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EDITORIAL

Space, you will be pleased to read, precludes a long editorial. 1975 has been a steady year for the Association. A number of excellent functions have been arranged, both by the Sections and the Association and the Clubhouse continues to provide a good social atmosphere, particularly at the weekends.

All members are urged to attend the A.G.M. in April and ensure that their "personal details" are correct for the new Year Book to be published.

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Annual General Meeting

The 1976 A.G.M. will be held on Friday, 9th April, 1976 at Gipsy Corner starting at 8.00 p.m.

Members are urged to attend the A.G.M. which will be followed by the Social Club A.G.M.

DARTS

At the request of the Cricket Club a new darts board and darts are being provided in order that the Friday evening matches can be held with local cricket clubs during the winter.

Full details not known, but anyone interested please ring Rod Jones, Hatfield 60508

O.E. YEAR BOOK - RE-ISSUE

A revised year book is to be published shortly. All O.Es are asked to advise the Secretary of any changes in personal data or address to ensure a correct entry. If you know of any other O.Es not in touch with the Association - please bring this notice to their attention.

ANNUAL DINNER DANCE

Following last years huge success - the Dinner Dance will again be held at Hatfield House. The date is March 5th and tickets at £10.50 a pair are limited to 200 so hurry!

An application form is enclosed for immediate posting to Ron Orton.

AT HOME AND ABROAD

First news of a veteran O.E., H.V. Bearman who continues an active interest from his home in Station Road despite his 85 years. Harry recalls protesting in 1919, to the then Secretary, Cecil Tripp, about the necessity of wearing a Dinner Jacket to the O.E. Dinner, how times have changed!

P.H. Drake writes from Wolverhampton where he is a Consultant Gyneacologist in the Royal Air Force Medical Branch. Coincidentally he has fathered two sets of twins (is this an O.E. record?).

Dr. P.J. Olney writes from Norwich to remind us that the Gun Field was known by that name in the 1930's. A gun was stationed on that field during the 1914/18 War before the school was built.

I.A. Sewell now lives in Manchester and Ashton-under-Lyne but continues a lively interest in the Assn.

G.S. Pyle has been elected an Associate of the Institute of Bankers and now lives in Potters Bar. Another Potters Bar O.E. Bob Gardam is again in the news, having agreed to become the President of Potters Bar Crusaders Sports Club.

Kevin Fitzgerald T.D. is Lt. Colonel of Territorial Army Units in Hertfordshire, this appointment dating from December 24th, 1975.

Trevor Davies departs shortly for the wilds of Sheffield. He will be sadly missed at Gipsy Corner where his efforts in the Club House deserve all our thanks. Social O.Es also owe a debt to Jim Winchester and his Bar Staff - apart from dispensing refreshment - Jim and his crew have raised £1,700 bar profits in 1975.

To his great pleasure, E.H.J's Christmas mail was but little diminished by what he considers the excessive charges of an inefficient postal service and he asks us to give his thanks and apologies to those to whom he has not replied - in some cases not having an address.

From far overseas, Peter Ambridge from Canada says the only thing Canada seems to have learnt from post-war Britain is how to set up strikes, for they have had a prolonged postal strike followed by a strike of High School teachers, and as a Second Master he has had less than 4% of students attending. Bob Elderfield sends from Serbia in Brundei, where (it is said) they pour the ale from teapots into cups as it is a Mohammedan country! Richard Beacham sends Salam Bahagia from Kuala Lumpur. Dr.Dodge writes from Dunedin, N.Z. and Mrs Chapple writes that Charlie (C.J.W.) is working with the United Nations in Southern Sudan, trying to help the Government set up a working Roads Department, starting from scratch after 17 years of civil war.

Nearer home, Obrist sends from Basle, John Anderson from Geneva, Leslie Fielding from Brussels, finding life on the Commission frantically busy and Mrs "Torj" Herbert writes that Herbert is enjoying his work as an Agricultural Consultant rejoicing in a nine-month old daughter.

From Britain itself comes the usual delightful large and widespread batch, mostly from addresses that he has mentioned in previous Newsletters. From P.J. Rhodes at Durham University, W.G. Roberts as Senior Master with the Nelson Trafalgar School at Wigton and Professor Dr. Brian Hibbard at the lovely sounding address of the Clockhouse, Cathedral Close, Llanduff; John Macleod at Cardiff, and the former Master R.J. Shewell at St. Agnes in Cornwall. Dr. John Heard, at Sherbourne, has a son following his father's footsteps at St. Thomas' medical school and recently met Dr. Bruce Richards who "seems to have settled into his new niche as a community physician". Jonathan Swann is at the Staff College, Camberley and R.B.E. Bell is now officer in charge of the Torpedo Trials Unit at the R.N. Air Station at Culdrose in Cornwall.

In addition to his Research Centre work at Cambridge University, Dr. A.N. Worden has a non-resident chair at Bath, is in a Royal Society working group, on the Council of the Royal College of Pathology and is an expert Pharmacologue et Toxicologue du Ministere de la Santé Publique, so not unnaturally finds himself busier than ever.

Space does not allow him to list the many others nearer home, but a final piece of news will interest all older O.E's, Fred Bonner, Mayes' quietly pleasant and capable assistant from the end of Mr. Latimer's time till well after the last war, who left Q.E. to take charge of the buildings of Welwyn Garden City Grammar School has now retired to live in the Garden City. E.H.J. says it makes him feel incredibly aged!

KNOW YOUR CRICKET (by kind permission of the Cricket Club)

Neither looking back nor forward but with boots firmly on the ground a special Xmas selection of teasers from Bill Smith. (I'm not sure whether they are personal experiences!)

1. The opening batsman and No.11 are together with the former wishing to retain the strike. Off the last ball of an over the opening batsman scores three runs but a fielder deliberately kicks the ball over the boundary. How many runs are scored?
2. 'No ball' is called and the striker jumps down the wicket, swings, and falls flat on his face outside the crease. The wicket keeper gathers the ball but knows the striker cannot be stumped. What action can be taken to dismiss the batsman?
3. The non-striker backs up normally, is called by the striker for a run, refuses and regains his crease, is joined there by the striker and with both at that end the wicket is broken at the strikers end. Which is out?
- 4 On running up to bowl the bowler sees the non-striker has backed up prematurely so he throws the ball at the non-strikers wicket, misses and two runs are run. Do these count and if so what are they recorded on?
5. A fielder on the boundary catches the ball but then falls flat on his back over the boundary still safely holding the ball. Is the batsman out?

(See page 6 for answers)

COCKTAIL PARTY

On 25th April the Cricket Club are arranging a lunchtime cocktail party for the ladies. Further details can be obtained from John Townley.

COLLECTORS ITEM

An unrepeatable offer:-
8 - O.E. Blazer Buttons - 0.15p each
1 - P.E. Blazer Cuff Button - 0.12p

Immediate application to Cyril Winchester is advised. Postage is extra.

CRICKET CLUB

Hon. Sec. John Townley, 37 Ridgeview Road, London, N.20.
Telephone 01-445 9218

As a Club we can reflect on a season of mixed success on the field of play but a highly successful and enjoyable season off it. A great deal of encouragement can be taken from last season for the future. The state of the ground continues to improve, the social side lacks nothing and thus the concentration should be on the playing side. To this end nets are to be provided at the club and it is hoped that all members, particularly the younger will take advantage of this facility. The margin between success and failure is often very fine and with improved cricketing techniques surely greater success will result and greater enjoyment.

1975 AVERAGES

'Bruno' Gardner has kindly compiled a comprehensive set of average and statistics as a record of last season. This is quite a feat bearing in mind the state of the scorebooks and the not inconsiderable (if somewhat undesirable) interchange between the XI's.

Interesting to note that one person, Tony Johnson made 30 appearances for the club, a fine example as skipper, and only 13 people made 20 or more appearances. In total 77 people played for the club of whom 37 made 6 or less appearances. A total of 254 catches is recorded, but goodness knows how many were dropped!

The results were as follows:-

1st XI	P 24	W 8	D 7	L 9
2nd XI	P 36	W 16	D 9	L 11
Other Matches	P 10	W 3	D 2	L 5

BLASTS FROM THE PAST

Continuing with records past, incidences recorded by Jack Parsley over the years.

"You mentioned in the last Cricket Club Newsletter about Past V Present Cricket Match this year, and gave the results as a near win for the School.

My records show that next years match will be most interesting as far as results go! See below:-

1914 to 1975 inclusive (No matches in 1915 - 1918 incl.)

Matches arranged 58	Abandoned, rain	3
	No play, rain	1
	Old Boys won	22
	School won	22
	Drawn	10
		<u>58</u>

(Not a bad record, with War and Weather interrupting)

High Scores and some other near things during these games are:-

1932	DRAWN	OE 180-6 (dec)	School 162-8
1939	DRAWN	OE 153-9	School 163
1946	OE WON	OE 93	School 92."

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Playing Record

At the start of the second half of the season it is pleasing to report that the 1st XV is beginning to show the form that we have been awaiting since the end of last season.

After a shaky start "Mob" Thompson has gradually built up a fine team spirit and if this can be maintained (and it surely will if we continue to play as in recent games) then we should see some good rugby for the rest of the season. Moreover it is a young side (with two or three older, experienced men who are very necessary) and looking forward to next season if the squad stays together then the prospects are very exciting.

A word here about Ian Whitefield who had to resign as Captain early in the season. Many thanks are due to him for having done this job for two years, at times under considerable pressure and it is very pleasing to see him back on the field again.

The A XV, led by David Harris are striving to maintain their hold on the inter-team trophy but have yet to catch Jim Winchester's Extra A XV. If the "Extras" do win it then the sausage supper should be something special this year. As a foot-note how many members remember the first Extra A XV sausage supper (of modern times that is) held was it 21 years ago? (Remember David Walsh, O.L!)

SOCIAL NEWS

First on the list must come the regrettable retirement of Bernard White. We were all very sorry to see him go but nevertheless wish him many happy days in Cornwall. His address is 9 Centenary Street, Camborne, Cornwall and he would be delighted to see or hear from any O.E.. I understand he may also be found at the British Legion (16p a pint) or on Saturday nights at Camborne Rugger Club (no solo yet).

Other items:-

Rod Jones bought some new boots - and promptly broke his ankle - get well soon Rod.
Tony Norman is back and playing, business permitting.
Davy Scott has emigrated to South Africa - address P.O.Box 75076, Garden View, Transvaal 2047.
There is a very faint rumour that Richard Newton may return from the U.S.A. next year.

EASTER TOUR

At the time of writing nearly 50 people have booked for this year's tour to York. The fixtures are:-

Good Friday. Seven-a-side tournament at Pocklington (east of York)

Easter Saturday. One game against Pocklington.

Easter Sunday. Two games against Sandal (Wakefield) one morning, one afternoon.

Easter Monday. Two games against York in the afternoon.

The hotel is the Turnpike Motor Inn at Wetherby.

The Tour Captain (Ron Blackwell) and the organiser (Brian Jones) would be delighted to hear from anyone who wants to go or who may be in the area at the time.

Forthcoming Events.

Sunday 22nd February, 1976 (Afternoon) O.E. V O.PRIORIANS

Sunday 21st March, 1976 (Afternoon) Inter House Sevens.

Sunday 4th April, 1976 Herts Sevens at Fullarians R.F.C.

"OPENING TIMES" at the Pavillion,
Gipsy Corner

During Cricket Season:-

Saturday evenings - 6.00pm to 11.00pm
Sunday evenings - 7.00pm to 10.30pm

During Rugby Season:-

Saturday evenings - 4.30pm to 11.00pm

All year round:-

Sunday lunchtime - 12.30pm to 2.30pm

Telephone at clubroom 01-449-9481

GOLF SOCIETY

Hon. Sec. M.W.J. Swinn, 7 Lower Tub, Bushey Heath, Herts.
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The Society's Autumn Meeting and Annual Dinner took place at Dyrham Park on the 24th September. The weather was fine for the 29 players but despite the good condition of the course, most of them will probably have memories only of the "Lake"! The "Lake" formed part of one of the holes, with the tee on one side and the fairway on the other. It duly received its quota of golf balls from the tee plus one from an unfortunate member who, having struck his ball over the lake, managed to hit his next shot at a tree whence the ball flew into the!

The players were joined by a further 8 members for a very pleasant dinner. The highlight of the evening was the presentation, by Bob Gardam, of a Ryder Cup Programme in which was a message wishing John "Tiger" Townley good luck at the Society's meeting signed by Messrs. Palmer, Nicklaus and Miller.

The winner of the morning competition for the "400th Anniversary Cup" was Paul Larky (35 points) from Alan McCormack (34 points) and John Lain (31 points). John Wells (28 points) won the "Rabbits" Cup from Alan Salisbury on the last 9 holes and the Hon. Sec. won the Vardon Trophy with 63 points. The afternoon Greensome Foursomes were won by Brian Verrall and Ian Cook (37 points) from Hash Howard and Norman Bradstreet (35 points), the best Rabbit's score was 32 points by Mike Harrison and Jim Winchester.

The Society's A.G.M. on the 7th November at Gipsy Corner was a pleasant social evening for the members and their ladies who enjoyed the now traditional film of the U.S. Masters. During the "official" part of the evening, Alec White handed over the Presidency to Bill Fernie, John Townley was elected Captain for 1976 and Don Palombo elected to the Handicap Committee. The rules of the Society were modified to create a new office of Vice-President to which position the following were elected - Noel Harris, John Stephens, Alec White, Pip Piper and Mr. Edwards, the Headmaster. The "Match-Play" Cup was presented to Ron Gunton who had beaten Alan McCormack in the Final.

The Society's meetings for 1976 have been booked at West Herts on Friday, 23rd April, Hammonds End on Friday, 2nd July and Mill Hill on Friday, 24th September.

The Hon. Sec. would be pleased to hear from O.E. Golfers interested in joining the Society, the sub. is only 50p, and would also be happy to arrange Sunday morning Practice Sessions at Gipsy Corner for aspiring O.E. golfers.

CHESS CLUB

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Match results to date (17th January 1976)

Barnet League

V Barnet	won	3½ - 2½
V Alcazar	lost	½ - 5½
V Borehamwood	won	4 - 2
V Southgate	lost	2 - 3 (1 Adj.)
V Enfield	lost	1½ - 4½
V Finchley	lost	2 - 4
V Wood Green	lost	½ - 3½ (2 Adj.)

Herts. League - Division 4

V Watford	lost	3 - 2
V Hilltop III	won	3½ - 2½
V St. Albans III	won	4 - 1
V Bishops Stortford II	lost	1 - 4
V St. Albans IV	lost	2 - 3
V St. Albans III	lost	0 - 3 (2 Adj.)

Having started the current season on an optimistic note with 5 victories in the first 6 matches, the prospects of a successful year looked encouraging for the O.Es. However, as the results show, the last 7 fixtures have been lost, leaving the club in its usual mid-table position at the halfway stage. Brian Bowie, Mike Jones, "K.L.W.", Eddy Guy, Denzil Devos and B. Weston have formed the nucleus of the team, which has been depleted by the absence of John Covington, on business abroad. In order to provide better playing facilities, all the home matches in the Herts. League have been played at Denzil's house, for which the club extends its gratitude, and lack of cold feet at the pavilion!

The shortage of playing members at the club is still very apparent, which makes Mike Jones efforts as Match Captain an unenviable task, but one which has enabled the club to continue to perform creditably in both the Herts. and Barnet Leagues. It is hoped that the club championship will be started in the near future and that there will be some brighter news to report in the next newsletter.

OLD ELIZABETHANS (BARNET) PLAYING FIELDS LTD.

The editor has intimated that a report from the less glamorous aspect of the Old Elizabethans' organisation would not be amiss.

The past year has been spent, in the main, preserving what we already possess - a field in good heart due to the persistent efforts of Jack Parsley and a Clubhouse which has increased its social popularity. This is evidenced by maintained bar sales in spite of present conditions.

These conditions have dictated that any capital expenditure must be closely considered before approval and, equally looking further ahead at demands which might well arise. All this against a background of money spent now might well be half that required in the future for the same improvement.

The coke fired boiler installation was originally put in when the Pavilion was built in the 50's and in terms of time it could well let the side down at any time. To Eric Shearly goes the credit of keeping his many ears to the ground and as a result in April an ex-demolition oilfired boiler will show off its capabilities.

A defective main water supply over a long length, again, laid when the Pavilion was built has now been eliminated by a second shorter supply direct to the Clubhouse.

Thanks are due to John Fuller and Stan Terry for clearing the Ruberoid wicket and increasing the play area.

It is well known that the budgetted expenditure must be met by rents and contributions from the sections and for the year to the 31st March 1975 (the last audited accounts) this income exceeded the expenditure of £2,370 by £36.

Assets remain consistent at about £8,200 will below the present day values which they represent.

So with continuing good relationship existing between the Company and the Sections, the Company can rely on adequate income provided that, in turn, the Sections can rely on you to give them support.

Over and above that there is always a physical job of work to be done - so volunteer and join the Task Forces which come forward from time to time. They are very welcome.

R.E.O.

ANSWERS TO 'KNOW YOUR CRICKET' (page 2)

1. Seven - the three runs and the boundary allowance - and the batsmen do not change ends.
2. Hand the ball to a nearby fieldsman with instructions to hand it back so he (the wicket keeper) can break the wicket or to break the wicket himself. If still out of his crease the batsman will be run out.
3. The striker, provided the batsmen have not crossed on the pitch.
4. Yes - no balls (at all?). The throw does not count on a ball in the over.
5. Yes, provided the umpire was satisfied the catch was completed inside the boundary.

NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS

Members are reminded that their 1976 Subscription of £2 is now due and those who have not already paid are requested to do so promptly.

Payment may be made by cheque payable to the Old Elizabethans (Barnet) or by bankers order, using the form provided.

ALL MEMBERS (including those who have already paid) are asked to return the enclosed form to the Membership Secretary BEFORE 31st MARCH to assist in compiling up-to-date records and to ensure maximum accuracy when the forthcoming year book is prepared.

Members who have not complied with this request by 31st March may find their names omitted from the Association's membership register, with the obvious unhappy results!