which the boys generally have thrived. We look forward to the new year with confidence in the School's capacity for continuous improvement. Old Elizabethans' and parents' increased support to the Friends of Queen Elizabeth's will secure those vital enhancements to our boys' educational experience and enable them to compete effectively with the very best and achieve well beyond that which is possible on parlous state funding alone.

I know I speak on behalf of the boys and my colleagues in expressing my sincere gratitude to the old boys who give so much in so many ways in support of the School.

John Marincowitz

STAFFING

¹⁹ This year controversy has surrounded staff police checks, A-Level results, pupil exclusions, and universities' and schools' funding are likely to have raised uncertainties for parents and pupils.

It would not be an overstatement to say that an era at Queen Elizabeth's comes to an end with the retirement of David Maughan. In just a few lines it is difficult to do justice to the contribution that he has made to the School. He was appointed in September 1974 to lead our Physical Education department and be responsible for School Games. During the past 29 years he has enabled a very large number of our boys to represent the School, the county and their country in a wide range of sports ranging from rugby, cricket and athletics to swimming and water-polo. In achieving this he has brought to Queen Elizabeth's a national reputation, and whilst he would be the first to claim that he has been well supported by a long line of dedicated PE teachers in his department, the real reason for this remarkable success is David Maughan himself. He has coached at the highest level and is rightly regarded by his colleagues, in the rugby world throughout the whole country, as an outstanding coach. His presence in the School will be greatly missed not only because of his knowledge and expertise in PE and Games but because he has been an absolutely superb schoolmaster who has dedicated almost his entire career to Queen Elizabeth's. We confidently expect David to remain in contact with the School and we wish him every happiness in his retirement.

ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES

'BEACON SCHOOLS INITIATIVE'

Recent activities in support of local schools included a visit of a group of Year 9 boys accompanied by Mr Ryan and Mrs McConnon to an inter-schools debate on Wednesday 18th June at Queen Elizabeth's Girls' School. In the competition, which also involved Finchley Catholic Boys, Copthall and The Ravenscroft schools, the QE team²⁰ put in an excellent performance to qualify for the final and then win that final in a very close debate with Copthall School.

BRITISH BIOLOGY OLYMPIAD

We have had our best year yet with 4 medalists: one Gold²¹, two Silver²² and a Bronze²³. Bronze class 2 or commendation certificates were also awarded²⁴. One pupil²⁵ was ranked in the top 50 competitors in the UK.

BRITISH PHYSICS CHALLENGE AND OLYMPIAD

At the British Physics Challenge 21 boys were awarded Commendation Certificates²⁶ and 3 boys achieved Bronze Awards²⁷. Seven boys²⁸ have achieved notable success in the British Physics Olympiad competition staged in November and all finished in the top 30% of entries to this prestigious national competition.

BRIDGE

²⁰ Joshua Marks 9P and Peter Martin 9U

²¹ Alex Orrell

²² Sunil Shah and Mohsin Badat

²³ Hay Chun Yip

²⁴ Mark Sibuns 13A, Nikhil Vadgama 13A, Yusouf Kaj 13F & Nicholas Kershberg 13B.

²⁵ Alistair Bell 13F.

²⁶ Ashish Gohil 11L, George Karaolis 11L, Devan Mahadeshwar 11L, Amir Saleem 11P, Ben Shacham 11H, Gorby Sivasothy 11B, Sam Tremayne 11H, Michael Birtwistle 11S, Charles Hallion 11B, Guy Joseph 11H, Louis Koizia 11H, Steven Li 11U, Robert Mills 11P, Matthew O'Connor 11H, James Tookman 11U, Akhil Haria 11P, Brendan Chiu 11S, Daniel Arlington 11B, Daniel Stephens 11S, Hemal Shah 11H, Hireesh Rajani 11H.

²⁷ Glen Walker 11U, Ashley Tsen 11L, Wilson Lai 11H.

²⁸ Alistair Bell 13F, Nigel Amaratunga 13F, Mohsin Badat 13F, Gregory Karaolis 13D, Jonathan Reich 13F, Alexander Mirtchev 13A, Lewis Crabtree 13E.

The Bridge Club continues to be well-attended by Years 7 and 8 and thanks are due to Miss Rogers and Dr Inglis for their commitment and enthusiasm.

CHESS

Chess thrives in terms of boys' outstanding achievements in tournaments, matches and numbers participating in chess activities within School. The School Team won the Challengers' Trophy at the prestigious Millfield International Chess Tournament. A measure of Queen Elizabeth's superiority was that five of our boys won tournament board prizes²⁹, an outstanding achievement considering the calibre of the opposition. At the National Chess Team Championship in July, Queen Elizabeth's teams³⁰ performed well at Under 16, 14 and 12 levels during an enjoyable weekend of chess-based activities at Pontin's in North Wales. Two boys³¹ won a laudable 5 out of their 6 matches. In the National Under 18 and 14 Quickplay Championships, held in Birmingham, the team secured 8th and 10th position in very high calibre fields of mainly independent schools. The Year 7 Chess Tournament³² was memorable both for the quality of the chess played and the enthusiasm shown by the 56 boys who took part in an enjoyable day of chess at their own levels. In July, in excess of 100 boys participated and contributed to a very successful Years 7-10 Swiss Chess Tournament. Fifty boys competed in the British Land U.K. Chess Challenge, played over six rounds during lunchtimes. Twenty-five boys then progressed to represent the School at the Middlesex Final in May, in which there were some outstanding individual performances³³. Indeed 10 boys are due to represent the School at the National Finals at Keele University at the end of July. The House Chess Tournament was keenly contested with the final due to be played between Broughton and Pearce.

CLINICS

Parents should encourage their sons to attend subject clinics if they have an area of weakness in their studies.

CREATIVE WRITING

The Years 8 and 9 House Competition, organised by Miss Vickers, with the theme of "The Mystery", was judged by, former Head of English, Glynne Thomas who was very impressed by the quality of the entries. He emphasised that the standard this year was the highest he had yet seen. All entries from both year groups showed imagination, organisation and plenty of effort and boys should be encouraged to enter again next year.

DEBATING

Mr Jones organised the Inter-house Debating Competitions for Years 8, 9 and 10 and the Sixth Form Debating Competition that took place this term.

DESIGN

Year 9³⁴ boys who attended a design study session over Easter were awarded places on the Smallpiece Trust Engineering Experience at Hallam University. In competitions, we were successful in the Starpak National packaging awards winning two silver

²⁹ Daniel Salamons 9B, George Karaolis 11L, Akhil Kapacee 11H, Ali Yassin 13D, Darius Parvin 9H.

³⁰ U16 : Captain : Joey Ho 10B, Wilson Lai 11H, Jeremy Wijesingha 10B, Rehan Riyaz 8H, Electrum Anpitan 8U

U14 : Captain : Petros Christodoulou 8U, Darius Parvin 9H, David McGonegle 9H, Joshua Marks 9P

U12 : Captain : Jacques Morgulis 7B, Paul Lissowski 7H, Amar Kotak 7B, Adrian Augustine 7B, Jason Phillip 7U, Kieran Pollard 7B, Amar Kotak 7B

³¹ Darius Parvin 9H, Petros Christodoulou 8U

³² Champion : Jacques Morgulis 7B, 2nd : Alex Tan 7P

³³ Age-group Winners : Joey Ho 10B, Petros Christodoulou 8U

³⁴ Jonathan Gold 9U, Daren Mootoo 9U, Jasen Mootoo 9U, Francis Vu 9U and Vaarisan Ganeshalingam 9P

awards³⁵ and the overall student design³⁶. In the Rotary Club Technology Tournament the Lower Sixth team³⁷ gained overall first place. Sixth Form designers visited the Design Museum for a study day and enjoyed a fascinating session, with the education liaison officer from The Institute of Materials, on new and "smart" materials. Year 12 Art & Design students visited New York on a study trip at Easter. Fifty resistant materials students recently participated in the National "Designers into Schools" week, when the School welcomed Kal Chottai, an old boy who is now an international furniture and lighting designer. Kal ran a very rewarding and informative day for the boys, based around the design of light fittings from single sheets of material, and gave the boys valuable insights into the world of design.

DRAMA

Miss Maule and Miss Vickers directed a hugely successful performance of A. A. Milne's "Toad of Toad Hall", an adaptation of Kenneth Grahame's "The Wind in the Willows", in the Summer Term. This was the first large-scale drama production at Queen Elizabeth's for several years, and we were delighted with its success. Planning is underway for boys to demonstrate their talent and commitment in next year's production.

FRENCH

The French Department is taking forty boys to Normandy in France on an activity holiday with a difference. The challenge is for the boys to complete all the activities using the French language consistently. Before climbing the tower in the grounds or cycling around the countryside all boys will know the appropriate vocabulary. Every year there are improvements and new ideas and fencing has been introduced this year. There will be plenty of opportunity to try out the language in real life at the market in Bayeux as well as getting a feel of French street markets. There will also be a cross-curricular element, as we shall be visiting the Memorial Museum in Caen. The daily journal time before supper will give written reinforcement of the spoken French learnt during the day. This is our sixth visit to the Château de la Baudonnière and all accompanying staff look forward to it.

GERMAN

Miss Berman led another successful study trip to the Moselle Valley over half term. Forty Year 10 boys enjoyed practising their language skills outside the classroom in an authentic environment and had first-hand experience of German life and culture. At the end of term seven students from Years 11 and 13 undertook various nine-day work experience placements in Aachen - an excellent opportunity for boys to experience the German way of life and improve their language. Further study trips and work experience opportunities will also be available in the coming academic year.

HIGHER EDUCATION CONVENTION

Old Elizabethans currently in their first year at university or on gap years, returned on the 18th March to tell the present Lower 6th about their experiences of universities and courses or ideas about gap years. The event concluded with a luncheon for last year's leavers to renew friendships and meet up with those who taught them at QE.

HISTORY

³⁵ Joey Ho 10B and Kevin P'Ng 10L

³⁶ Kevin P'Ng 10L

³⁷ Murtaza Jivanjee 12K, Sacheen Patel 12A, Mark Turner 12D and Ramesh Paripooranananthan 12K

The History Department has undertaken a visit to the Black Country Museum for Year 8 in order to consolidate their studies of the 19th Century. Year 9 received a visit from a Holocaust Survivor that enabled them to empathise more closely with a painful period in history. The members of the History Club in Years 7 and 8 have undertaken a variety of projects and it is anticipated this activity will continue after the summer. About a third of the Upper Sixth historians are going on to read History at university of whom 2 hold offers of places at Cambridge.

INDIA APPEAL

As a charitable institution the Sri Sathya School in Trivandrum, Kerala receives no direct grant from the Ministry of Education. In spite of this the school is a thriving, caring community which enables young people from poor rural backgrounds to access a high level of education in the English language. Pupils there have achieved considerable success, some gaining gold certificates in national competitions. Ms Berman visited the Sri Sathya school during half term to oversee QE's donations to Sri Sathya School. It is a delight to hear of the difference our charitable efforts have made to pupils and the school. Q.E. has already: sponsored 3 pupils' education; sent a container of books and equipment; transferred some £9000 towards building classrooms, a stage, computer room and two guest rooms. In addition, volunteer placements for Old Elizabethans are now underway. Three old boys on gap years have just returned from highly successful teaching placements at the school and four more are spending the summer there. We expect to establish an annual placement of old boys in the school. If you are interested in this project more information can be found on the School website.

MATHS

Nine boys from Years 9 and 10 were invited to take part in the 2003 Maths Intermediate Olympiad. They did very well in this competition. One pupil³⁸ received a book prize for coming in the top fifty entrants, two pupils³⁹ were awarded distinctions and five⁴⁰ awarded certificates of merit. Out of two-hundred and sixty-five entrants (Years 7 and 8) in the Junior UK Challenge, ninety-nine received Gold, ninety-eight Silver and forty-four bronze certificates. The Best in School award was also won by two pupils⁴¹. As a result of their excellent performance in the Challenge, seventeen boys were then invited to take part in the Junior Olympiad which took place on 10th June⁴². The Maths Club is enthusiastically attended by Year 7 and thanks are due to Mrs Bindoff for running it so efficiently and for enabling the boys to develop their problem-solving skills. Attendance at the weekly Maths Clinic was steady throughout the term and we thank Mrs Borland for providing pupils with the extra help especially in the run-up to the examinations.

MUSIC

An exceptional evening of very fine and mature performances by the Upper Sixth musicians took place on the occasion of their A2 final recitals in April. The Lunchtime Concert in May was well attended and there were a variety of performances from grade 1 drum-kit pieces to a movement from a Haydn String Quartet. A farewell Chamber Concert was held in May. A large number of Upper Sixth leavers plus Bursary winners and Year 7 Scholarship winners took part. There was an excellent

³⁸ Tom Jennings 9L

³⁹ Nicholas Dore 10S and Daniel Isenberg 10P

⁴⁰ Nicholas Zou 10B, Paresh Doshi 9H, Emilio Innocenti 9H, Chiragh Shah 9S and Jay Unadkat 9U

⁴¹ Daniel Griller 8U and Jacob Hilton 7U

⁴² Jacob Hilton 7U, Urmil Mehta 7L, Paul Lissowski 7H, Kieran Pollard 7B, Daniel Griller 8U, Paras Shah 8S, Trevor Pinto 8S, Mak Bavicic 8P, James Garrett 8P, Ashley Chadwick 8L, Daniel Chapman 8U, Aamer Hason 8S, Jitesh Patel 8U, Ares Kokkinos 8H, Jonathan Tse 8H, Benjamin Lui 8S and Rehan Riyaz 8H

atmosphere and fine playing. The singing was exceptionally beautiful and moving during the Founder's Day service in June and the festival atmosphere was enhanced by excellent brass. The lovely atmosphere that characterised the Founder's Day Fete was enhanced by performances by the Concert Band and Jazz Band. A large audience sat on the grass for both groups. The End of Term Junior Concert revealed strength in depth enabling younger boys to shine. There were excellent and innovative performances of pieces including their own compositions by the Year 10 GCSE Music group. There was some very accomplished and mature playing of the 1st movement of the Vivaldi double 'Cello Concerto by soloists'⁴³. The House Instrumental Competition for Beginner and Intermediate classes also took place in the last week of term.

Finally, two of our rock bands recently competed in the Barnet Bands' Night at the All Saints' Arts Centre in Finchley. It was organised by the Borough Music Advisory Service and included schools such as Queen Elizabeth's Girls', Henrietta Barnett, Hasmonian's & Bishop Douglass with the winning band, chosen by a professional in the pop industry, winning a recording session. Our boys'⁴⁴ band *Minus IQ* won the competition and our other band⁴⁵, *Score 1 4 Safety* were awarded second place.

POLITICS

The focus in Politics this term has inevitably been on preparing for module examinations, both for AS and A2. Nonetheless, the Department has actively promoted the Amnesty International group involving around 25 boys from the 6th Form. In weekly meetings, appeals have been written to various countries on behalf of prisoners of conscience and those sentenced to execution. The School's AI group has made presentations to School assemblies to promote the issues of Amnesty. Boys continue to visit the House of Commons on a regular basis, meeting with MP Sir Sydney Chapman and having the chance to experience political activity at the heart of government. We regularly invite people with a political specialism in to School – academics, MPs, MEPs, journalists, pressure group activists etc. If you could enrich the life of QE 6th Form with a presentation, please contact Mr Hargadon at the School.

PUBLIC SPEAKING

Boys drawn from Year 7 took their second L.A.M.D.A. examination in Public Speaking, and Years 8 and 9 boys took their end-of-year examinations.

RUGBY - SENIORS

One pupil⁴⁶ was selected and played for the Welsh Youth U18 Rugby team against Italy, Spain and Portugal and he now goes on to play in the Four Nations Tournament in Edinburgh over Easter. One senior rugby player⁴⁷ was selected for the England South U18's Rugby team and played against the North at Castlecroft on March 22nd.

RUGBY – JUNIORS

Junior rugby is thriving. Particularly outstanding are our U14AXV whose unbeaten record is best appreciated in the light of their extended and highly demanding fixtures list⁴⁸.

⁴³ Benjamin Yadin, 7P and Max Sweiry, 9P.

⁴⁴ Michael Lane 10B, Justin Pither 10S and Jake Schogger 10H

⁴⁵ Sam Ostrove 10H, Mark Thomas 10H, Jonathan Kay 10H and Omeed Rahmani 10H, plus Mark Thomas' brother, Simon

⁴⁶ Edward Andrews 13G.

⁴⁷ Aaron Liffchak 13E.

⁴⁸ William Petch 9P (captain), Liam Higgs-Howson 9S, Kishan Pink 9P, Yasser Salim 9S, Edward Moulder 9S, Aaron Sonenfeld 9H, Francis Vu 9U, Robert Michel 9U, Edward Hong 9P, Kenji Omachi 9S, Marek Enefer 9H, Joel Chan 9H, Shuai Zhang 9B, Nikolai Donko 9B, Ceyon Jeyaratjah 9L, Mustali Sarkar 9L,

SCIENCE

In July, Year 7 pupils visited London Zoo. The purpose was to allow them to look at real life examples of how various animals adapt to their habitat. Earlier in the year pupils had been taught about adaptation, camouflage and habitats but they were now able to see examples of how animals' physical and behavioural characteristics helped them to move, feed, mate and avoid predators. The pupils were given a forty-minute slide talk by one of the Zoo's Education Officers. These qualified teachers were able to draw upon their wide range of knowledge of animals from rainforest, desert, polar and aquatic habitats to amaze and inform the boys. Year 8 pupils were taken to the Natural History Museum in order to study ecology as part of their science course. At the beginning of their visit they worked in the extensive Ecology section of the museum, using the museum's resources to supplement the work they had done in class. They also visited the Dinosaur, Human Body and Earth Science exhibitions. Throughout the year the Junior Science Club has met on a weekly basis. The aim is to allow the boys to perform fun experiments which the constraints of the curriculum do not allow in normal lesson time. We have amongst other activities made bouncy balls, painted with magic colours, grown translucent worms and have tried to perfect alien slime. The club has been so popular that we have termly membership to allow all pupils an opportunity to experience the fun and wonder of science.

SKI CLUB

During February half term, the QE ski club travelled to Switzerland with 72 boys and 10 staff. The trip was very successful - all boys, especially the beginner skiers made excellent progress and the snow was the best the Alps had seen for 10 years and made for an excellent surface for the skiers to develop their skills. The landscape was incredibly beautiful and those boys who were lucky enough to ski on a glacier enjoyed an experience that I am sure they will never forget.

Dillon Naidoo 9U, Naveen Pajaniappane 9U. They have won every game of the season including victories over Merchant Taylors', Stowe, Oundle and Mill Hill.

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FOUNDER'S DAY 2003

Editor's Note: As a brief interruption to the well received "Notes from the Slowstream" I am, by popular demand pleased to reproduce Eamonn Harris' Founder's Day Service address. To those of you who attended the service I am sure this will be a welcome second reading (Notes from the Slowstream will return next issue!). To those who did not, just sit back and enjoy...

"Headmaster, Chairman, Reverend Canon, fellow Elizabethans and friends. Today is a very special day. Millions have waited for the publication of Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix, the latest episode in the life of Harry Potter, orphan, student of magic, a boy with a mission. But my story today is about another orphan. Her parents were not killed by an evil wizard. When she was 2 yrs old her mother was murdered by her father, a wicked and powerful man. He not only murdered his wife but he blackened her name and left the baby illegitimate. The baby's carer had to write begging letters to solicit support for the child. Father went on chasing women, marrying, then divorcing and even - killing again. His daughter was shunted about, no longer lacking materially, but growing up in an atmosphere of suspicion, distrust, corruption and menace.

The Father's last wife, his sixth, took the girl in and arranged for her education. She had three good teachers and she applied herself to her studies with vigour. She was able, clever, and she worked hard. Roger Ascham, who was to become her teacher when she was a teenager, wrote to her first teacher, Kat Ashley, asking her to calm down the pace of the work. Young Elizabeth mastered Latin and Greek. Her French, Italian and Spanish were excellent. She translated from the French some of the work of John Calvin, the great religious leader.

Her father died when she was 14, and his wife remarried – a ne'er-do-well, a fortune hunter, a schemer, and a swindler. Worse, he abused his position as head of household and made improper advances towards the girl. He was persistent and it was confusing for a 14 year old. It became so bad that her step mother had to send her away for her own protection. In a family that would have had Social Services, Child Protection and the Police overwhelmed, Elizabeth had so many reasons not to cope - not to study. But she did cope – she did study and she excelled. **NOT ONE REASON EVER BECAME AN EXCUSE.**

Then she came under suspicion of improper behaviour with this man and the investigators came to interrogate her about the relationship; just up the road at Hatfield. Now, here we see Elizabeth was not just a keen scholar. Her Bible reading and her study of the European spiritual writers stressed the importance of nourishing the Spirit. She had absorbed her knowledge – she had drawn that knowledge in and made it part of herself. It nourished and developed her as a person. She handled the smart interrogators with great skill. She recalled Matthew's account of Jesus instruction to his disciples - I send you as sheep in the midst of wolves, so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. In the detailed accounts of the weeks of investigation we can read the responses and see the strategy Elizabeth used. We can hear echoes of the defence laid out in the classical Greek work by Plato, The Apology – about the trial of the great Philosopher Socrates. She had studied her texts – she had questioned and examined and reflected and she had absorbed it - and so was able to use it to great effect.

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You may be at a stage of your studies where you are learning the basic techniques of maths and science, the rules of grammar and the methods of analysis. It can be like spending your days making keys but seldom having the occasion to use those keys to open the doors of understanding. It would not be surprising if you get caught up in counting keys, ticking the boxes and not being very impressed by some of the work you face. Study gives you skills for access to greater knowledge, for understanding, to feed your development as a person. That was what made Elizabeth stronger and powerful. Think of the Harry Potter stories: magic is the engine for making things happen, for transforming things. Well, knowledge that has been absorbed is also an engine for making things happen. But it is not magic that changes the world – it is powerful magicians. It is not knowledge that changes the world – but people with understanding.

When Elizabeth became Queen at the age of 25, she changed the way this country was governed. She worked by carefully selecting her team, listening to them and trusting them and demanding their loyalty in return. She was not a saint; she did not get everything right. The eminent historian, George Trevelyan said: Intellectual and poetic freedom had reached their fullest expansion by the end of her reign. The Renaissance bloomed afresh in England. She ensured tranquil government, which in an age of rival fanaticisms, was a miracle of statecraft. Englishmen have reasons to look back to her reign as the most fortunate and wonderful in their history. The modern Elizabethan specialist, David Starkey says: Elizabeth literally reinvented what politics is about – she did it in a few days at the very start of her reign. And by the end of it her record is astonishing. Elizabeth was the rarest of rulers. Not only was she great she was admirable.

Today, 400 years after her death, we thank God for Elizabeth, our founder, for her wisdom and her gift of this school. We thank God for her legacy; reasons for failure should never become excuses, knowledge is the key that gives you access to understanding, to feed and develop your growth as a person. With that power you can make things happen as surely as any magician. If you learn to listen, and develop the courage to trust, then you will not use your power for the dark side.

May God who has started this work in you bring it to its fulfilment”.

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FORTY SOCIETY NEWS

The Forty Society held its Spring Luncheon on Friday 30th May at the School.

This was a new venture, as ladies were invited and the opportunity was taken of a tour around some of the new projects at the School, which were most interesting. The School was on half-term, but some half dozen prefects gave up a morning of their holiday to act as guides. It was a public spirited gesture, as they would be taking National Examinations on the following Monday. Our thanks to the Headmaster for arranging this visit and to the prefects, who were praised for the polite and informative way they carried out their task.

The Society met at 11.00am, for registration and coffee in the Atrium outside the Refectory. The tour began at 11.30am, The parties returned for the Reception at 12.30pm and sat down for lunch at 1.00pm.

There were over 90 members and their ladies present:-

T Adams (1933-38) & Mrs Adams, R Beacham (1950-57), R Best (1933-39), J Bolton (1952-58), R Busvine (1938-47), R Butler (QE Facilities Manager), D Christie (1947-54), & Mrs Christie, R Claridge (1946-50), K Cooper (1942-50), T Cooper (1939-47), B Currell (1944-53), T Custance (1949-55) & Mrs Hart, C Davies (1940-50) & Mrs Davies, D Fairhurst (1942-50), K Fitzgerald (1949-56), F Fuller (1928-34), J Fuller (1931-37) & Mrs Fuller, R Gardam (1943-50), C Gibbens (1947-53) & Mrs Gibbens, F Green (1938-44) & Mrs Green, R Hammond (1942-47) & Mrs Hammond, L R Heard (1927-36), K Henderson (1953-61), P Hollins (1950-57) & Mrs Hollins, J Hummerston (1947-52), I Jackson (1938-44), K Jackson (1942-51), R Johnson (1951-60), J Jordan (1939-46) & Mrs Jordan, J Kearey (1942-51) & Mrs Kearey, A King (1947-55), J Lewis (1944-53) & Mrs Lewis, K Lindsey (1945-51) & Mrs Lindsey, G Lord (1940-47) & Mrs Lord, Dr J Marincowitz, R Middleton (1943-50) & Mrs Middleton, A Morris (1954-60), D Newell (1935-43), P Newell (1936-45), R Paget (1952-59), J Paine (1946-53) & Mrs Haynes, R Pate (1953-60), R Peirce (1941-46), P Rothenbaugh (1945-52) & Mrs Rothenbaugh, M Rogers (1937-44) & Mrs Rogers, D Ross (1947-53) & Mrs Ross, J Rolfe (1939-48), M Sage (1950-55), E Shearly (1929-40), M Slough (1943-50) & Mrs Slough, A Solomon (1951-57) & Mrs Solomon, J Staton (1947-53) & Mrs Staton, W Storey (1933-42) & Mrs Storey, E Tarbox (1934-43), A Tarry (1955-62), A Thompson (1940-47), D Walsh (1949-55) & Mrs Walsh, N Watling (1950-56) & Mrs Watling, D Webster (1946-52), M Wheelans (1934-42), R White (1954-60), I Wicken (1952-5) & Mrs Wicken, J Wickes (1946-52) & Mrs Wickes, M Williams (1939-46) & Mrs Williams, and J Wright (1945-53).

In deference to the Ladies, a seating plan was prepared to avoid the customary rush for seats.

John Fuller presided and welcomed the Ladies and also John Paine, who had traveled from USA. John left the School fifty years ago and arranged his visit to coincide with the 40 Society gathering. He had contacted a number of his contemporaries and they had met for dinner the previous evening. Many of those who had traveled some distance stayed on for the Luncheon.

The Reverend Peter Newell said grace and the meal proceeded with the usual banter.

The traditional toasts, "The Queen", and "The Pious Memory of Queen Elizabeth 1st" were drunk. The President gave apologies for a number of regular members who were absent, whose holidays had conflicted with the change of date. He announced the

deaths of OEs who had passed on since the last gathering. Sir Reginald Hibbert, Robin Wraith, Brian Liversedge, Denis Marriott, Donald Robinson, Ron Gunton and Richard Golland. A toast was drunk to "Absent Friends".

The following "First Attenders" were welcomed:-

John Paine, Brian Currell, Keith Henderson, John Hummerston, John Lewis, Keith Lindsey, David Ross and Alan Morris. Each gave a short account of his history in the intervening years.

David Walsh proposed a toast to "The Ladies".

It was decided by the committee that the AGM would be postponed until the autumn meeting.

Dr John Marincowitz reported on School affairs and plans for the future, particularly on the plans for a new swimming pool and a new School Hall to be built on the present swimming pool site.

Unfortunately the proposed Founder's Sunday function had had to be cancelled due to the close proximity of the event to the Luncheon.

The Autumn Luncheon will be held on Thursday 23rd October 2003 at the Old Elizabethans Memorial Pavilion, Mays Lane, Barnet.

Information on the Forty Society can be obtained from David Walsh, 4 Tolmers Avenue, Cuffley EN6 4QE, Tel: 01707 873406, or John Fuller, 109 Margaret Road, New Barnet EN4 9RA, Tel: 020 8449 0590.

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FROM THE MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

Those of you who attended the last AGM will remember that I asked you to put up your hand if you were a "Jenkins man". Only two hands stayed down.

This epitomises a crucial challenge facing the Association by the late 1960s/early 1970s it had stopped attracting into membership a significant percentage of the pupils who were leaving the School each year. Around half the present 500 plus members were at QE 40 or more years ago: of the approximately 7000 who have been pupils during those years only some 300 have joined the Association. The adverse implications for its long-term viability are obvious.

There are of course many reasons why more recent generations may not see belonging to the OEs as a priority fewer people staying in the Barnet area as their career develops; alternative calls on leisure time and alternative avenues for participation in sporting activities; and the whole concept of old boys' associations no longer an integral element in social attitudes.

On the other hand, over 2000 of those 7000 former pupils have registered with the Friends Reunited web site, showing some wish to keep in touch with contemporaries and/or the School.

A number of initiatives are under way to take up the challenge of recruiting and retaining more members, some of which are proving to be successful. There are currently 542 members and the total is slowly but steadily rising. Key initiatives are:

- a new logo to emphasise an Association with new objectives
- an expanded portfolio of events and activities linked to the School, while still supporting sporting activities at Gypsy Corner: the recently launched Business Club is a prime example
- a new web site to be launched this autumn aimed at facilitating communications between the Association, its members and all former pupils
- targetted campaigns to encourage 6th form students, as well as the people registered with Friends Reunited, to join.

YOU can help ensure your Association has a dynamic future by:

- persuading non-member OEs with whom you are still in touch to join. I am always happy to supply recruitment material and application forms
- promoting the new web site as the way to keep in touch with school friends and QE. You will during the autumn be receiving a questionnaire designed to fill gaps in the Association's database that obstruct good communications and achievement of objectives e.g. first name, e-mail address, professional skills and qualifications. Do please take the time to complete and return it
- adding your name to a register of members who are willing in principle to help run the Association when a suitable opportunity arises, perhaps by understudying one of the honorary officers. Support is at present required as honorary treasurer (NB: all you qualified accountants) and as "webmaster" (an excellent opportunity to contribute your IT and marketing skills).

Alan King

OLD ELIZABETHIANS (BARNET) ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP LIST: AMENDMENTS 1st FEBRUARY 2003 ONWARDS

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4	Addition	Mr	G.W.	DAINTON-SMITH	1964/69	15 Huggins Lane, Welham Green, Hatfield, Herts AL9 7LT 01707 271862 graham.dainton-smith@ntlworld.com
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7	Addition	Mr	J.M.R.	HAGGER	1953/61	17 Hollies Close, Twickenham, Middx TW1 4NL 020 8892 6241
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12	Addition	Mr	A.T.	SHARP	1939/46	Thanel Lodge, Second Avenue, Kingsgate, Kent CT10 3LN 01843 866430 Tony
13	Addition	Mr	S.H.	STOCKDALE	1977/84	11 Falkland Road, Barnet, Herts EN5 4LG 020 8447 1253 simon.stockdale@ntl.com
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16	Addition	Mr	R.W.E.	DUNCOMBS	1963/70	Address is "Dunsellin", Grylls Park, Lantreath, Cornwall PL13 2NG, phone number 01503 220871
17	Addition	Mr	R.	GARDNER	1967/74	First line of address is 1 The Boltons
18	Addition	Mr	I.W.	HANSON	1953/59	Note correct years at the School and first line of address is 18 Grenville Avenue
19	Addition	Mr	C.J.	KIRKMAN	1936/44	Address is Casa O Duque, Lote 10, Sesmarias, 8400 - 565 Carvoeiro, Lagoa, Portugal 00351 282 343 472 ebkirkman@celix.pt
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23	Addition	Mr	S.R.	McSWENEY	1970/77	Address is 8 Cedar Court, Rye Street, Bishop's Stortford, Herts CM23 2HB, new phone number unknown
24	Addition	Mr	D.G.	NORRIS	1977/84	Address is 42 Herbert Street, Hemel Hempstead, Herts HP2 5HW
25	Addition	Mr	R.J.	PAYNE	1962/70	Address is 12 Manor Lane, Wymington, Rushden, Northants NN10 9LL 01933 418020
26	Addition	Rev'd	J.A.	PRAIT	1949/56	Address is 2 Erica Drive, Whitnash, Leamington Spa, Warwicks CV31 2RS, phone number 01926 428609 john_jandpratt@fish.co.uk
27	Addition	Mr	R.M.	TILLER	1935/42	Qualifications now just FISURCE, post code RG4 7AW, phone number 01189 475416
28	Addition	Mr	J.H.	WICKES	1946/52	Phone number is 01582 611546
29	Addition	Mr	J.	WOOD	1940/44	Address is 5 Swallow Field, Earls Colne, Colchester, Essex CO6 2RW, phone number still 01787 223682, delete ACII (no longer used)
30	Addition	Mr	L.G.B.	WORMALD	1959/66	Temporary address is Baytree House, High Street, Baisham, Cambs CB1 6DJ
31	Death	Mr	M.P.	DE SAUSMAREZ	1981/87	(non-member)
32	Death	Mr	J.G.	DUNCAN	1922/33	01 June 2003
33	Death	Mr	R.J.	GOLLAND Ssr	1927/35	14 April 2003
34	Death	Mr	R.W.	GUNTON	1934/40	14 February 2003
35	Death	Mr	M.P.	KEHOE	1950/57	(non-member)
36	Death	Mr	D.L.	KNIBB	1934/39	22 March 2003
37	Reinstatement					
38	Removal					
39	Resignation					

NEWS AND CORRESPONDENCE

After the initial influx of news from around the world in response to David Walsh's call there has been a rather disappointing falling off in the "personal" sector, bringing our audience up to date with career and family progression or just personal geography after leaving School. I was amazed to see four of my classmates at the inaugural meeting of the OE Business Club at the Royal Overseas League in July and, based on the conversation we had hope to see a few more either at the next meeting on October 23rd at the same venue or at the Association Dinner in November where we hope to get as many as ten of our old group back together. Our little band was very pleased, if not totally surprised to hear that our contemporary Martin Blain has recently taken up the post of Deputy Head at Ashmole School in Southgate. Many congratulations to Martin on this well deserved appointment.

Alan King received word from the School that in January this year OE Martin Wood undertook a solo unassisted row across the Atlantic from the Canary Islands (La Gomera) to Barbados (Port St Charles). The journey took an awesome 68 days (January to March). Martin confesses to a few hairy moments, but finally arrived in one piece. He made the voyage on behalf of the Childrens Adventure Farm Trust. (Donation cheques to be made please to CAFT C/O Martin Wood at 29 Vicarage Road Teddington TW11 8EZ).

Mike Rogers, on whom Dennis Nelms conferred the title of "Staff Correspondent" has been busy again and writes of road-testing the powerful Subaru Turbo WRX at the 2002 Mobility Roadshow at Donington Race Circuit near Derby. He was regrettably unable to attend the latest event in June due to illness but has found time recently to put the new Ford Fusion through its paces. For those on the lookout for new wheels Mike speaks highly of the 1.4 Turbo Diesel.

Bob Gardam wrote with something of a mystery to report. He unexpectedly received by post recently a collection of memorabilia including press cuttings from the Barnet Press and Herts Advertiser relating to OE cricket matches and personalities from the mid 50's to the mid 1970's. Despite his obvious delight, Bob was amazed to discover that the data had been sent anonymously with only a small slip of paper with the message "Dear Bob, happy days – happy memories". Bob has asked that we firstly thank his secret patron and secondly make a request for him (presumably a he) to renounce his anonymity and come forward. This could otherwise turn into a regular detective feature!

Peter Haxby advised Dennis in late February (just too late for the last edition) of an honour being bestowed by the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons on his brother Donald. Already a member of the RCVS, Donald (1939-46) has been made an Honorary Fellow "in recognition of (your) special eminence in and services to the cause of veterinary science". Peter tells us that this is the highest honour bestowed within the veterinary profession. Our heartfelt congratulations to Donald and family on this memorable event.

Tim "Torj" Herbert, whom I have bumped into twice in the last 9 months on a trip away from his home in Nizhni Novgorod, Russia writes with all sorts of things to say about his time after School and some musings on the present and future of Mother Russia. Over to Tim...

"At school I was commonly known as TORJ (Herbert) (1954-62) (because since my parents could not agree on two out of the four Christian names they had thought of in total, they decided to give me the lot!) Those among older OEs who may have known

my father LOW (1921-26, I think), might be aware that my parents disagreed a good deal of their lives. On leaving school with neither a fistful of A levels nor a place at University I decided to spend a year as an unqualified teacher at Littlegrove Primary School in East Barnet and immediately found that I could teach very well - so well the Headmaster of the school warned me that I might get over confident if I wasn't careful!

After a year of that and success at a couple of A levels I went on to St. Mary's, Strawberry Hill to do a 3 year Teacher's Training Certificate in PE and Geography where confidence in practical teaching helped me to a distinction in the final result. One significant feature of my last year at school had been a 4 week trip under the leadership of Kay Townsend, Dick Dilley and Eric Crofts to Eastern Europe which, at that time, satisfied my ambitions - to see faraway places. These were early days for tourists to get to the Soviet Union and it seemed so unfriendly compared with Poland that I decided to return to the latter as soon as I could. So, as part of the geography course at St Mary's, I did a study of the urban and industrial development of Krakow since the end of the Second World War. This involved learning Polish before I went and getting mistaken for a Pole before my 2 months there was over.

The urge to see faraway places was fuelled by a basic desire to help the underprivileged and so my first teaching post, (after a fill-in running field studies courses at a Devon field centre), was in Zambia, whose rich copper industry and recent independence had fed a need for secondary school teachers. But it seemed odd to me that with 400 school students boarding at Namwala Secondary School (itself 100 miles from a proper road), there was no agriculture on the curriculum. The Headmaster agreed and gave me the job! We started with a YFC and then developed a School Farm and an Agricultural Science department and by the time I left Namwala in May 1970 all the entry year pupils learnt Agricultural Science rather than French, as had been the case before, and the farm was producing broilers, eggs, pork and fruit and vegetables for the, by then, 800 pupils and some of these gave lessons to local women's groups and courses on how to rear animals.

At that stage I wanted to get a qualification in agriculture and so got accepted at Nottingham University to do a preliminary year of sciences if I could get three science O levels, so I left Namwala earlier than intended, shortened my overland trip home and spent 6 weeks studying 14 hours a day, got the O levels and 4 years later had a degree in Agricultural Science. Then life really changed. The relatively new Mrs. Herbert did not feel the same call to the wild as I did and so with first child on the way we settled for Cork and I for a job with a small agricultural consultancy firm combining my new agricultural knowledge and my educative skills, in a way. Three years later we were back in England, in Devizes, working for another agricultural consultancy firm. But the smaller clients in Ireland and the greater entrepreneurial spirit that I sensed took us back to Cork and the same firm. It didn't last and in 1983 I set up a similar consultancy business of my own.

It was challenging, to put it mildly - farmers in general are fairly careful with their money and the smaller they are the more careful they are! For some years as an English agricultural consultant I made a sort of mark in SW Ireland but with three children becoming teenagers the family finances had to be improved. Our daughter, Claire, in the mid-seventies, had been followed at two and a half year intervals by Richard and Rory and the economics of such a family and an old house finally bore down upon me and I started looking for other work. With my visits to Eastern Europe and my time in Zambia, overseas consultancy seemed a possibility and the added incentive posed by disintegrating communist regimes in the late eighties spurred me

to look beyond the old Iron Curtain. Eventually, after three years of sending my CV to umpteen companies I landed something serious.

Initially I had tried to relearn my Polish but I realised that there were lots of people of my age who had been born in England of Polish postwar immigrants who would have faultless Polish with whom I could not compete, but when Boris Yeltsin jumped on a tank in August 1991 I knew there would be work for a farm management consultant in Russia and set to work with weekly Russian lessons and self made tapes that I listened to as I cycled the 9 miles to my office. After the first Russian work was secured, I got more than 2 years work that had to be done in less than 2 years in other parts of Russia and so had to decide what to do. The decision was aided by the first Mrs. Herbert saying she had had enough of me. I then sold the consultancy business and spent the next eight and a half years pretty well continuously occupied with technical assistance in the sphere of agriculture and rural development in Russia and Ukraine.

All of this was on projects paid for by the EU and the British Government using its ODM and FO hybrid, the Know How Fund. Now everything is under DfID, the Department for International Development, which tries to minimise the instability created following the collapse of the (so-called) Communist regime. In practice, the results have fallen far short of their worthy intentions. In all probability, the reasons are a combination of the difference between eastern and western psyche. The west wants to help but often does not take enough time to find out what the recipient being helped really wants. There is also a definite "peasant" mentality which is often not understood by Russians themselves, let alone westerners. There is a fair degree of certainty that much of what we have tried to do – reorganize and privatise state and collective farms, set up advisory systems for farmers, help develop co-operatives, initiate arbitration courts for disputes between land owners and tenants, help rural communities to be more responsive to their own needs and many more – have laid germs of ideas that may develop in the future, but there is no doubt that we have not wrought enormous change. Some of the more advanced of our recipients feel they have been betrayed because the hope they placed in us and our ideas has not come to fruition quickly. However the optimists among us still try to do something which we think is useful.

While all this has been going on my children have grown up. Claire flies Boeing 737s and Airbus 320s for a BA franchise company, Richard is a skilled guitar maker who cannot find employment in that line in UK and so is a subcontracting carpenter. Rory has just finished University and wants to be a film producer. And the first Mrs. H got her way and has been replaced by Vera, whose daughter is a budding artist, translator and ecological campaigner.

One of the things I have done in the last 18 months is branch out into the pure commercial world here in Russia. A chance meeting with an English pictorial packet garden seed company at a trade show in Poland has lead to them employing me, and now Vera too, as their representatives in Russia, Ukraine and other central and eastern European countries yet to be defined. Working with our partners in Russia makes me understand how effective commercial activity is as an agent of change. Long term possibilities exist in a market so vast and though our seeds are very much more expensive than the locally packed brands, the quality of what is in the packets amazes our Russian customers and even cash strapped pensioners come back for more.

This brings me on to Russia today, or at least what I see of it. There is no doubt that Vladimir Putin has made an enormous difference to much of the life of the country.

Ordinary commercial activity thrives under the stability that he has brought. However to those of us who believe that the best stability is that which is developed within rather than being imposed from on high, the very fact of stability raises questions about the future. Nevertheless, the lot of many ordinary people will surely improve under his reign. There will still be many paupers, however, and the sort of democracy that guarantees long term stability and growth may not come under Vladimir Vladimirovich. It may be asking too much for the legacy of hundreds of years of Tsarism and its so-called, communist, imitation to be replaced in a couple of decades. There is however a definite air of confidence that I discern among the government employers with whom I come into contact. I, for one, am not certain that this is a good thing for the majority of the people – but then Russia has never been a country where anything was good for the majority of people!

I should have finished long ago so I will close with an appeal for all correspondents who have such things to use their e-mail addresses. I was very disappointed to learn that A Shargool had resigned from the OE Association because he felt too “cut off”. He was School Captain in my first year at the School. By the way, my contact details are herberttimothy@hotmail.com and thy841@mail.ru - please feel free to use them!”

I hope that the above sterling efforts and tales of daring-do will spur more of you to come forward with stories, thoughts or even criticism (preferably constructive). “The Elizabethan” must reflect your needs so feel free to suggest ways in which to improve it. “No purchase necessary”, as the newspaper offers strangely say. Alternatively consider confession being good for the soul. All good wishes to you.

D G Norris, 42 Herbert Street, Hemel Hempstead, Herts HP2 5HW (Tel: 01442 219848)

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MARTIN WOOD WITH HIS BOAT – MARCH 2003



OLD ELIZABETHANS BUSINESS CLUB

The Business Club's inaugural meeting got the Club off to a great start with 25 Elizabethans coming together for a wine reception at the Royal Overseas League Club in St James, London SW1 on Thursday 3 July 2003.

There was a mix of ages present: but most attendees had left QE in the last 10 to 30 years and so there is a blend of experiences which will benefit all Club members.

OE Chairman Ken Cooper gave the keynote speech and in so doing he had to interrupt the animated discussions which were taking place around the room. Referring to his own business experiences Ken said that "although he was always busy in his business affairs, he made time for events where he had the opportunity to meet like minded individuals. These events had proved to be invaluable in making the contacts which had stood him in good stead when he needed advice or assistance". He enjoined everyone to make use of the Elizabethan community and bring a lively new forum into existence.

The enthusiasm for putting the Club on a firm footing was demonstrated by the immediate volunteering of a committee to run the Club:

					E-mail	
Malcolm	Bay	1963	to	1969	malcolm.bay@ntlworld.com	
Justin	Collinson	1978	to	1985	justin@string.org.uk	
Simon	Gold	1973	to	1980	simong@eurodatasystems.com	
Mark	Hindes	1978	to	1985	Mark.Hindes@ngclubs.co.uk	
John	Price	1945	to	1953	jhpchm@aol.com	

The general consensus was for a Club that met on a quarterly basis. The next meeting is to be a dinner which will be held on **Thursday 23 October 2003** at **The Royal Overseas League Club at 7:00pm.**

Over 60 Elizabethans had indicated their support for the Club. All Elizabethans were urged to make contact with as many of their contemporaries as possible and encourage them to allow their names to be added to the mailing list. All such names, addresses and, importantly, e-mail addresses, together with years at QE should be e-mailed to Martyn Bradish on martyn.bradish@virgin.net using a subject header of OE Business Club.

The Committee will meet and build on the enthusiasm shown at the meeting. Any ideas for things like venues, speakers, events, support for club members should in the first instance be sent to Martyn by e-mail.

O.E. 200 CLUB

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Hon. Treasurer: E.N.H. Shearly MBE

Since 1980 the 200 Club has provided valuable financial support towards the maintenance of the Association's headquarters at Gypsy Corner.

For a modest investment of just £12.00 a year, members qualify to participate in the annual prize draw. The top prize is £200.00 plus a number of other prizes totalling a further £375.00.

2003 has so far been a very successful year for the Club but we always need new members and subscriptions paid by standing order make administration of the Club much easier for us. If you are able to help in this way, please complete the bank mandate below. If you do not wish to commit to a standing order, we will be happy to accept a cheque or other negotiable security.

Our thanks to all existing members for your continued support and we look forward to welcoming new members to the Club. We wish you all good luck in the next draw to be made in December this year.

Bob Paget

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O.E BOWLS CLUB

It is a year since twelve O.E's met up at the Goslings Sports Centre to try to start a Bowls Society. A lot has been learnt during the past year. Firstly, that in spite of an invitation via 'The Elizabethan' there seems to be no interest shown by other O.E's to join the group. Secondly, it was a great mistake to enter a team for the Friday league during the winter months. It was most embarrassing as complete beginners to be thoroughly trounced each week by teams who were more experienced.

Throughout the summer we have met each Friday for two hours' practice 'roll-ups'. This has resulted in some improvement in our abilities, but it is quite apparent that to achieve any sort of respectable standard, we need to play more than once a week. This is not easy for members who are working, or of a disposition that enjoys the companionship and a friendly game, but do not wish to take the sport any further.

As a result, I can see no further option than for those who wish to bowl competitively to join one of the Gosling Bowls Club teams. Those who want to play as a group can then continue throughout the year, meeting on a regular basis to have friendly non-competitive games.

We are most grateful to Ray Hammond for having introduced the O.E's to the game.

If you would like to have a go at bowls, now is the time to phone John Brown on 020 8441 5841.

John Brown.

O.E. CRICKET CLUB

Hon. Secretary: Daren Norris, 42 Herbert Street, Hemel Hempstead, Herts HP2 5HW
(01442 219848)

Old Elizabethans' Cricket Club has started the 2003 season strongly. Both first and second XIs occupy creditable positions in Divisions five and ten respectively of the Saracens Herts League (follow their progress on www.hertsleague.co.uk and in the local press too). Despite the disappointment of a rained off Past versus Present game at the School, the Club celebrated Founder's Sunday with a Becker Plate victory against Cavendish. We were ultimately unable to switch the game and accepted finally that the Bob Elderfield 6-a-side Cup will have to be fought out in 2004.

In the League a sparkling century from Graham Hoar against Hertingfordbury and some magnificent bowling from Senaka Fernando and new boy David Marais have been obvious highlights for the first XI. At the other end of the OE spectrum the Colts have continued to advance with both under-13 and under-11 sides playing this year. In their number we count so far 5 QE Boys with more on the way.

The Club has exploited its growing membership for a number of social events throughout the early part of the season. With Quiz Nights, Barbeques and a possible tour planned there is still much ahead this season. Thanks as always to our loyal VPs whose support and donations are in invaluable part of the ongoing rise of the Club.

Mark Chenery
President

O.E. ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL CLUB

Chairman: R W Weekes (020 8449 6209)

The summer break seems to be getting shorter with each passing season as once again we prepare for a fresh assault on the Barnet Sunday League. Unfortunately, due in part to a diminishing league (the BSL now has only three divisions) and poor attendance last season, we will be fielding only one team this season in the League although we are hoping to field a second side in friendly games with a view to having two teams once again in the 2004-2005 season.

Last year, as I wrote in a previous newsletter, we lost a number of players to a "breakaway" club (they finished second in both League and Cup competitions - well done OE'S 3rds!!) We expected to remain a strong unit. This however was not the case as we found ourselves severely stretched towards the end of the season, and both teams were relegated. This forced us to rethink and the decision was taken to withdraw the reserve team from competitive matches this season.

However, it is not all doom and gloom, and with some excellent new players coming in we are very optimistic for the coming campaign. We are arranging various social functions this year and all are welcome to attend, notices will be posted on the board at Gypsy.

Finally we are still searching for a team sponsor to work with this season, so come and watch us play. See what you could be missing.

Training nights are Thursdays 7pm-9pm and Matchdays are 10.30 Kick Offs.

Yours

Richard Weekes
Chairman.

O.E.GOLF SOCIETY

Hon. Secretary: Ian Slade, 199 Durham Road, Stevenage, Herts SG1 4JP
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News from the golf course this year is of our visit to Mid Herts GC on 15th May for the Spring Meeting. On a lovely sunny day, 16 of us gathered to play for the Captain's Cup. This was a really good number as at least half a dozen regulars could not attend for one reason or another, and is a credit to the efforts of this year's Captain, John Keeley, in badgering people to attend. It was great to see Eddy Pratt (Captain at Old Fold GC this year) and Charlie Eggington again after too long an absence, together with Andy Bell and Roger Edrupt. Although John was unable to attend, still recovering from being seriously ill himself, Richard Newton was an able deputy and was quite happy to buy the wine with John's money.

With the course running pretty fast, there were some good scores in the morning, and indeed half the field came in with over 30 points, which is a testament to the improving standards these days. The Captain's Cup was won by Pete Mackay with 38 points, from Peter Hollins, who just edged out Eddy Pratt for second, with 36 points.

In the afternoon, we played greensome foursomes and the scores were either the result of a good lunch or people wilting in the heat. However, Richard Newton and our guest OE for the day, Alan Lambert, this year's Captain at Porters Park, were victorious with 36 points, from Bruno Gardner and the Hon. Sec. with 34 points, pipping Charlie Eggington and Bryan Verrall on a countback.

A good day was had by all and Messrs. Mackay, Newton and Lambert will look forward to playing off reduced handicaps at our Guest Day, due to be held at Knebworth GC on **Thursday 25th September**. After several discussions, we have almost certainly decided to make this our last year there for the foreseeable future, and intend to move the Meeting around again. John Keeley and I hope we can get a good number, especially with new and old members coming out of the woodwork.

Anyone wishing to play at Knebworth should give John or me a call.

Best wishes and good golfing,

Ian Slade
July 2003

OLD ELIZABETHANS LODGE

Hon. Secretary: J.H.Wickes, 49 Sunningdale, Stopsley, Luton, Beds., LU2 7TF
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As I write this we are basking in glorious sunshine with the threat of even higher temperatures to come. The vagaries of the English weather would make meetings at this time of year extremely uncomfortable, so just as well that this is the close season!

We held our popular Spring Luncheon at the Hadley Wood Golf Club on Sunday 1st June and this was again very ably organised by Simon Lincoln. Twenty seven members and their ladies enjoyed the occasion which was presided over by the Master, David Perkins and Mandy. The venue, quality of food, and conviviality coupled with a very reasonable price are making this an eagerly awaited function and we look forward to next year.

The Ladies Weekend is again in Bournemouth at the Wessex Hotel from Friday 5th to Sunday 7th Sept. with the main event on the Saturday evening. This is again organised by Alan Hoy and there is a full programme of events from Friday dinner through to Sunday brunch, including the annual golf competition on Saturday morning. David and Mandy are looking forward to welcoming members and guests to this years gathering which, Alan tells me, is a sell-out!

The major charity this year is The Isabel Hospice in Hertfordshire which will benefit from the proceeds of the raffle and other fund raising events. Simon Lincoln is doing a sponsored walk along the length of Hadrian's Wall to support the charity, (impetuous youth), which we hope will be successful.

We begin our new season of meetings on Thursday 16th October when David Perkins will be confirmed as Master for a second year, a glutton for punishment! We will, as always, be pleased to welcome any O.E.Masons to this or future meetings. Why not join us and renew old friendships?

The health of some of the Senior members continues to cause concern. John Robertson is making slow progress but as yet has not been able to attend any meetings.

Future meetings will be on Thursday 4th December, Monday 8th March and Thursday 6th May so if you cannot make the 16th October then try one of these. All enquiries concerning the Lodge and its functions should be directed to the Secretary who will be happy to discuss it with any prospective members.

Finally please note a change of e-mail address and my apologies to anyone who has been using the old one and is awaiting a reply.

J.H.W.

BARNET SARACENS ELIZABETHANS RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

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Club Website: www.barnetrfc.com)

The July copy deadline for this article inevitably means that much of my report is for the past season with a brief look towards the season ahead. For those members who are Life Members/Vice Presidents of the BSERFC, I apologise for an element of repetition from my report to the May AGM.

The results for last season were:

	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	For	Against
1stXV	22	11	1	10	492	394
AXV	10	4	1	5	121	113
ExtraAXV	18	16	0	2	643	121
BXV	17	10	0	7	348	190

Unfortunately, the results from the Mini and Junior Sections are unavailable but great successes were had by all ages from Under 7 to Under 17 including a tour to Dorset where some 220 boys, girls and parents enjoyed a March weekend full of rugby (some winners) and a lot of fun.

The 1st XV ended in fourth place in London 3 North West League after several good performances but still not enough to pursue promotion realistically; there were good displays in the RFU Intermediate and Herts Cups before defeats by Bishops Stortford and Letchworth respectively; beaten finalists in the Herts Sevens. The A XV did not play enough matches to contend in their Greene King sponsored Merit Table. However, the Extra A XV was the outstanding Club team, winning the Greene King Premiere Cup (64-7 no less) as well as being runners-up in their Merit Table and also Plate winners in the Hendon Sevens: the B XV were also runners-up in their Merit Table. The Colts section played a few games with a young squad so that next year's group are already experienced (plans are in hand for a Development XV for the 2004/05 season to blood youngsters into the adult game).

Off the field, new brewers were found with Greene King and their products seeming to be well received. The Bar Licence was renewed and Planning Permission for a new Clubhouse was renewed although we are well away from the stage of implementing the plans. Clancy Docwra have taken a large part of the car-park as their site compound for drainage works in Barnet but, by end of the contract in November, they will have left us with improvements in the car-park surface (as well as a healthy bank balance). A new scrummaging machine was purchased, the last being 30-34 years old. At the AGM, Mike Tant was appointed Chairman, replacing John Duncan who is now concentrating on Forward Planning. The AGM also approved the change of status to a Community Action Sports Club which is recognised by the Inland Revenue and RFU as the way forward to avoid financial problems that certain rugby clubs faced as well as increasing funding through gift-aid donations.

Now to the future: on 31st August, we will have defended the Combined London Old Boys' Cup which was won last season. The first League fixture is at home to Harpenden on 13th September and a week later Bishops Stortford are the visitors in the RFU Intermediate Cup (we lost to them after a terrific struggle last year) and there is a full list of League/Merit Table fixtures for three adult sides as well as additional matches arranged for the 4thXV. On Sunday 28th September, the Mini Festival will see hundreds of players descend on Byng Road and there will be the involvement of Saracens on that day as we are a Partner Club (along with others in Hertfordshire) to progress links (rumours are that the Camel may be making an appearance). Certain

Saracens matches at Vicarage Road will be targeted for Club visits and this will allow everyone to have a good day out in Watford. For details of those trips, contact me.

There will be two Vice Presidents lunches - 8th November and 17th April - and it is hoped these will be a sellout. The Club was pleased to have assisted the School in hosting a Rugby Dinner in December as well as the QE Sevens tournament in March: both events, it is hoped, are to be repeated in the new season. The Rugby World Cup, this autumn, will see the game develop further and all at BSERFC are looking forward to the new season ahead although new players of all ages are welcome. In addition, regular touchline support from OEs would be much appreciated on Saturday afternoons and Sunday mornings.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Contact</u>
September 19 th	Cricket Club End of Season Dinner	T G R Smith J Festa
September 25 th	Golf Society at Knebworth Golf Club I Slade	
October 16 th	OE Lodge Meeting	J Wickes
October 23 rd	Forty Society Luncheon	D Walsh J Fuller
October 23 rd	OE Business Club Meeting Royal Overseas League, London	M Bradish
November 21 st	OE Association Annual Dinner	G Fawke
December 4 th	OE Lodge Meeting	J Wickes
March 8 th	OE Lodge Meeting	J Wickes
March 27 th	Annual Dinner Debate	K Cooper
May 6 th	OE Lodge Meeting	J Wickes

