



The Elizabethan

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The old Elizabethans (Barnet) Association



Welcome to the March 2005 Elizabethan!

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FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Did you receive any good books for Christmas? I hope so. For while there is a rich pleasure in buying books for yourself - more often than not they are like the pick of the harvest fruits - the unexpected, the windfalls, are often very appetising too.

One such present I am reading at the moment is about "old boys from the same School". There were four of them who went to Eton in the same year; they were all subsequently commissioned in the Grenadier Guards and fought in France in the early years of the First World War; they all survived (though not without severe wounds), entered politics as Tory MP's and, while their fortunes inevitably varied, served together in Cabinet under Churchill. Part of the interest of the book lies in the differing ways they responded to similar situations; part also in the way they looked out for each other, worked together when their aims converged and generally helped or covered for each other. Who were they? Macmillan, Cranborne, Lyttleton and Crookshank. The book, entitled "The Guardsmen", has been written by a Glasgow historian, Simon Ball.

Then there are the books one finds on the shelves of charity shops. What is there to do while your lady combs the racks of clothes to find something cheap and cheerful for the next floral dance? I find refuge with the books and have lately picked up a volume of "Concise Quotations" with the following happy saying, attributed to Christopher Hatton, about Queen Elizabeth I:-

"The Queen did fish for men's souls and had so sweet a bait that no one could escape her network"

Phew! and I thought "network" was one of those artificially contrived, regrettably modern words. Not so. Our Founder had her own network up and running over 500 years ago - the first "Elizabethan Association", so to speak. How might she regard our own Association? Not rating an alpha mark, I fancy. For that our membership should be numbering thousands rather than hundreds. But I hope we would gain credit for looking and moving forward.

The Annual Dinner in November went well and was a credit to our new Social Secretary, Simon Lincoln. The good fare was matched by the speeches from the School Skipper, The Head and our Guest of Honour, Kevin Fitzgerald. All the eighty or so attending thoroughly enjoyed the occasion. But as the central event in our calendar it should be attracting over 100 members. We are working on that. Meantime the Forty Society continues to prosper and we are even getting respectable numbers at the AGM.

Gypsy Corner is in fair order. Not only is the Clubhouse looking better than it has for a long while but the Cricket Club is doing especially well and the whole operation is being prudently managed by the Playing Field Company under the Chairmanship of Don Christie. No rugby there, it is true, and no longer any Past v Present rugger match with the School as Union regulations now forbid it. But the P v P cricket game continues and there is plenty of other opportunity for showing our continuing support for the School on Founder's Day.

Reports on these and other activities, including all your favourite sections, the AGM and the Dinner Debate, appear in the following pages. At the same time we are giving all possible support to the Editor in his efforts to maintain and develop The Elizabethan as an entertaining

and effective messenger to the members; continuing to invest in developing the OE web-site; pursuing proposals for a new web-based network for the Business Club and awaiting the first entries from more than 50 undergraduate members of the Association invited to compete for the new Essay Prize. Our thanks go to Glynne Thomas, former Head of English at the School, and to Malcolm Lee, the current Head of English, for agreeing to join in judging these entries.

So we have a story to tell the Queen about today's network. And the story could get better in 2005 as our recruitment measures continue to bear fruit and as your participation in our affairs increases.

Happy reading

Ken

THE ANNUAL DINNER DEBATE

This year's event takes place at the School on the evening of **Saturday, 12th March**. The motion for debate will be - "this House believes that Democracy is so good everyone should be made to have it". The School will be proposing the motion and the OEs opposing it. The lead speaker for the OE's will be Neil Madhvani and Mustafa Arif.

Our thanks are due to David Jones, who for some years now has had responsibility at Schhol for organising these debates, and we look forward to working with Kevin Rogers, who takes over from him this year.

As regular attendees at the functions know, the combination of dinner and debate is both convivial and stimulating and provides an entertaining evening. The usual letters of invitation giving full details of the occasion will be going out shortly. If you would like to join us or know more just give me a call. The Sixth Formers always turn out in force and it would be good to have more OE's participating.

Ken Cooper

NEWS AND CORRESPONDENCE

TBE's Christmas Post Bag and Message Board

Olly and Mary Alford

Life passes at a much slower pace for them; I know the feeling! Mary is still waiting for an operation on her other foot but since So'ton's University Hospital is £13m in the red, with beds emptying, wards closing and nurses leaving, Mary is wondering when!

John and Joy Aylard

Richard's and Roger's eldest (Sophie and Chris) are now both at Cambridge and enjoying it. Sophie likes rowing, thus competing with Paul's eldest, Jessica, who was in the 18 year old Four from Wycliffe College who won at Henley this year. John and Joy are planning a tailor-made trip to Leptis Magna to mark Joy's 80th birthday.

Martin Blain

His father, Barry, reports that Martin is now Deputy Head at Bishop Douglass; Nick will return from Singapore in the summer, while Adam is a solicitor and has two sons.

Jon Blishen

is still teaching literacy in Manchester and has evidently produced giant sons: Dan (20, 6ft 5) is at Queens', Belfast Music Technology; Tom (16, 6ft 4) is in Taiwan, en route for China in an Irish dancing show called Dance of Desire, and Liam (13, 5ft 5) is still at home. Jon was pleased to run into the 'ever-youthful' Neil Kobish in Barnet market and they compared grey hair.

Ken Carter

and Jocelyn are still enjoying the quiet beauty of the Quantocks; Ken has chalked up 23 years of retirement now - astonishing!

Hazel Cartmell

writes cheerfully of her family: Mark has just acquired twin girls; Andy has three children; Emma is expecting her second child in March. Hazel herself has not been too well but has been happy to spend some time with her two sisters.

John Catmull

has at last taken the plunge and retired; so far he is liking it and enjoying cultivating his garden. He says his personal motto, *ex obscuritate in lucem educere*, has served him well, but he has now adopted one that better suits his generous nature: *Go away* (I paraphrase - TBE) or *I'll set my dog on you*, which he feels has a certain communicative vibrancy which young people will understand. (He hasn't changed! - TBE)

Norma Church

writes that Kevin and his wife have had another child.

John Curry

sent a long and fascinating letter which I will not even try to abridge. But he notes that he is now an OAP, and claims five grandchildren. He and Marian have planned four sorties abroad for 2005: the Loire, Northern Spain, Brandenburg and St Petersburg - if they can stand the pace.

Richard Dilley

and Mary keep pretty well. They have attended several concerts conducted by their son, Matthew. He and his wife Rebecca have recently moved quite near to Richard and Mary and are expecting a baby in February.

Rosalba Dyer

and Harry have travelled rather less this year, but did a cruise to South America in February. Son Alan is still with Page and Moy and has rented a flat in Rome for a year.

Daniel Edwards

and Karen got married in January in Richmond, giving the family an excellent excuse for a most enjoyable - and rarely practicable family gathering. He is planning to train as a primary school teacher.

Sheila Ford

is still teaching at the same school - Chislehurst and Sidcup, but is looking forward to retirement now. She is still travelling and went to the Galapagos Islands in the summer.

Peter French

Their young are thriving; Liz is doing half time at the same college that Peter is at. He is enjoying his full time teaching and developing vocational skills on the lines of the Design for Living course he started at QE in my day.

Ann Gould

now has her Australian visa and if she can sell her mother's bungalow hopes to emigrate in February. Her mother is determined to reach her 100th birthday. Ann has had a busy year working for Cancer Research and RNLI, as well as being involved in her local amateur dramatic society. Simon volunteers as a Life Guard on Sydney Northern beaches at weekends and his eldest daughter is now driving; Ann finds it amusing that she will have take her test when she gets there - after 50 years of accident-free driving in the UK. Jonathan's daughter Sophie is Head Girl at her school.

John Gulley

who worked for many years as groundsman at QE has now retired from similar work at Owen's School.

Tom Guthrie

warned me of the medical problems Jim Ormesher had experienced - though that hardly prepared me for the story Jim himself told (qv). Tom remains very much the opera/ballet culture enthusiast, travelling often to Berlin and Paris, and now hopes to get to East Germany and Eastern Europe generally. I hope we may all three meet in March.

Andrew Herbert

is now Deputy Director of Finance at Slough; Paul has a chalet in France now.

Sylvia Jones

reported in harrowing detail on a major road accident in which she and Clive were involved towards the end of 2003. Neither was seriously injured apart from damage caused by their safety belts which took a long time to heal. Then Clive was diagnosed as having two kinked

arteries. All is now well, but it has not been a good year. However, they are still travelling, by car as well as by air.....

Tom Jones

has now left teaching apart from a few hours at weekends at a music centre, where one of his Saturday helpers is David Roethenbaugh - to Tom's delight. Son Thomas is to become a Salvation Army officer; Timothy is at Sheffield on an LIB, and Andrew hopes to go to Kneller Hall soon.

David Kelsall

has recovered from his back problem to the extent that he is now playing golf again; Matthew is earning nearly as much as David and will soon overtake him. Daniel has graduated and is now travelling the world, while Wendy continues with her physiotherapy.

Neil Kobish

is now developing his skills as a grandfather: the third grandchild arrived in November and Neil and Jenny have been main childminders.

Christine Lamberts

is the mother of John who died not long after leaving school in the late 1960s. She has kept up our annual exchange of small news and now has no fewer than six great-grandchildren.

Richard Lawson

the son of Len, once a tower of strength in the Friends of QE, sent me a circular letter with much family news. He is himself still in the DTI. He and Rosemary have a young son of 6. Brother Michael lives in the New Forest now, not far from their mother, Valerie in Lymington.

Chris Martin

was my first School Captain in 1961. I had asked him if he was retiring soon. He tells me he did so two years ago and is thoroughly enjoying it, as is Val. He is a governor of King Edward's School, Bath, chairman of his local Good Neighbour charity and a non-executive director of his previous employers' insurance company in Guernsey. He and Val now have two grandsons, aged 3 and 1.

Anne and Graham Morris

are well. Anne is still marking for UCLES and the International Baccalaureate. Graham has a new toy - a greenhouse. Jonathan is now a Research Professor at the University of Hertfordshire. Beth and Rob and their two small children have gone to California for three years, where Rob is a trading manager for BP.

Dennis Nelms

- my former boss in my capacity as scribe to the OE Newsletter writes to say Muriel recently broke an arm 'the right one, of course' in a fall. I was very sorry to hear that and know that many, many OEs and other friends will wish her a quick recovery.

Jim Ormesher

has sent a gruesome account of his health problems dating back to February when he was diagnosed with an aortal aneurism, duly operated, but followed by another operation on his coronary arteries. He then had one of the busiest letting seasons of his time in St Cernin de l'Herm. He has lost cats and (nearly) a 4 year old 'brat' who jumped out of a window,

breaking a thighbone. Jim was happy to see the back of that family. He hopes for a better year in 2005.

David Patrick

reached his 70th birthday last year, and he and Prue celebrate their Ruby wedding anniversary this year.

Bernie Pinnock

Though like many of us he now walks more slowly and shorter distances, Bernie claims still to enjoy quite good health; he can still drive and is making good use of his next door neighbour's large library, currently reading Victorian novelists. Neil Kobish took him to visit the Alford's in September. John, whose unexpected and tragically early death a year ago saddened so many of us, had been his Godson.

Vicki Pite (Vellacott) and Rob

are both a bit weary after Vicki's mother's long and traumatic hospital stay following a fall. Fortunately Vicki had already cut down a bit on her work so she has been able to spend time with her parents. Poppy is at UCL in her final year, while Fred is in his second year at Bristol.

David Presswell

has just acquired a second grandson. David is doing 0.3 of a week's teaching and finds this 'almost manageable'.

Simon Richey

is still an administrator at the Paul Hamlyn Foundation where he has come to know a distant relation (niece?) of Edward Blishen, Vivian (?) Blishen. Simon adds that an old friend and OE, Gary Weston and his family have moved to Cumbria - one hopes that they have avoided the worst effects of recent storms and floods.

Lena Ross

widow of Reggie and mother of Jonathan and Simon, sees them and their families often, and both are doing well. She, too, is now 80.

Peggy Sheward

was the widow of Fred, who was at QE from 1918-24 (the year I was born). I met him at an OE occasion a long time ago now and got into correspondence with him, which we kept up until he died, when Peggy, to my pleasure, took over. I heard at Christmas from a couple of concerned neighbours that Peggy is now in a Care Home and no longer able to write. I am not aware of any family she may have.

Harry Stubbs

was our first School Officer (I think), and served QE loyally and conscientiously for many years. His wife, Eileen, has told me he died peacefully on December 21st at the age of 87 and was buried in Haddenham, where one of his sons, Paul, now lives. She is going to stay with him. Their other son, Michael, works at Oxford Brooks University and has two small children. Harry had not been at all well for some five years and was confined to a wheelchair latterly.

Frank Taylor

whose school has just been through an OFSTED inspection successfully, says that the

process had been unnecessarily stressful. I can confirm this: our daughter Penny has had the same experience. Frank and Maria are both approaching retirement 'with some eagerness and some apprehension'. Did I have any advice? I shall reply, but will refrain from giving any, other than that it is important to keep fit as well as busy for as long as one can.

Glynne Thomas

and Moira have been irritatingly and expensively involved with building projects, much compensated for by Andrew's two energetic daughters who remind Glynne that he is not as young as he was. He has been on an examining trip to Malaysia but spends more time in Wales now.

Margaret Todd

that indefatigable widow of Phil has had a better year in health terms and has acquired her 7th great grandchild. My goodness! And I thought we had a full share of responsibilities! She was in England in May celebrating her daughter's 60th. On her return home she resumed her busy life which includes swimming, bridge, Probus, concerts and ballet, etc.

Abel Williams

and Lesley have again spent much time in their *gite* in Brefodo, installing a staircase, taking delivery of a 5.2m oak beam ready to replace an internal wall - just a few little things like that ... Daniel now has a small house near theirs (I gather in Stockport), temping in Solicitors' offices and acting when he can. Angharad and Dean thrive in Australia and were to spend Christmas with Abel and Lesley, after which the latter will be visiting Angharad and Dean in Melbourne.

Keith Wiseman

and Elizabeth amazingly have survived another year in Zimbabwe, where they do so much wonderful work to help many people. No mention yet of plans to return to the UK.

Paul Wright

and Margaret's three children now all have mortgages 'which proves that parents have the last laugh'. They all seem also to be doing well, and son Chris has a steady job with the Department of Quarantine: it is astonishing that he is coping so well after his appalling accident. They were expecting a visit from Abel and Lesley Williams in January; Paul is still in touch with several old friends from QE days, including Kurt Kittmar, our German Assistant at that time.

TBE

We have survived the year, if not with colours flying, then at least with (mainly) excellent health (apart from a mild brush with pneumonia). We have had a successful and enjoyable Baltic cruise, revisiting St Petersburg 30 years after our trip with Tom Guthrie, Jim Ormesher and Peter French. We recently had a few days in Paris - 54 years almost to the day after our honeymoon there. A big family party in October was a splendid way of celebrating. Stephen is recovering slowly from *his* bout of pneumonia; Penny marked her 50th by running the New York marathon in 3 hours 26 minutes; we have three grandchildren at university and one on a gap year in Hong Kong. Daniel has given up business and plans to teach; Helen writes poetry and reads it at the Troubador sometimes, as well as getting near to her black belt in judo. Caroline is still boarding guide dogs for the blind. Our next plenary family meeting is not yet planned - we shall do our best to fix one soon.

Greetings to all our readers!

A MESSAGE FROM INQUISITIVE OF CUFFLEY

- 1) What purpose does an Adam's Apple serve?
- 2) What purpose is served by the hole in a tea-pot lid? Not to let the steam out because that lets in cold air and in any event most tea-pot lids are so ill-fitting a hole is surely superfluous, whatever it may be intended to do.
- 3) Why, with a plethora of painters to choose from, did a major French car maker adopt the name of a SPANISH painter for one of its cars?
- 4) Why do Airlines tell you what the outside temperature is when you are 35,000 feet up in the air? Is this to dissuade you from popping out on to the wing for a sunbathe?

Any answers to the Editor please for publication or exclusion next time!

A Teaser

As you will have seen, some lofty members are capable of creating crosswords. My more modest brain brings you The Teaser! Simply complete the clues and rearrange the letters specified to find the missing word. Solution on page

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| 1) Schoolhouse found beneath a compass point | _____ | 5th Letter |
| 2) Early letter forces out QE veteran of 25 years | _____ | 5th Letter |
| 3) Where to find the Kremlin at QE | _____ | 2nd Letter |
| 4) Breaks up soil in 70s rugby boots | _____ | 7th Letter |
| 5) House makes a mis-spelt hole | _____ | 1st Letter |
| 6) The B in TBE | _____ | 4th Letter |
| 7) Quintessential place to gain favour | _____ | 1st Letter |
| 8) Victoria for example when multiplied by herself | _____ | 6th Letter |

FROM THE HEADMASTER

Dear Old Elizabethans,

An intensely busy and highly productive few months have passed since I wrote to you at the close of the summer term. By the end of July nearly 200 boys had returned safely from successful school trips as far a-field as Honduras. Then tensions soon turned to celebrations at school in mid August when the boys received news of their record-breaking summer examination results. Unprecedented numbers of boys achieved top grades at KS3, GCSE and A-Level and landed top university places .

OFSTED's inspection, three weeks into the new term, and their subsequent report confirmed the school's year on year trend of improvement across KS3, GCSE and A-Level. It also confirmed the school's added-value factor that shows the extent to which our boys consistently achieve well beyond what might reasonably be expected from pupils of similar ability. We hosted our largest Prospective Parents' Evening during the week following OFSTED. I have no doubt that the demand for places will ensure another good intake next year.

Our boys have displayed abundant and widespread enthusiasm on the sports field. This term, 22 rugby teams involving some 450 boys played 134 matches against 18 schools! Fortunately the Groundsman's efforts and kind weather have produced playing fields in quite superb condition, able to accommodate up to 8 matches on Saturdays. All this and much more have taken place in the context of normal timetabled activities and staff deployed to achieve the new and ambitious objectives set out in the School Development Plan 2004-8.

It is Queen Elizabeth's distinctive ethos that generates such vibrancy, exceptional expectations and achievements and makes continuous improvement possible. OFSTED recently confirmed our long-standing belief that the boys' successes are an offshoot of the school's prevailing culture and ethos. The audit trails indicate how its ethos finds practical expression in the school's mission to produce boys that are "confident, able and responsible". Specifically it finds expression in pupils' involvements in sport, music, CCF, fencing, chess, public speaking and a range of subject-based extra-curricular clinics, clubs, competitions and trips abroad. Appropriately age-related merit systems applaud boys' successes and achievements whenever these occur. Our systems for giving "recognition, reward and status" range from House merits to good notes, from commendations to scholarship awards, from privileges such as lunch passes to the spectrum of positions of responsibility including Form Captains and Prefects. All of this is aimed at encouraging the rounded development of each individual. Far reaching extra-curricular experiences, opportunities for pupils to take on public responsibilities and the celebration of boys' achievements lie at the heart of our ethos as a school.

I believe it to be a central tenet of the school's educational philosophy that we look beyond the statutory curriculum and examinations-factory approach, beyond utilitarian ends such as grades and jobs, important though they are, to an educational experience that is genuinely geared to the boys' rounded development in preparation for effective, independent and responsible adulthood. These qualities abound among Old Elizabethans

and it was, as always, a great pleasure to host the 109th Annual Old Elizabethan Dinner on the 19th November in the school Hall. The occasion was enjoyable and well attended by Old Boys including a large contingent from the year 1994/5 whose turn it was to celebrate the customary reunion having left 10 years ago. Old boys unable to be present, would have shared my colleagues' and my delight at the throng of happy young men who are clearly enjoying successful careers and making serious contributions to society. Producing clever people only would do no good at all - to do good the school must produce clever people who have integrity and a sense of social responsibility. There is no greatness without goodness.

I am mindful of the invaluable support that Old Elizabethans have provided to the charities that underpin the work of the school, namely The Friends of Queen Elizabeth's and the Foundation Trust. The OE Association is well represented on the FQE executive and the board of Foundation Trustees. Their Annual Reports reveal the full extent of their work over the past year: in essence the extra curricular life of our boys and the facilities they enjoy depend directly on the support of these bodies. The OE Association, FQE and Foundation have proved an extraordinary force in making Queen Elizabeth's the school it is.

I wish to thank those many Old Elizabethans who have given so generously in support of the growing tradition of covenants and donations, the overall effect of which has facilitated significant savings over the past three years. We are now £500,000 short of the £2.8m required to build the new swimming pool. With building costs soaring as a result of unprecedented international demand for fuel and steel, I believe it imperative that the contractors start work in the spring. The FQE Trustees continue with their unstinting appeals and I am confident that with old boys' continued and widening support we will overcome the few remaining hurdles to this ambitious project.

I extend my very best wishes to all Old Elizabethans for a fulfilled new year.

John Marincowitz

HIGHER EDUCATION UPTAKE, 2004

ADLER G	University of London, King's College	History
AGHDIRAN V*	University of Cambridge, Christ's	Modern Languages (Ru, Fr)
AHMED A	University of Nottingham	Management
AHMED M	University of London, Imperial College	Medicine
AHMED R	University of London, King's College	Physics
AMANULLAH S	University of London, Queen Mary	Law
ANDREWS E *	University of Cambridge, St John's	History
AZIMINIA E *	University Nottingham	Finance
BALAKRISHNAN B	University of Oxford, Trinity	Chemistry
BALDWIN T	University of London, King's College	History
BASSINGTON B	University of London, UCL	Architecture
BAUGHEN A	University of York	English & Politics
BEALBY T *	University of Warwick	English
BELL A *	University of Cambridge, Sidney Sussex	Engineering

BELL C	University of Cambridge, Gonville & Caius	Music
BELL J	Nottingham Trent University	Real Estate
BELLAMY L	University of London, UCL	Zoology
BESSER J	University of Nottingham	Medicine
BLANCHARD L *	University of Sheffield	Social & Political Science
BRIDLE S	University of Southampton	History & Philosophy
BUDHDEV M	University of London, LSE	Law
BYRAN J	University of London, UCL	Medicine
CASSEM J *	University of Reading	ICT
CHAN B	University of Southampton	Mechanical Engineering
CHANG E	University of Bath	Mathematics
CHARALAMOUS P *	University of London, University College	Architecture
CHIU E	University of Sheffield	Computer Modelling & Simulation
CHRISTOFOROU A *	University of Birmingham	History & American Studies
CHUKWU F	University of London, UCL	Law
CLAPICH D	University of Birmingham	Economics
CLARK T	University of St Andrews	Modern History
CLARKE N	University of Essex	Computing with Economics
CLEAVER T	University of Cambridge, Peterhouse	History
COWAN R	University of Birmingham	History & Politics
DASGUPTA S	University of Nottingham	Management
DAUNCEY G	University of Durham	Physics
DEMPSEY J	University of London, King's College	Law
DRUCKER J *	University of Cambridge, Emmanuel	History
EVANS W	University of York	Philosophy
FISHER A *	University of Birmingham	History
FORSE F	University of Warwick	English
FOX B *	University of Nottingham	Business Studies
FREEMAN A *	University of Birmingham	History
GANGADIA A	University of London, UCL	Law
GORDON J	University of Birmingham	Business Commerce
GRAHAM A	University of Leeds	Visual Communications & Marketing
GUDKA P	University of London, LSE	Maths & Economics
HALDAR A	University of London, UCL	Medicine
HALLIDAY A *	University of London, LSE	Sociology
HEALY D	University of Leeds	History
HEINEMAN D	University of Cambridge, Fitzwilliam	History
HIRANI A	University of Warwick	Mechanical Engineering

HO J	London Institute	Photography
HOU Y	University of Oxford, St Catherine's	Chemistry
HUGHES E	University of Nottingham	Geography
JAIN M	University of Nottingham	Accounting, Finance & Management
JIVANJEE M	University of London, King's College	Medicine
KADWANI M	University of London, LSE	Economics
KAISER D	University of Birmingham	Law
KALRAIYA A	University of London, Imperial College	Medicine
KERSHBERG N *	University of Nottingham	Physics
KHIROYA V	University of Cambridge, St Catherine's	Economics
KIBASI H	University of Sheffield	Politics & International Relations
KIKUCHI I	University of London, King's College	War Studies & History
KIM S	University of London, King's College	Maths with Management
KLEIN J	University of Birmingham	Law
KONOPINSKI D	University of London, UCL	Physics
LAM J	University of Middlesex	Art Foundation
LAM M	University of Manchester	Politics, Philosophy & Economics
LEE J	University of Leeds	Zoology
LESNER M	University of Leeds	Law
LOH S	University of London, SOAS	Modern & Classical Chinese
LOVAT D	University of Warwick	Economics
LYONS R	University of Birmingham	Biochemistry
McCORQUODALE D *	University of Southampton	Geography
MAHMOOD N	University of London, Imperial College	Medicine
MARINCOWITZ C	University of Cambridge, Robinson	Medicine
MCGUIRE M	University of London, Royal Holloway	Music
MILLER D	Nottingham Trent University	Quality Surveying
MIRELMAN M	University of Birmingham	Business
MODASIA K	University of London, UCL	Commerce
MONTAGNI N	University of Warwick	Economics
MOUNT N *	University of Cambridge, Trinity	Mechanical Engineering
NAIR A	Central St Martin's School of Art	Law
NARAIN M	University of Cambridge, St Catherine's	Art Foundation
NICOLAOU J	Brunel University	Economics
OLGUN D *	University of Cambridge, Girton	History
PALMER C	University of London, Royal Holloway	Economics
PAREKH D	University of Bristol	Music
		Computer Science

PARIPOORANANANTHAN R	Central St Martins School of Art	Art Foundation
PATEL A	University of Oxford, Lady Margaret Hall	Medicine
PATEL R	University of London, King's College	Dentistry
PATEL S	University of Edinburgh	Architecture
PATTNI K	University of London, Imperial College	Mechanical Engineering
RADIA A	University of London, UCL	Medicine
RAHMAN H	University of Cambridge, Downing	Medicine
ROSENBLATT C	University of Nottingham	Architecture
SANDS T	University of Sheffield	History
SAUNDERS O	University of Manchester	Law
SHAER J	University of Birmingham	Law
SHAH Baiju	University of London, LSE	Actuarial Science
SHAH Bhavin	University of London, UCL	Information Management
SHAH K	University of Manchester	Dentistry
SHAH M *	University of Portsmouth	Computer Animation
SHAH S *	University of Birmingham	Dentistry
SHETH P	University of London, LSE	Accounting & Finance
STEINBERG Z *	University of Birmingham	International Studies
STERN N	University of Birmingham	American Studies & History
STODEL J	University of Birmingham	Mathematics & Physics
THANENDRA N	University of Birmingham	Economics
THURAISINGHAM J	University of London, Imperial College	Medicine
VARGHESE K	University of London, King's College	Medicine
VERDON J	University of London, LSE	Economics
WHARTON J	University of York	Medicine
WOLMAN D	University of Leeds	Finance & Accounts
YADIN D	University of Oxford, St Hugh's	Biochemistry
YASSIN A *	University of London, UCL	Maths & Economics
YEATES I *	Canterbury Christchurch University	Music & Computing
ZAVER A	University of Manchester, UMIST	International Management

* Having completed a gap year

QE STUDENTS NOW ON A GAP YEAR TAKING UP UNCONDITIONAL OFFERS OF UNIVERSITY PLACES IN 2005

BENSON J	University of Manchester	Computer Science
BERSHADSKI A	University of Cambridge, Sidney Sussex	History

EGERTON M	University of Warwick	Economics
EPSTEIN B	University of London, LSE	Government & Economics
FARRELL J	University of Reading	Surveying
FLANDERS C	University of Nottingham	Geography
HART M	University of Warwick	Engineering
HOUGHTON	University of York	History
ISBITT	University of Reading	Real Estate
JONES N	University of Southampton	Management
JOSEPH D	University of Manchester	Marine Biology
LICHMAN D	University of Nottingham	Economics
MACLEOD A	University of Durham	History
MARCUS S	University of London, UCL	Geography
MARTINDALE A	University of London, Queen Mary	Economics
PETERS P	University of Birmingham	Business Management
PUGH M	University of Birmingham	Philosophy & Politics
RUSSELL C	University of Durham	Law
SMITH J	Leeds Metropolitan	Geography
SPELMAN G	University of Cambridge, Fitzwilliam	Business & Management
WINTER M	Nottingham Trent University	Engineering
YIU D	University of London, Imperial College	Law
		Mechanical Engineering



T E Adams and Headmaster John Marincowitz at the OE Annual Dinner

Editor's Note: I am very pleased to present for your reading pleasure the first of five Travel Tales written by the Association's own Sir Leslie Fielding, who has, in an act of undoubted mercy, handed me something of an exclusive. Sir Leslie is no stranger to print and is currently planning his next volume. Watch this space for more...

THE YEAR OF THE CAT

Like Queen Elizabeth's in the forties (for a Scholarship boy from an East Barnet primary school), Hong Kong in the sixties (for a young diplomat), was love at first sight. The Kowloon ferry and the Cantonese food ; the bustle and the bargains ; the efficiency and good humour of this hard working people. I have gone back regularly ever since, on any pretext. I still boast summer suits by Amen Bros and bespoke footwear by Leakyboots of Kowloon (not quite their real names - no advertising, in the O.E. Mag).

In the eighties, there was some sort of muddle in the European Commission in Brussels, and I became a tiny bit Grand. If not quite the King of the (very) Common Market, at least the Sir Humphrey of EU Trade and Aid Policies - what they called the EU Director-General for External Relations. Gazing at myself rapturously in the shaving mirror, I was both moved and impressed. (Quite the Director-General of State, whispered my Swiss opposite number, behind my back, with shrewd, but snake-like, malevolence). Inevitably, however, after Pride, the Come-Down.

In the Chinese Year of the Cat, en route back to Brussels from Beijing or Borneo or somewhere (no, not Bournemouth - the Tory Party was not in Conference and Eurocrats were unwelcome, at any rate as far as Mrs. T. was concerned), I once again sweep graciously into the Crown Colony. An accessory aim is to pick up a new lightweight tuxedo. But, first, a chat with the Chamber of Commerce; then a trip halfway up the Peak, to kiss the feet of H.E. the Governor, the late and much respected Sir Edward Youde.

Alas, the latter is a critic of mine of some years standing, and I of him, for arbitrary and trivial reasons which are not in the least to my credit. For example, the previous time I have then seen Teddy was when he was Chief Clerk at the FO. I was on secondment to the European Commission and currently half way through a Visiting Fellowship at St. Antony's College, Oxford, reading up about Japan before taking up my duties in Tokyo as the EU Ambassador. In an off-the-record briefing to Australian journalists, I had been less than entirely respectful of Mr. Malcolm Fraser, the Australian Prime Minister, who had once chased me around the grand piano in the Residence of his Brussels Ambassador, in a rage about the Common Agricultural Policy. I was shopped. Articles were gleefully published Down Under. The High Commission in London (untypically, but under instructions from Canberra) had registered a protest. So it was up to London from Oxford, pronto, for little Leslie, and onto the Chief Clerk's carpet. "Conduct unbefitting a Senior Member of the Service, which could compromise your future career", Teddy had said, not without satisfaction. ("Nonsense!" snorted my new Director-General in Brussels, Sir Roy Denman, when I subsequently reported back to him that I had been thus rebuked. "Of course Fraser is a ****. And what the Hell's it got to do with the Chief Clerk anyway? You're Commission now, and come under me!").

And so it is that, in the Year of the Cat, while the "lux tux" fits like a glove, and the Chamber of Commerce plays like a Strad, "H.E. the Gov". stitches me up with a diatribe about EU

Trade Protectionism and the Evils which it is Inflicting on the Crown Colony. I reply that, whatever might be true of the Colony, the Crown is all for my EU Trade Policy, which fully meets the wishes of the Department of Trade and Industry, the entire British Cabinet, both Houses of Parliament, and the O.E. Association, not to speak of every voting citizen of the UK. More follows, ding-dong, in like vein. Practicalities of GATT Multifibre Agreement ; scope and limit of EU preferences for developing countries ; concept of "graduation" in international trade theory. After this invigorating but prickly exchange, Teddy (a kind man at heart) takes me out and shows me around his rose garden. Being not only the younger, but also the lesser, man, I cannot refrain from commenting, with solicitude, what a pity it is that his garden is now overlooked by the new Bank of China skyscraper, thereby discouraging out-of-doors dalliance with any Gubernatorial concubines there may be on the premises. On which happy note of fraternal Diplomatic Service solidarity and intense mutual esteem, we part company. I am off like a shot down the Peak to the Mandarin Hotel for shower, shave and shampoo, in preparation for the real highlight of the visit, a private dinner as the guest of an old friend and fellow gastronome and oenophile, at a Chinese restaurant of his choosing.

My host is a true Nabob, a Prince among Box Wallahs, later to be decorated, quite deservedly, for services to British exports. One of his commercial specialities is flogging Scotch whiskey by the firkin to the thirsty nations of the Orient. A task, one might at first blink have thought, not entirely suited to a Clerk in Holy Orders and non-stipendiary Minister of the Church of England ; but one that he nevertheless discharges as conscientiously as he carries out his priestly duties. He being rather High, I sometimes call him "Father". But, in what follows, he shall also be referred to, quite rightly, as The Taipan.

"My dear fellow, peace be with you". "And also with you, Father". "How did it go, dear boy, with the Governor?" "Alas, I lost my temper and was rude". "How many times, my son?" "Repeatedly". "Very well. Time for your penance. The South China Blue Seas Bistro beckons".

We are off through the trams and rickshaws, over Wanchai and along Causeway Bay, with a swish of air conditioning and a whiff of leather upholstery, the angel on the radiator navigating its way. We begin with a perfectly delicious soup. "Kidney?" I murmur. "No, Snake", The Taipan whispers, "it's the season, you know". The next course comes in : reassuringly pheasant-like slivers, served in a rich, dark broth. I ply my ivory chopsticks with exhibitionist panache, pausing only to remove unexpectedly sharp little bones and lay them out beside my bowl, puzzled. "And this delicious dish?" The Taipan replies, silkily: "Civet Cat". I gulp my way gallantly onwards, until I find a lumpy something between my palate and my tongue. I remove this also. It turns out to be a paw - fur, claws, pads and all. Sod it. But Chinese faces are watching. Mustn't let the side down. Better go through the motions. 'Officer Qualities' needed. Take the initiative. I suck the paw dry and fold it reverently in its winding sheet, a red silk handkerchief taken from my breast pocket. "I shall take it back to 'Brassholes' and give them 'paws' for thought. Ho, ho". "Even so, dear boy". The banquet moves majestically onwards. Mao Tai has given way to Margaux by the Magnum. "Tonight", I confide, "I'll sleep sound in my first class couchette on Cathay Pacific. What a magnificent meal. Don't get the 'penance' thing, though. Take these brochettes. Quite like venison. Didn't know the Chinese had it. Mouflon, perhaps, flown in from the Gulf? Or Muntjak, from the Zoo? Truly mouth-watering, anyway. Pray enlighten me".

The holy man pauses for reflection ; then says : "I believe he was called Rover". To this day, the Good Father, God bless him, now no longer Taipan in Hong Kong but Preacher to Gray's Inn in London, has declined to elucidate. I must ask Eamonn Harris what he thinks.

(With Petrarch in) The Slow Stream

I am sitting on the summit of Mont Ventoux. At 2000 metres, with the Mistral blowing from the North, the fleece, windshell and woolly hat (thank you Dave Maughan) are very necessary. Four weeks ago this mountain had a snow cap, yet down in the valley, right back to the village of Sault, the fields are full of lavender. To the north east, the Alps are free of cloud, and Mont Blanc is sharp against a blue sky. In the west, beyond the Dentelles de Montmirail, are the vineyards of Vacqueyras, Gigondas, Cairanne and Rasteau.

I am here to celebrate a birthday. Frank Petrarch, was born in 1304. He was the Henry Ford of the sonnet and he climbed this mountain with his brother. In his journal, Frank gives two reasons for the climb: it was the 10th anniversary of his graduation and he had been reading, in Livy's History of Rome, the account of Philip of Macedon's ascent of Mount Haemus in Thessaly, "from whose summit he was able, it is said, to see two seas, the Adriatic and the Euxine." Frank was really excited by this and wished he could go and check it out. But Greece was too far so he settled for an anniversary jaunt up Mont Ventoux, hoping he would be able to see the Alps and the Med. He did.

Before this, there is no record of anyone shlepping up a couple of thousand metres just for the view, so he gets the credit for being the first Alpinist. The climb was difficult, took the whole day and he finished scratched, footsore and thoroughly exhausted. Not I. Not even out of breath. The D164 from Sault is the route used by the cyclists of the Tour de France - good enough for them, good enough for me. Besides, the Chalet Reynard ski station, just three miles from the summit, does an excellent lunch.

Frank was born in Italy and when he was seven years old, the family moved here with the newest French industry, the Papacy, a prize secured by Philip the Fair, King of France, who had sharper elbows and a bigger snout than most. Not only did he nobble the papacy, Philip upset the English and got a one all draw; he harried the Lombards who were major bankers (Lombard Street) - silly, he went broke; he took liberties with the Burgers of Bruges, that was definitely a mistake, they thrashed his army and virtually wiped out his cavalry at Courtrai. Desperate for money, he was pushing at an open door when he approached the French Pope to arrange the wind up of the Knights Templars and divvy up their assets. The seizures and executions were meant to erase the Templars from history but to this day Masons cherish their Templar heritage.

The synagogue in Carpentras, in the foothills below, was built by the Jews who fled from Philip's persecution and obtained the protection of the Pope. Thereafter, Provence remained a safe haven for Jews until Vichy police demonstrated their enthusiasm for meeting Auschwitz quotas. During this year's DDay commemorations in France, 99% of French folk, who were alive at the time, were members or supporters of the French Resistance: the other 1% were suffering from dementia, so they couldn't say.

The road down from the summit winds through forests of pine, oak, larch and beech and in the foothills there are old mediaeval houses and Renaissance hotels. But the prize for ye olde village goes to Perouges some miles north of here. Pope Clement made some good moves and one of them was the foundation of the University at Perugia. In return, some craftsmen from the Italian town came to France and built Perouges. A well fortified town on a hill it has been restored to its 14th Century style. Precipitous cobble streets and genuine

medieval buildings, double glazed, centrally heated and well plumbed, house examples of the traditional crafts, well stocked with a wide range of tourist trinkets: not quite Disney, more like a pilgrimage hot spot. Bill And Hilary Clinton pitched up here during a summit meeting in Lyon. On the politicians' day off, French Security were so worried about the Maghrebians, the Presidential couple were denied a walk by the banks of the Rhone. The consolation was a stroll on the cobbles of this fortified town with lunch in ye olde tavern: poulet de bresse followed by galette.

Old buildings, whatever their inherent value or contemporary use, offer a tempting doorway into the past and the stories hidden in the walls and spaces shed light on the people who live and work in them today. The signs on the old factory walls at the edge of the town of Genelaar have the look of a faded fresco but are clear enough to read the name of the owner and his business. A double bank of plane trees runs along the canal side screening the old works from the mooring. Over the bridge, the south bank has four acres of well kept lawns and neat fruit trees. The basin is larger than Stapylton Field and, as usual in France, is always referred to as, "the port". The mooring services are set on this side, though further from the town, the old factory is effectively concealed. Now housing light assembly and packaging, this was once a major iron foundry which made the heavy artillery pieces since the last century. The coal for the furnaces came from the nearby Montceau les Mines. In the late twenties and thirties, the canal boomed ferrying the big guns up to Sedan and Verdun and supplying the pieces for the construction of the Maginot Line. This was the heartland of heavy engineering with the rugged Morvan to the north, the mystical Auvergne to the south, but veined through this industrial landscape is the magical terroir of the Cote d'Or: dig deep in your wallet for Beaune, Santenay, Rully, Mercurey, Givry and not yet commanding the prices - Cheilly.

Away from the industrial landscape, rural France is thick with historic villages, fortified farm houses, Maison de Maitre, Grand Maison, Chateaux, Hotels - which are not hotels but public buildings, as in Hotel du Police. Many of these beautiful buildings were seized during the Revolution and put into public service. There was a similar future for the more fortunate monasteries and abbeys in England at the Dissolution. Henry VIII who engineered that piece of state robbery had little to learn from Philip the Fair when it came to snouts in the trough or sharp elbows, but he failed to nobble the Pope to deal with his woman trouble. When it came to chutzpah, Henry took lessons from nobody. To satisfy his lust, ambition and need for money, he undertook the reform of the abbeys and monasteries: not that some reform was not needed after generations of trading in ecclesiastical offices but Hampton court was not Cluny. The destruction that followed of abbey schools, hospitals and butteries left poor people very much worse off. The Dissolution may have secured land reform in a way Mr.Mugabe would recognise, but it also kicked away the ladder of educational opportunity, the hope of the sick and the feeding of the poor. The Tudor programme of school building was not so much innovation as restoration. The growing numbers of desperate poor so threatened society that Elizabeth was moved to produce the first of the Poor Laws, which marked the shift of charity from "civil society" to the State.

But Henry was not the first, nor would he be the last, to grab what he could and disregard the collateral damage: greed does what greed does. What is more difficult to accept is the trail of murder and destruction so amply shown in churches throughout Europe thereafter. The sincere zealots - the Savonarolas - who preached the bonfire of the vanities and urged the destruction of the icons and great works of art, and the persecution of dissenters. The

physicist, Stephen Weinberg remarked "With or without religion, good people will do good, and evil people will do evil, but it takes religion to get good people to do evil." I think he may have been ungenerous. Religion does not have the monopoly on execution and destruction with the enthusiasm born of certainty and power. When those two come together they produce orthodoxy: faith, yes; religion, not necessarily.

Conviction brews at different temperatures among the orthodox. Some are downright cool; others lukewarm and disparaged for it; those who are hot are praised; those who simmer show it; but those who boil are the champions. Or, if we use the Greek, the zealots: God help us all. I have little doubt that many Crusaders, Inquisitors, Jacobins, Nazis, Stalinists, Nationalists had real conviction and that there was among them such a range of intensity. Weinberg was wrong to confine to religion the engine that makes good people do evil - it is the zealots of orthodoxy who burn with passion for the cause. Savonarola was not a bad guy. He picked up on the extensive abuses in the Church before Henry was born and he was a real champion of equal rights - but he had the heart and guts to run a Gulag, only time and place made him a religious reformer.

Have we risen above it all, now that "history has ended"; "one set of values is as good as the next"; "all cultures deserve equal respect", compassion and toleration are the proud boasts of our "post modern" society? What a surprise to find Matthew Parris, paragon of the cool society wrote: " I say otherwise. I say: enough of tolerance. I do not tolerate religious superstition, not when it refuses to tolerate me. Sweep it from the corridors of power. I do not pay my taxes for a Europe which can "tolerate" a hardline Italian mate of Silvio Berlusconi and the Pope who takes to his job as Justice Commissioner the belief that tens of millions of Europeans such as me are sinners because we are gay, or that single mothers are "not very good" ". (The Times, Oct 23rd 2004)

There is a technique, which I came across more than 30 years ago, when I was foolish enough to attend an A level marking meeting at the Institute of Education in London. I was unaware that the "house" orthodoxy was Marxist - silly me. I asked a question that was evidently at odds with the analysis of dialectical materialism and triggered a torrent of abuse which became so intense I really feared physical attack. The orthodox do not disagree with your remarks, they find them offensive. In fact, they are outraged by them, then link them with heinous deeds and reprehensible beliefs of former times. They choke dissenting utterances by ridicule and assumptions of moral superiority. The zealous orthodox is certain of his possession of knowledge and understanding denied to all others who are wallowing in false consciousness. As Mao and Pol Pot understood so well, the only solution is elimination and reeducation.

Henry's Act of Supremacy, which doomed the monasteries, also required an oath of allegiance to him and an obligation to receive holy communion according to the rites of the Church of England. The subsequent Corporation and Test Acts extended the reach of the Act, even to those who wished to graduate from Oxford, Cambridge and Trinity. As the title of the Act declares: "An act for preventing dangers which may happen from popish recusants" . Charles I's goal was greater, setting up the Court of Star Chamber to rival the Vatican's Propaganda Fidei, to secure, "the speech and thought appropriate". The Star Chamber policed orthodoxy with remarkable vigour, but when the Long Parliament was convened, one of its first actions was to abolish Star Chamber: a vital step by Parliamentarians to promote the matched ambitions to acquire power and to protect free speech. How swiftly these are separated when power is attained. Before the Civil War had ended the Parliament moved to gag the pamphleteers giving the Stationers' Company the job of suppressing non-orthodox writings.

John Milton waded in wielding a savage pen. In his prose work the Areopagitica, he reveals his disappointment as the Puritan censors pick up the imprimaturs of the Episcopal censors. His poem, Under the Long Parliament concludes: "New Presbyter is but Old Priest Writ Large." Milton had no love at all for the Roman Church. "I found and visited the famous Galileo, grown old a prisoner to the Inquisition, for thinking in astronomy otherwise than the Franciscan and Dominican licensers thought." But vitriolic Milton did not share Matthew Parris' desire for instant expulsion of papists: "I mean not tolerated popery, and open superstition, which, as it extirpates all religions and civil supremacies, so itself should be extirpate, provided first that all charitable and compassionate means be used to win and regain the weak and the misled."

He sets here the boundary where toleration and freedom end. When a body seeks power with the intention of stifling the spirit of enquiry, of defining the limits of taste, of stopping criticism, of determining how all must speak and think, it has set itself against the process of freedom and is a tyranny.

The safeguards of libel, slander, and fraud are a sufficient bulwark against the abuse of freedom. When politicians and those with privileged access to the mass media call for a Test Act it is time for good men to join Wordsworth's call and say: "Milton, thou should'st be living at this hour. . ."

Eamonn Harris

A Message from the Editor

A Happy New Year to all our Readers! Apologies for the missing "Life and Times" feature, which is taking a wholly undeserved rest this issue due to what the Russians call "technical reasons". Please be assured that "Life and Times" will reappear in September. Apologies also for popping up so late on in the issue but I didn't want to flaunt myself on the early pages and put anybody off with piteous pleas for contributions. Fact is that, from the top to the bottom our Association survives on the industry it creates from within. You will I hope like what we are doing with The Elizabethan (if you don't please let me know!), and will I hope feel this to be in some sort of tandem with the forward momentum of our Association. My request here is not for you to surf our website, for new volunteers for the Committee or even for tickets for the Annual Dinner (that is elsewhere). My plea is simple - give me more copy! The Elizabethan has no standard size and may expand or contract according to its content. I am extremely grateful to the contributors who regularly supply articles and reports for our reference, edification and amusement. These will I hope spur you on to any feats of creation you feel to be within you; stories, poetry, photos, quizzes, the possibilities are endless and exciting. Alternatively send comments or questions on the real issues - OE or other - that matter to you. Who knows? You may find a sympathetic ear or the answer to your questions!

E-mail me at d.norris@sdcldn.com or write to me at 42 Herbert Street, Hemel Hempstead, Herts HP2 5HW.

My inbox is open and my doormat has been scrubbed up in anticipation...

Best wishes for 2005

Daren

A MUCH TRAVELLED CAP

Alaistair Milne, Hon. Membership Secretary of Barnet Saracens Elizabethans RFC was surprised and perplexed when he received an e-mail from Australia showing a photograph of a cap. The description given was that it was of dark blue velvet material, it had no peak and had a silver tassel adorning it. On it was embroidered Q.E. BARNET and the dates 26, 27, 28 and 29. The sender, Brian Jessop, was seeking information on the object and possible information on its history. Enquiries around the present membership of the Rugby Club drew a blank. John Macfarlane rang John Fuller, a fellow Past President of the Hertfordshire Rugby Football Union, to see whether he could help. BJF recognised the object immediately as a School 1st XV Honours Cap of that era.

The question was then: to whom had it been awarded? BJF researched in the bound copies of the School Magazines of that period, bequeathed to the School by Jack Parsley (1922-27), which are kept in the OE Memorial Library. He was led astray by the connection with Australia, but could find no reference to any OE of that vintage who had lived in Oz. There were several talented players in those years; Eddie Shears (an Uncle of the Winchester family), Norman Gentle, Bill Jopling, and H Nussbaum, but none of these had connections with Australia.

A second e-mail explained the antipodean element. Brian Jessop came to London in 1986 for the Golden Oldie Rugby Tournament (the OERFC had a team entered) and he visited Covent Garden and purchased the cap in one of the flea markets there. Further research through numerous School Mags revealed interestingly that Nussbaum had been a big lad for his age and had made his debut in the 1st XV in 1926 as a forward. He was awarded his colours and played in the team for three years. In the 1928/9 season he was made Vice-Captain. He left School at Easter 1929. The cap was awarded to Nussbaum at that time.

The School changed from Association to Rugby Union football in 1913 during the Headship of William Latimer; the Master in charge of rugby was J L Howson. When Barnet RFC was formed in 1919 by OEs and others returning from the Great War, John Howson was the first Captain. He became a Vice-President when the OERFC was formed in 1935.

School 1st XV caps were awarded in the 1920's. The late Fred Jeffries presented his cap, won in 1921, to the School where it is still on display in the OE Memorial Library. Honours caps were replaced by Shirt Badges in the 1930's denoting the award of colours. In addition, in the middle of the 1930's holders of School Colours in any sport were entitled to wear the School Colours Blazer of light and dark blue stripes. This had previously applied only to cricket. With the approach of World War II Nussbaum changed his name to Norwood.

John Fuller

FROM THE HONORARY SECRETARY

Now where am I? Oh yes! In the middle of dealing with the end of year's figures as acting treasurer, setting an agenda for your committee's first meeting of 2005, getting this report ready for your editor to blue-pencil prior to going to press early in February, ensuring that an agenda for the AGM can be received by you all, giving due notice of the date, time and place of that meeting. All in all, a busy time which keeps me out of mischief. What have you all been doing? I would like some help from any of you computer-literate chaps with the Admin. side of the Association. Any volunteers? - no pay, no respite, no thanks but tremendous kudos!!

There is one big change to our constitution, fully set out and explained elsewhere in this edition, namely, doing away with the automatic membership of sixth formers and replacing it with a longer term scheme. This has been discussed with the school and on sub-committee and approved by main committee, and we hope that the proposals meet with your approval. Please use your proxy vote if you cannot make the AGM. This will be found with the formal notice of the AGM, and enables your voice to be heard even if you cannot be personally present.

At the time of going to press the board of the Playing Field Company, now chaired by Don Christie and administered by its evergreen Secretary, Michael Woolf, is continuing to hold its own without financial support from the Association. The major improvement in the last year has been new vandal proof steel doors at all entrances, and I understand the steel-mesh screens over the windows are due for refurbishment in the near future. The ground now has good tenants for the winter whilst that equally evergreen Cricket Club thrives in the summer: it also is excelling with its Colts training programme which has attracted many youngsters from the locality and the School. We should all be grateful for the tremendous effort that is still being put into keeping Gypsy Corner alive but, of course, help of any sort is always needed and welcomed. Apply with shovel and brush, paint and pot, Marigolds and Parazone, - whatever - to Mike Woolf.

The web-site (oebarnet.co.uk) is well and truly up and running with Alan King acting as Web-master. There are occasional glitches but by and large it is providing a valuable service to the Elizabethan community. Alan tells me he has plans to enhance certain aspects of the site and we would welcome your feedback on your experiences when logging-on. (Did you notice that with-it reference to getting into the site? Well! If I can, you can! Understand the jargon, that is.)

The Annual Dinner held on the 19th November was very successful albeit it made a small loss. Kevin Fitzgerald was the guest speaker who kept us enthralled for twenty minutes (or was it longer?) with an excellent verbatim speech the theme note of which was "service to the community". A hearty vote of thanks to him and to Simon Lincoln who organised a first class menu and evening. This has now become an excellent event which I would dearly like to see more of you coming to. It is not always easy to give you all advance notice of this function but once you do know the date, why not contact Simon and reserve your place without waiting for a tear off slip from a reminder letter?

Apart from the AGM on the 21st April, the Forty Society gathers the next day for another gourmet lunch with fine (Tesco)wines, so, again, if you qualify (those who left the school 40

or more years ago) get in touch with David Walsh or John Fuller now! Not to forget the Annual Dinner Debate with the School jointly organised by Ken Cooper and the School, which takes place at the School on 12th March.

Finally my thanks to all of those who have worked tirelessly for the Association over the last twelve months and for the encouragement we get from the Headmaster and his staff at the School.

Maurice

ASSOCIATION CONTACTS

Editor's Note: We have been asked by one or two of our members to formally list the members of our Committee. Though the details may change at the coming AGM I include them here for your reference:-

Chairman
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M G Slough (Maurice)

Membership Secretary
A F King (Alan)

Editorial Secretary
D G Norris (Daren)

Social Secretary
S T Lincoln (Simon)

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S D Gold (Simon)	OE Business Club
K Jackson (Keith)	Playing Field Company
J H Price (John)	OE Business Club
E N H Shearly MBE (Eric)	200 Club
J Smith (Jonathan)	Cricket Club
D Walsh (David)	Forty Society
J H Wickes (John)	OE Lodge
The Headmaster	The School
The School Captain	The School
Diane Mason	Friends of QE

FROM THE MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

The Committee has continued to market the benefits of membership, with modest success. There are now 577 members, the highest figure for some years and with at least one representative from every year of leaving since 1936.

Current priorities are:

- 1.put in place, subject to approval at the AGM, a new deal for 6th Form students that will encourage them to join for a minimum of 10 years after leaving i.e. until they have completed tertiary education and are well established in a career.
- 2.add to the portfolio of benefits where there is a substantial level of potential support. The Business Club is a recent example; and it will shortly be upgraded to include a dedicated web site with a full range of networking facilities to search the database and communicate with an identified sub-set of members.
- 3.target former students from the last 20-30 years who have shown some interest in staying in touch with the School and their contemporaries, particularly the more than 120 non-member OEs who have registered with the Association's web site.

The Committee always welcome constructive suggestions about how the portfolio, and especially the web site (at www.oebarnet.co.uk), might be enhanced.

Since the last issue of The Elizabethan, the Association has welcomed the following 24 former pupils into membership (apologies for the formality of initials in all the lists because a first name is not on file):

Byron Bassington (97-04)	Lawrence Bellamy (97-04)	Joshua Benson (97-04)
John Chapman (28-34)	James Farrell (97-04)	Chris Flanders (97-04)
Daniel Healy (97-04)	Kelvin Hopkins (52-59)	Yueyang Hou (99-04)
Robin Jones (50-56)	Shaun Knight (66-73)	Daniel Lovat (97-04)
Alick Macleod (97-04)	Neil Madhvani (92-99)	Carl Marincowitz (97-04)
Matthew McGuire (97-04)	Robert Merrett (74-81)	Tim Sands (98-04)
Mustafa Sarkar (97-04)	Oliver Saunders (97-04)	S H D Shah (96-03)
Martyn Thomas (67-74)	Kabir Varghese (97-04)	Matthew Winter (97-04)

Further information about contact details is available from me.

One former pupil has passed away (RIP):

Chris Soane (64-70)

Four members have resigned:

J A Hobday (81-88)
R L Kent (59-67)
Alan Townend (47-54)
Ian Winchester (66-73)

Five members lapsed through non-payment of the annual subscription:

Joseph Bara-Bara (85-90)

D Denis (64-71)

C Guardino (86-91)

A I Knode (71-78)

D D Roberts (83-94)

A further 9 members have notified changes in their contact details:

Paul Davis (45-51)

John Illingworth (77-82)

Bob Jack (43-51)

Tony Johnson (58-65)

James Martin (88-95)

John Price (45-53)

Hew Purchas (AM56-87)

J L W Robinson (34-40)

Mark Robinson (77-85)

Further information about their new contact details is available from me.

Alan King

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QUESTION TIME

Why doesn't Tarzan have a beard?

Why doesn't glue stick to the bottle it's in?

If people evolved from apes, why are there still apes?

If it's true that we are here to help others, what are the others doing here?

Do married people live longer than single ones or does it only seem longer?

What level of importance must a person have before he is considered assassinated instead of just murdered?

Why does a round pizza come in a square box?

How is it that we put a man on the moon before we figured out it would be a good idea to put wheels on bigger suitcases?

Why do people pay to go up tall buildings and then put money in binoculars to look at things on the ground?

OBITUARIES

Christopher John Soane QE 1964-70

Chris, nicknamed "Bone" by his contemporaries at School and a member of Stapylton House, scraped through his "O" levels but was not thought to be "A" level material. He left the School and was accepted into the Metropolitan Police Cadet scheme. During his time there he passed another "O" level and also an "A" Level in English. Perhaps he wasn't so thick.

Chris became a regular officer in the Metropolitan Police and was posted to Fulham. After a few years he passed the Sergeants' exam and was posted to Hampstead. He later sat and passed the Inspector's exam and was posted to Barnet where he completed his service after thirty years, and retired. Chris built a reputation for firmness and fairness as an honest and sensitive community-spirited policeman and was highly regarded by his colleagues and superiors. Sadly the dreaded big "C" caught up with him after just one year and he died on 20th August, aged 51.

Chris was said to have been very proud when he was assigned to lay the Poppy Wreath on behalf of the Metropolitan Police on Barnet War Memorial on which the name of his uncle E H R Soane (School Lieutenant QE 1933-4) appears. His uncle was killed in North Africa in 1943. He played rugby for Barnet RFC but his pattern of duties meant that he could not commit himself fully though he clearly enjoyed the game when he could. On the other side he took his badminton much more seriously and played right up to his untimely death. His pride and joy (after his family) was to have been his boat, moored on the Essex coast and acquired only a year before his death which would have been a great source of pleasure to him in his retirement.

Chris leaves a wife Cathy, a Staff Nurse at Barnet General and two daughters Sarah and Yvonne. He will be missed by many.

G J Soane, Father
(QE 1938-44)

N A Ward, Cousin
(QE 1966-73)

Nicholas Hadcraft (QE 1971-73)

With grateful thanks to Ken Cooper, The Times and Melanie Olivestone at the School we mark the passing of Nicholas Hadcraft, who died from a heart attack on July 7th 2004 aged 49. Nicholas attended the 6th Form at the School between 1971 and 1973 and though hardworking "plodded and struggled" and was "academically doubtful at A level except for History". Notes of the time describe him as "a nice lad, quiet and lacking in confidence". He went on to study History at Kent University and gained a Postgraduate degree at the Institute for Education in London in 1977. He then spent some time teaching at Faversham

Secondary Modern in Kent but gave this up to join the British Library as a clerical officer. As a born collector and book lover he immediately felt at home and was soon promoted to a Curatorship and studied for a postgraduate course in Historical Bibliography at the School of Librarianship at University College, London.

In 1984 Nicholas went to Corpus Christi College, Cambridge to work as a conservator and soon rose to become head of the Cambridge College Libraries Conservation Consortium. While at Cambridge, Nicholas was instrumental in the development of a new method of vacuum drying water-damaged books that offered many advantages over conventional freeze drying. This method was trialled immediately, necessitated by the challenge of saving books from a flood at the Founders' Library of the Fitzwilliam Museum. In the summer of 2002 Nicholas was involved in the training of Czech conservators after the floods that devastated Prague. As a result of his work, thousands of volumes were saved, including the Prague Bible of 1488, the first Bible in the Czech language and a jewel of Central European Christianity. He helped repair damaged books and lectured on his technique at the seminary of Montefiascone in Central Italy and was later involved in similar work in a monastery on Mount Sinai and elsewhere.

For many years Nicholas looked after his invalid mother with great devotion and though The Times' piece notes that "unable to lead a fully independent life his self-esteem was worryingly low," he found companionship with Cheryl Porter, an Australian authority on medieval pigments who transformed him from "an overweight, conservatively dressed man who hid from the world behind a pair of spectacles containing lenses of plain glass." Nicholas never married and though he and Cheryl parted, they remained close friends. In a typically generous gesture, he had earlier given his collection of medieval pilgrim badges to King's College, Cambridge for public enjoyment rather than keep them in private hands.

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William Chapman Bonner
QE 1932-37

Bill, nicknamed "Boots", was a member of Leicester House. He was a keen cricketer and an aggressive left handed bat. He was a member of the OECC post war. During World War II he served with the Royal Marines into which he was recruited by three friends working with him at the British Gas offices in Barnet in 1940. After the War Boots settled in Welwyn Garden City and became Clerk to the Parish Council. He was a keen follower of horse racing, supported the Injured Jockey's Charity and, it is said, owned a part share in a racehorse.

B J Fuller

OE FORTY SOCIETY

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On the 31st October 2004 a sumptuous lunch worthy of a Michelin Star was served by our newish caterers who are now getting used to the Gentlemen's ways i.e. no bums pinched. They did their best - no stars but a few Michelin tummies were on view. Our usual scrummage at our Full House was full of geniality, conviviality and even some new jokes (I will use them for the next lunch which is on Thursday 21st April at the Clubhouse - 12.00 for 12.30). A separate reply form is at the back of the magazine - please reply - you will not get a further letter! Not pretty but it saves postage! As usual, at our last lunch generous OEs donated raffle prizes which helped keep our costs down. Please be generous for the next lunch with any unwanted or unwelcome Christmas presents gratefully accepted.

The Headmaster could not appear (perhaps the lure of School lunches?) but Eric Houston was an able Deputy, regaling us with tales of his entry to the School and updating us on its continuing success. The plonk was of high quality and not bad for £2.99 a bottle (well done Tesco!) Three of our able ladies - Joan Hart, Maggie Thorogood and Eileen Walsh did the honours and Francis Fuller was her normal efficient self selling raffle tickets - what a girl, what a gem! Many thanks Francis!

So, roll up, roll up! Send me the form (attached) and cheque for £20 (non acceptances appreciated please) and do not allow yourselves to miss one of the season's best offers. New members are very welcome, you just have to have left the School 40 years ago or more. Four new boys were welcomed this time:-

Geoff Birch
Martin Francis
Julian White
John Stibbs

All these luminaries regaled us with polish, wit and wisdom as they recounted tales of their lives, loves etc since leaving School. A respectful, heartfelt silence was kept for our ex President, Robert Busvine.

David Walsh

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FEELING HUNGRY AROUND MID-NOVEMBER WITH YOUR CHRISTMAS PUD STILL
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DON'T DESPAIR!!

THE **ANNUAL DINNER** OF THE ASSOCIATION IS ON HAND, HELD AT THE SCHOOL ON THE THIRD FRIDAY OF NOVEMBER EVERY YEAR, AND FULL OF GOOD CHEER, GOOD FOOD AND GOOD FELLOWSHIP. YOUNG, OLD AND THOSE OF INDETERMINATE YEARS MEET TO SWAP STORIES AND ENJOY TRADITIONAL AND GUEST SPEAKERS.

**REMEMBER FRIDAY NOVEMBER 18TH THIS YEAR AND CONTACT SIMON LINCOLN
NOW FOR YOUR TICKET**

O.E. 200 CLUB

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We are pleased to announce the winners of the 2004 Prize Draw that was held at Gypsy Corner on 13th December 2004.

£200 David Ridler
£150 Hew Purchas
£100 John Holloway
£75 Sue Paget
£50 Ann Shearly

Thanks to our members, we have again been able to give substantial support towards the upkeep of Gypsy Corner during the past year. In addition, we made a donation of £500 to the School's new building appeal.

Membership subscriptions for 2005 are now due.

If you do not pay your subscription by standing order, please send your cheque for £12 for each number you hold to me at the above address. Please make your cheque payable to OE 200 Club.

For the first time in many a year there will be an additional Prize Draw that will take place at the School on Founders' Day 2005.

Bob Paget

Please note that your Standing Order Mandate appears on a separate loose sheet sent together with The Elizabethan - Ed.

O E LODGE

Hon. Secretary: Simon Lincoln, 37 West End Lane, Barnet, Herts EN4:
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We have had a great year Masonically speaking with a new initiate joining the Old Elizabethans Lodge - Paul Willday who was installed in an impressive manner by our new Worshipful Master - Paul Mingay.

The Ladies Weekend in 2004 was excellent, with Colin Gibbens as President. His chosen charity - The Stroke Association, benefitted from a cheque for £3,000 from the Lodge and charity raffle. We had over 110 people (mostly non masons) attend the function. If anyone wishes to come to this years Ladies Weekend, please let me know - more information below.

The Lodge is going from strength to strength, with many younger masons coming through. We have also had many guests attending - including two OEs - Graham Dainton-Smith and Tony McLoughlin. They thoroughly enjoyed coming to the Lodge and are now PIGS (Permanently Invited GuestS!).

We have a very busy social calendar coming up: 10th April - a Spring Lunch at Hadley Wood Golf Club - £13 for a 4 course carvery in a lovely setting with good company.

Also between 2nd - 4th September 2005 - The Old Elizabethans Ladies Weekend in Bournemouth - £135 for a 2 night stay at a 3 star hotel. This includes a 3 course dinner on the Friday night and a race evening for charity, a 5 course banquet with a charity raffle and dancing to a live band on Saturday night. If you are interested, please let me know. The charity this year is CAN - an organisation getting young adults off drugs and alcohol.

If anyone is interested in Freemasonry, but have never made any enquiries - please contact me with no obligation. If there are any masons on the list and would like to come to a meeting - please contact me.

A belated Happy New Year to you all!

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OE BUSINESS CLUB

Hon. Secretary: Simon Gold, Eurodata Systems plc
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Happy New Year and good wishes for a prosperous and successful business year to you all.

The last few months.

The highlight of the last quarter was a visit to the Greater London Assembly, organised by Martyn Bradish, with an opportunity to tour the impressive building complex, and listen to the Assembly members question Ken Livingstone on London issues.

"BUSINESS CLUB VISITS CITY HALL"

A report by Martyn Bradish

The position of London as a major commercial centre is not in doubt but the Club wanted to understand how the Great London Assembly (GLA) was involved in enhancing the business environment to ensure that it remains a vibrant and premier business centre.

Old Elizabethan and Chairman of the GLA, Brian Coleman, had helped to sponsor the visit. Brian generously made available Nicola and Stephen, his PAs at the GLA and London Borough of Barnet, to ensure the success of the visit.

The day started with a visit to the debating Chamber to listen to the monthly Mayor's Question Time when Mayor Ken Livingstone faces the 25 GLA Members. Ken sits at the open end of a horseshoe and fields questions on everything and anything. There were 283 questions mostly for written reply but he had 27 questions for oral reply.

As this is a political arena it is hardly surprising that Ken talked up the differences between the Labour and Conservative parties at regular intervals. Mayor Ken swung into action on the subject of the closure of sub-post offices across London. At one stage he even proposed going with a Conservative GLA Member to squat in a threatened post office. After a few more minutes he retreated and promised to get the GLA legal team in to see if a judicial review of the Post Office's decision could be mounted for all the planned closures across the Capital.

The cost of free advertising for the 2012 Olympics bid, neighbourhood policing, the relationship (and sometimes absence of relationship) between his plans and Central Government funding, were all put under the spotlight and handled with consummate political ease.

The Club was in the glass fronted Chamber for about 45 minutes. The public is immediately behind the GLA members and there is no divide. Clearly, determined individuals could interrupt proceedings with ease. However, there were heavy set gentlemen whose eyes never left the public gallery and who had bulges in their inside jacket pockets!

GLA Chairman Brian Coleman splendidly managed to have the Old Elizabethans recorded in the GLA minutes by saying "I recognise fellow Old Elizabethan John Biggs". It is good to know that OEs are operating at the highest political level in the government of our City with two current GLA members.

Next, GLA Principal Planner, David Dash, made a private presentation to the Club of the GLA London plan. The Plan has a horizon of 20 years but has projections in detail to 2016. The Plan deals with many issues including waste, transport, homes, migration and jobs. It

is a weighty document and is carefully interwoven. Facts and figures abounded in this presentation: London's population is expected to grow by 800,000 to 8.1 million in 2016 (back to 1950 levels). This means the Capital will need a further 640,000 jobs.

Despite the view that technology would make home workers of the working population, the opposite is true. People travel to work and distance is not a limiting factor, it is the time it takes which is the deciding factor. If transport is quick and cheap (relatively) workers will come from outside London on a daily basis and by inference relieve some of the housing need.

The size of the issues facing the planners is demonstrated by noting that metropolitan centres like Wood Green or Croydon are the equivalent of a large provincial town and there are more than five such metropolitan areas within the London area.

The immediate future for large scale development is in the Stratford and Thames Gateway areas. In order for these to reach their potential, the planned rail linkups, which include Crosslink, are extremely important. Cross Borough transport in the outer Boroughs does not feature in the plan. Any resolution to Barnet's problems in this area will be addressed by bus routes; there will be no rail infrastructure.

David's command of the many features in the plan was astonishing. Although individual club members may not have shared his views on topics, he certainly knew the underlying factors and facts leaving the Club with the feeling that the Plan had been carefully crafted.

The visit concluded with Nicola taking the group to the top floor of City Hall for magnificent views over south and east London. We were advised that small London charities could apply to hold receptions in the hospitality suite on this floor for free in order to raise their profile. With a backdrop of Tower Bridge it is certainly an exciting location. The Club travelled down the building using the spiral walkway which runs through the centre of the building. Peering over the balcony on the ground floor we saw a carpet which had been woven from an aerial photograph depicting London in the year the GLA came into existence.

The Club concluded the visit by networking in a local restaurant.

In Mid October six of our number participated as advisors to students of year 10 at a Careers Forum at the School (6 others volunteered but their industries were already covered by other parents). Thanks to Nick Baker, Derek Slee, Michael Gallucci, Neil Harris and David Bowen for your help, as was noted in a letter from careers' master, it was very much appreciated.

We also held a network meeting in October at the School. After some late apologies, there were 7 of us who came to chat and we had an animated discussion about electronic communication (leading to the immediate decision to create a Business Club website organised through the business contacts of MPG Associates (Michael Gallucci). More, on the launch of an interactive, dynamic website for the Business Club, in a month or so. We also agreed to approach the school to open up the Business Club to parents of students of the School. We all considered that Parents of current students were as business-like as we are; as connected to the achievements of the school and its welfare as us and with children who will one day have careers and businesses to promote and develop. We hope to be making an approach to them in the near future.

The next few months

The next Network Meeting is scheduled for Monday 14 March at 7.30pm. A meal and an opportunity for unashamed networking and business promotion and a guest speaker.

Student Development. It was always my vision that our membership of the School network club was partly to help develop our own business interests by meeting like minded business people, but also to "give something back" by helping in the development of business minded students of the School. Having spoken to the Careers Master, Mr. Ryan, and Bernadette Cheal, Head of Business Studies and Economics, they have explained five business related activities for students for which they desperately need support from people like us :-

Will any one volunteer for some of the advisory activities described below:-

Challenge of Industry Day - a whole day in June for boys from Year 9 (3rd year) to undertake a series of challenges. Each Team needs a mentor to facilitate and give ideas, share and explain issues to a group of boys "who can be quite boisterous!"

Shares4Schools - an Investors Club - a year 12 (lower sixth!) activity managing a portfolio of investments, looking for some one with experience of "the markets" to give them some expert advice at the school 2 or three times a year.

Young Enterprise Team - presently one team of Year 10 students (4th year) meet on a regular basis and need a Business Advisor to act as facilitator of their activities and a mentor for their bright ideas. The School would run more Enterprise Teams if they had more than one advisor.

Mini Enterprise competition - an inter-house business initiative in May for one week for Year 9 students. Ideal if each House had a business mentor

A Business Club - a new idea from the Business Studies dept. The possibility of creating a Club of business minded students who would organise events around a business speaker or visits to a business environment.

Volunteers, in addition, to speak at the School on vocational issues related to GCSE / A level course subjects would also be welcome.

Your level of participation will be up to you. Almost all activity is performed at the School. Most is in after school clubs , though some are during the whole school day. Some of the activity may be supported by you on the telephone to give advice from time to time.

Business Club Website - we are close to finalising the design and implementation of an interactive website to help our members network and communicate business ideas and issues. The Website will have a members directory; a business forum ; an events page ; contacts and useful information. It will link to OE's and the School website to help promote the Elizabethan Community. We will welcome all OE's who want to join the Business Club to register on line in a few months.

And finally a brief note to advise members that because of the initiative of 2 OE's the Business Club has an opportunity to visit the Wembley Stadium development during construction in the next few months. I await more details of the "tour" and how to apply to be able to publish an invitation.

Best wishes

SIMON GOLD



City Hall



OEBC Members at the top

O.E.GOLF SOCIETY

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It was a pleasant autumnal morning as 20 of us, made up of 17 O.E.'s and 3 guests gathered at Old Fold G.C. on 8th October last year.

In the morning singles, the O.E.'s played for the 400th Anniversary Cup. Richard Newton took the trophy with 35 points from Jerry Golland in second place with 32 points. The guests played for a separate trophy, won by Simon Keeley with 34 points, from Vic Johnson with 36 points. There were 2 additional prizes won by Richard Newton, for the Longest Drive and Nigel Watling for Nearest the Pin.

After lunch, our numbers were swelled by the arrival of David Walsh, Roger Smith and Pete Mackay, and we played a Greensome Foursomes competition over 9 holes. Bruno Gardner and John Hume won this, with 20 points on a countback from Jim Winchester and the Hon. Sec.

Richard Newton won the Vardon trophy, awarded for the best spring and autumn aggregate scores, with 68 points, who, for his efforts was rewarded with a handicap reduction of 2 to 10.

Following dinner, the AGM was held at which Richard Newton was elected Captain for 2005. Derek Ingham kindly agreed to take on the role of President, which had remained vacant since the death of Mick Cadney.

In deference to the new Captain, The Spring Meeting will be held at Porters Park G.C. on Thursday 5th May. This is arguably one of Hertfordshire's finest courses, so I am sure the day will be well attended.

After the success of 2004, we shall revisit Old Fold G.C. for the Autumn Meeting and Guest Day on Friday 23rd September.

If anyone wishes to play this year, please give Richard or myself a call.

Ian Slade
January 2005

Dates for the diary:

Thursday 5th May 2005	Porters Park GC
Friday 23rd September 2005	Old Fold GC

BARNET SARACENS ELIZABETHANS RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

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If the Editor's estimated publication date is accurate, this Newsletter will coincide with the mass exodus from Barnet of an army of over 260 youngsters, their parents and family, plus appropriate age group coaches, as the Mini & Junior Section travel to a town ten miles south west of Paris for a weekend's rugby tour. If last year's tour to Amsterdam is anything to go by, the party will have a first class time, both on and off the field. It is very unfortunate there is no Six Nations match on in Paris that weekend (18th-21st March) although that might allow a visit to the Paris ground as a treat for the boys and adults.

The Mini & Junior Section are the most thriving section within the Club and bring in new boys, their parents and friends, all contributing to a busy Clubhouse on Sundays and most weekday evenings. This has also resulted in Women's rugby being started up, albeit playing touch rugby at present. More children (and, of course, their Mums and Dads) are most welcome. As Paul Barnfather (OECC) will testify, the enthusiasm of youngsters is overwhelming as they are the future of all sports Clubs.

The Senior Section has had a promising Autumn with more wins than losses in the three senior sides although it took until the last Saturday of 2004 for the 1st XV to achieve an elusive away League win (over Cheshunt to bring the "double" over that Club). Good performances in the Spring should ensure a healthy mid table position. The big disappointment, personally, was the failure to fulfill the RFU Intermediate Cup match away to Norwich in September, due to a series of problems in fielding a fit and adequate team, especially in the front row (RFU regulations would have meant the game being lost as front row regulations are very restrictive). Some of the Colts were available to play that September day but that would have invoked these regulations. Our punishment is to sit out of next year's tournament. The Hertfordshire Cup saw us drawn away to Tabard in November, a match we lost by 24-27, a tremendous effort. The 2nd & 3rd XV's are building up a series of commendable wins, overall. This has been mirrored in most of the Junior sides, especially as County Cup matches are now under way.

Sadly, the Club lost two stalwarts through untimely deaths: Life Member, David Edwards, in August, then young (aged 23) junior coach, Nick Rowley, in November, the latter quite suddenly. The Club was well represented at both funerals, even though Nick's was in Scarborough.

Off the field, the bar is doing very well, the shop is well stocked with goods and there is a good atmosphere. The next VP lunch is Saturday 9th April. The AGM is on Tuesday 31st May. After a long period of silence from Barnet Council, concerning the 2003 rent review and a lease extension, John Duncan, the former Chairman but now heading the Forward Planning Team, has reported significant progress on both and the likelihood of a long future ahead. This is welcome news, especially following the visit, on 21st November, of Terry Burwell (RFU Director of Operations) to present a Rugby Football Foundation Award for efforts in improving community rugby to Barnet.

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OLD ELIZABETHANS' CRICKET CLUB

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With only four months to the start of the 2005 season, OECC is looking forward to the challenge of building upon the success of last summer.

In 2004, our 1st XI responded to their inaugural season in Herts League Division 4 by finishing in 9th place. Our second XI fell one place short of promotion from Division 10, which was a bitter pill to swallow as they had been in the top four up until the penultimate weekend. Our Sunday XI flourished and our ever growing Colts XI completed and competed in their first seasons in the Middlesex Under 13 and Under 11 cricket leagues.

The 1st XI under Joe Festa had a solid year, with 6 wins, 5 draws and 6 defeats. Festa and the South African overseas player, David Marais, led the bowling with 41 & 42 wickets at 18.6 & 14.7 respectively. They were ably supported by Miles Collins, 21 at 16.7, but the remainder of the bowling was generally of the cafeteria variety.

The batsmen under achieved, but the entire top 6 played substantial innings at this higher level, which bodes well for 2005. Clive Collins with 347 runs at 34.7 topped the averages, followed by Paul Brooks 362 at 24 and Warren Dixie 322 at 22.1.

The League season ended on a high with an outstanding victory over Old Haberdashers, which by sweet coincidence saw them relegated. How I enjoyed the post match drink and inquest!

The 2nd XI performances fell away from mid August and they missed out on promotion by handful of points. The majority of the team were over 40 and the bar stool critics were of the view that the team simply ran out of steam, at least on the field if not in the bar.

The Sunday XI played entertaining cricket and Captain Stuart Ware sensibly brought in new and younger blood, including several of our Colts.

Our Colts section flourished under the guidance of Paul Barnfather, Joe Festa, David Coombes and Peter Goring. For 2005, we will have a side competing in Middlesex Under 15, 13 and 11 leagues. On a Friday night at Gipsy Corner you will see 40 to 50 youngsters enjoying a good standard of coaching, all four of the aforementioned gentlemen are MCC qualified, as well as a good turn out at the bar.

I am delighted that several of our Colts are also attending QE Boys and also that the traditional Past v Present fixture was fulfilled this year.

The cricket club depends upon the efforts of the few and it would be wrong of me not to give special mention to the contribution of our 1st XI scorer and statistician, Jonathan Mackman, and our Colts night bar manager Adrian Beagley.

As well as maintaining the strong tradition of Old Elizabethans sporting and social activity, the cricket club sees itself as a part of the local community, by offering coaching and

playing opportunities for local children and social involvement for their parents. As our links with the School and local community have been weakened by the affect of the formers selection policies, we are proud of our achievements in raising our profile within Barnet and successfully upholding the long tradition of Old Elizabethans sport at Gipsy Corner.

May I wish you all an enjoyable 2005 and express my sincere wish to see many more of you at Gipsy this summer. My thanks to those of you who continue to support us.

Regards

Mark Chenery 1973/1980
President & Chairman OECC

Outstanding Performances 2004;

1st XI

David Marais, 6-14 v Northampton Exiles

David Marais 8-47 v Clifton

Warren Dixie, 75 v Clifton

Warren Dixie 84 v Haberdashers

Paul Brooks 80 v Wheathampstead

Sundays

Dave Marais 156 v Totteridge

Clive Collins 114 v Great Gaddesden

Nigel Wildman's exclusively leg-side 88 v Calthorpe

BIRTHS

Hearty congratulations are passed to Simon Stockdale (1977-83) and Simon Essex (1981-86), both of whom became fathers in late 2004. Both these illustrious gentlemen played a critical part in the births of their two bundles of joy. Not for them the nervous wait by the hospital bed or the relentless pacing of a Bupa corridor. The two Simons delivered their babies in person at home (Stockdale not even bothering to remove his overcoat on his return from work!) Stockers tells me that little Rose was born on November 8th at approx 8.10pm - on the dining room floor! Apart from wife Lise, the only other attendee at the birth was their son Thomas (then aged 19 months - and not much help). The ambulance crew arrived about 5 minutes after Rose entered the world, with Simon's mother appearing five minutes later. She weighed in at 7lbs 1oz (Rose, not Simon's Mum!) and everything went smoothly. Their stock of towels was hit hard but was replenished thanks to several well directed Christmas presents.

Please let me know of any other arrivals, marriages etc - news of which we will of course be only too pleased to publish.

Your Editor

DATES FOR THE DIARY 2005

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>VENUE</u>	<u>CONTACT</u>
OE ANNUAL DINNER DEBATE	12TH MARCH	THE SCHOOL	KEN COOPER
OE LODGE MEETING	14TH MARCH	CHESHUNT MASONIC CENTRE	SIMON LINCOLN
OE LODGE SPRING LUNCH	10TH APRIL	HADLEY WOOD GOLF CLUB	SIMON LINCOLN
OE FORTY SOCIETY LUNCH	21ST APRIL	GYPSY CORNER	DAVID WALSH
OE ASSOCIATION AGM	27TH APRIL	GYPSY CORNER	MAURICE SLOUGH
OE GOLF SOCIETY	5TH MAY	PORTERS PARK GC	IAN SLADE
OE LODGE 40TH ANNIVERSARY	28TH MAY	CHESHUNT MASONIC CENTRE	SIMON LINCOLN
FQE SUMMER BALL	11TH JUNE	MOATHOUSE HOTEL	FQE/OE ASSOCIATION
FOUNDER'S DAY SERVICE	18TH JUNE	ST PETER'S BARNET	THE SCHOOL
FOUNDER'S DAY FETE	18TH JUNE	THE SCHOOL	FQE/THE SCHOOL
FOUNDER'S SUNDAY	19TH JUNE	GYPSY CORNER	OECC
PvP CRICKET MATCH	4TH JULY	THE SCHOOL	DAREN NORRIS
OE LODGE LADIES' WEEKEND	2-4TH SEPTEMBER	BOURNEMOUTH	SIMON LINCOLN
OE GOLF SOCIETY	23RD SEPTEMBER	OLD FOLD GC	IAN SLADE
OE LODGE MEETING	20TH OCTOBER	CHESHUNT MASONIC CENTRE	SIMON LINCOLN
ANNUAL DINNER	18TH NOVEMBER	THE SCHOOL	SIMON LINCOLN
OE LODGE MEETING	1ST DECEMBER	CHESHUNT MASONIC CENTRE	SIMON LINCOLN

