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EDITORIAL NOTES

Here we are with the 1995 magazine, which is a little larger in size and hopefully just as interesting to the reader as the initial issue appears to have been. The new style Farnhamian has received many plaudits over the past months and it seems that most people feel that it has helped give the Association some new impetus. Certainly the requests for articles for this second issue has resulted in a deluge of faxes and letters and this time it was a case of having to carefully choose what to put in.

The past year has been like most years with bitter-sweet memories for the Association, and the passing of former master John Wills, one of our most well known Old Boys Ronald Ridout and that most delightful personality 'Smiler' Higgins brings sadness to many of us. Unfortunately Father Time marches on for all of us and the future Farnhamian magazines will no doubt record the passing of many of today's readers.

It is with much sadness that we have seen the demise of the Old Boys Football Club and the Rifle Club. Over the years both of these have given great pleasure to a vast amount of people. During those years both have had some success both locally and further afield and as they depart a little piece of Farnham itself goes with them.

On the brighter side the Association has undertaken a face lift and the membership lists have been rationalised. The names in the back pages of this issue should relate to actual members who subscribe to the Old Boys and no longer include people who have had no contact for years. It is gratifying to see that during the past year there have been well over a dozen new members and there appear to be several more who will join our ranks in 1995. This increase in interest was fully reflected in the upturn in numbers attending the Annual Dinner in April and it is hoped that the 1996 event will show that this increase is sustained.

At the Annual Dinner our after dinner speaker Paul Blowfield assured all those present that the future of the Association was in safe hands whilst Old Boys from the 60's and 70's were still around. It is certain that there are still many from the earlier decades who would like a copy of the Farnhamian and would like to meet their old classmates again. If all of the readers tried to recruit a new member each, the Association would be rejuvenated as never before and could approach the new century in remarkable health.

Why not see what you can do. You may be surprised !

Message from the President**DENNIS PHILLIPS**

At the end of my message last year I asked members to support the next Annual Dinner and I think I must open this year's contribution by saying how pleased I, and the Committee, were with the response to the function held in April at the College. The turnout was the largest we have had for some years and I am sure was enjoyed by all. George Baxter conducted the traditional "Roll Call" when there was a continuous presence from the early 1920's until the last year of entry to Farnham Grammar School, which means that any Old Boy attending the Dinner is bound to find contemporaries from his years at the School. For the first time ever the catering was handled by the College caterers and the general opinion was that the meal was first class.

Considering that it is now over twenty years since the last entry of boys joined the School I consider it a great credit to our Association that we continue to thrive in such numbers. The Southampton Lunch, held on a Wednesday in October at a hotel in the New Forest, enjoys good support and is an event I can recommend to any who can travel to that part of Hampshire.

As I mentioned last year the Farnham Lecture is becoming an established part of Farnham life. This year's Lecture will take place at the College and indicates a further strengthening of the bonds between the Old Farnhamians and Farnham College.

As President I can assure members that you are served by a dedicated and hardworking Committee, especially our Secretary John Crotty who keeps the Association's activities moving along in an effective and efficient manner.

This year I must pay a special tribute to Cyril Trust who has masterminded the production of the new look Magazine. The first edition received many favourable comments and it provides a positive link with Old Boys across the world who cannot always get back to Farnham to attend the Dinner and other events.

With my best wishes to you all.

A LITTLE PIECE OF HISTORY**NED GODSIL**

Item from the School Log:
February 1863:

'We asked Mr Stroud to give us our usual half - holiday after Ash Wednesday on this morning because there was a meet of the Hampshire Hounds near Bentley.'

Log Entry the following day:

'We had an agreeable day.'

The 63rd Annual Dinner Held on 22nd April 1995**TONY TUBB**

THE OLD BOYS are getting older and fewer in numbers with the years, but more than one hundred sometime pupils of the defunct Grammar School were to be found in spirited form at the 63rd Annual Dinner of the Old Farnhamians Association.

As is traditional, it was held at Farnham College, with which the OFA maintains a valuable working relationship; indeed a noteworthy link was established this year with the catering for the dinner being carried out by the College, with Wrights of West Street dispensing the drinks in equally impeccable style.

Paul Blowfield, proposing the toast to The School and the Association, echoed the feelings of the Old Boys present that hiring costs of the main hall, escalating year by year, will not mean the Association having to find a cheaper venue than the place they went to school. "We want to have the dinner here in years to come, not in some hotel," he declared stoutly.

"I recognise this is a political statement, but it is something I feel strongly about."

The speaker, one of the last intake before the grammar school was controversially killed off in the early Seventies, pointed out that no one in the hall would be 40 again.

In fact the oldest Old Boy present, revealed at the Roll Call conducted by former Headmaster George Baxter, was Ken Baigent, who joined the school in 1923. The two youngest were Chris Fairclough and Andy Everett, who started in 1968 and were part of the very last intake, and the last in the line of a membership being eroded constantly by anno domini. "Smiler" Higgins, a laboratory assistant in 1922, now in his 94th year, struggled in with the help of a crutch. "The knees have gone," he explained.

OFA President Dennis Phillips, too, reflected on the importance of the dinner being held on the site where memories were made of, and talked enthusiastically of the rebirth of the Farnhamian magazine of old, thanks primarily to editor Cyril Trust.

Mr. Phillips referred to the increasing bonds with the College, and the fact that the Old Girls Association continues to extend an invitation to its own reunion. The demise of the Rifle Club and the Football Club were reported.

He thanked dinner organiser Wally Walsh and officials, plus Chris Slyfield, toastmaster Peter Clark and above all OFA Secretary John Crotty, "whom we have to thank that we stand so strong today and without whom the Association would struggle."
(From The Farnham Herald)

List of the Old Boys attending the 63rd Annual Dinner;

M.E.H.Sturt, S.Armstrong, M.J.Horner, R.C.Bowtell, J Glover, E.J.Jerome, W.R.King, A.R.Morgan, D.G.Sturt, H.L.King, H.F.Stuart, F.E.K.Pullinger, L.E.Chapman, G.Hopkins, D.C.Horry, K.W.Baigent, N.H.Patrick, R.Robins, F.W.German, A.J.Clifton, G.W.S.Morris, G.M.Elphick, R.E.Hack, T.Tidd, F.F.Foley, J.Goddard, P.Huntingford, G.H.A.Hewes, G.D.Blunt, J.H.Crotty, A.J.Rayer, W.F.A.Bodkin, A.D.Harland, R.H.Hewes, J.Munday, P.Still, P.D.Backhurst, K.I. Mentzel, D.A.Bowtell, A.G.Lovell,

List of Old Boys attending the 63rd Annual Dinner (continued) :

D.Lucas, B.Lake, I.Beagley, R.Studer, A.D.Cannings, A.J.Gatfield, A.Spink, W.J.Higgins, P.W.Cannings, G.Baxter, D.J.Phillips, P.French, K.Mortimer, P.A.Mylles, D.King, G.P.Hewes, R.H.Brindley, C.Balchin, B.Daniels, E.Knight, J.Travers, C.D.Trust, T.Tubb, B.E.Sherwood, G.C.Archer, G.V.Hunt, P.J.Ford, D.O'Sullivan, M.J.Purslow, M.Westcott, J.C.Gibbons, J.Goebel, A.J.Everett, R.M.Turner, A.Merson, R.Edgell, R.M.Shipton, N.Wood, R.G.Diamond, D.Poleglaze, A.Kennard, A.G.Chuter, E.P.Mayne, C.Slyfield, D.Gaff, I.C.Sargeant, D.Edgely, C.Nash, D.Coakes, J.J.Regan, T.German, R.Frampton, H.Torode, W.P.Walsh, C.Beal, J.Sherwood, D.Simpson, C.Fairclough, J.L.Herod, L.R.Scard, A.Nicolson, M.P.Rochefort, G.Saville, T.Ellwood, P.Blowfield, D.W.Nicholson, E.W.Godsil, S.J.Owen.

Invitation

Old Farnhamian's Association

Southampton Luncheon

Wednesday 18th October 1995

for details please contact Dudley Backhurst
(Telephone: 01703 739760)

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Old Farnhamian's Association

64th Annual Dinner

Saturday 14th April 1996

To be held at the Farnham College
..... Let us make sure that our
numbers are more than the
excellent 1995 total. Ask all the
Old Boys who still have contact
with you.

Southampton Lunch 1994:**DUDLEY BACKHURST**

A record number of members attended the 33rd meeting of Old Farnhamians in Southampton when the annual lunch was held at the Busketts Lawn Hotel, Woodlands, on Wednesday, 19th October 1994. For the first time we were unable to welcome any Old Boy who had not previously attended but we were able to break completely new ground - a lady guest. Mrs Kathleen Kimber, Principal of Farnham College, came as our guest and was made most welcome. Mrs Kimber is very well known to the O.F.A. as she serves on our committees which have a direct link with Farnham College.

The traditional toast, The School, Farnham College and the Association, was proposed by Dudley Backhurst and Mrs Kimber replied. She spoke of the changes that have taken place most recently at the college and how it is now a provider of educational facilities for students of a very wide age range. The college has been established for 22 years and many changes have taken place on the campus since we were at school. Mrs Kimber is pleased to see Old Boys who would like to have a look around but do, please, make arrangements rather than just turn up.

In 1995 the lunch will be held on Wednesday, 18th October. If you would like to receive details please contact Dudley Backhurst. (Tel; 01703 739760).

The Annual General Meeting

JOHN CROTTY

Held at Farnham College on 7th February 1995. Twenty members were present, there being a number of apologies from Old Boys who were far afield that evening.

The meeting approved the membership secretary's proposal that those who had ignored reminders concerning annual subscriptions for the past two years be removed from the list of members. He was able to report an encouraging number of new members during the year and thus anticipated that the loss would be made good.

The treasurer reported satisfactory balances although the purchase of ties and the additional cost of the magazine had increased the outgoings. He expressed the hope that the history sales would soon clear the publishing costs so that every sale would profit the funds. The reports of the activities of the 400 Trust and the Leaving Scholarship Trust appear elsewhere. W.P. Walsh reported on the annual dinner.

Members were saddened to hear the news that the Rifle Club had disbanded; a letter from the secretary, R. Remington, was read to the meeting. The secretary of the association was instructed to write to the college to enquire if any decision had been made regarding the future of the building. The club had a closing balance of £339.48 and a cheque for this amount, payable to the association, was included with their secretary's letter. The club trophies had also been lodged with the association, including a handsome silver cup presented by Major H.C. Patrick in 1921. By coincidence, his son N.H. Patrick was present at the meeting. Also mentioned was the clock on the range, presented by the Elphick family.

Many members commented favourably on the new magazine and the producer C.D. Trust, was thanked for his hard work. He told the meeting that the next issue, due during the summer, was well in hand but a good response was needed from Old Boy advertisers if costs were to be contained.

All the serving officers were re-elected and D.J. Edgell replaced R.C. Bowtell on the General Committee, who thus completed a very long period of service in the association both as a secretary, school governor and member of the committee.

Membership of the Association

TONY HARLAND

The membership currently stands at 106 annual and 163 life members. 30 annual members have been removed from the 1994 list because they have not responded to a number of reminders of arrears. New members have made up for fifteen of these.

A count of the number of leavers since 1933 has produced a figure close to 3000 and our actuarial contacts tell us that there should be around 2500 Old Boys extant so there is plenty of room for improvement in membership. A former member, now back with us, whom we lost because of changes of address, had not tried to make contact because he thought the association had gone down with the school. He lives in far-away Suffolk.

There are a few annual members who seem to be under the impression that the subscription need only be paid when they attend the dinner i.e. include it with their application. This is, of course, not the case and we appeal to them to ensure that they keep up the payments, or even better make out a bank mandate.

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THE FARNHAMIAN**Old Farnhamians Association
Accounts Year Ending 30th November 1994**

CURRENT ACCOUNT		1994	1993		1994	1993
Opening Balance	2763.98	2525.67	Purchase of Ties	569.17	-	
History Sales	149.00	314.50	The Farnhamian	523.10	198.98	
Tfr Life Membership	159.03	-	Morgan Gate Repair	-	100.00	
Annual Dinner Profit	251.28	-	Annual Dinner Loss	-	179.30	
Sales of Ties	152.00	50.00	Rules, Member List	103.71	185.77	
Subs & donations	683.55	396.00	Memorial & Audit	30.00	35.00	
Interest Received	82.79	37.27	Meeting Expenses	30.55	23.10	
Football Club	-	162.69	Closing Balance	2985.10	2763.98	
	<u>4241.63</u>	<u>3486.13</u>		<u>4241.63</u>	<u>3486.13</u>	
PERPETUITY ACCOUNT						
Opening Balance	583.34	574.99	Closing Balance	600.16	583.34	
Interest Received	16.82	8.35		<u>600.16</u>	<u>583.34</u>	
	<u>600.16</u>	<u>583.34</u>				
COLLEGE ACCOUNT						
Opening Balance	800.84	789.39	Closing Balance	823.94	800.84	
Interest Received	23.10	11.45		<u>823.94</u>	<u>800.84</u>	
	<u>823.94</u>	<u>800.84</u>				
HISTORY ACCOUNT PROJECT						
Opening Balance	157.57	156.38	Closing Balance	158.74	157.57	
Interest Received	1.17	1.19		<u>158.74</u>	<u>157.57</u>	
	<u>158.74</u>	<u>157.57</u>				
LIFE MEMBERSHIP ACCOUNT						
Opening Balance	2714.04	2673.73	Tfr to Current	159.03	-	
Interest Received	83.38	40.31	Account	2638.39	2714.04	
	<u>2797.42</u>	<u>2714.04</u>		<u>2797.42</u>	<u>2714.04</u>	

I have examined the books and vouchers of the Old Farnhamians Association, in my opinion the above accounts are in accordance therewith.

**R.J. PAYNTER F.C.A.
HON. AUDITOR**

**C.C.E. SLYFIELD F.C.A.
HON. TREASURER**

Extracts from the Farnhamian

CYRIL TRUST

Once again the old editions of the 'Farnhamian' prove to offer a wealth of information about life at Farnham Grammar School from the early part of the century to the change over to Farnham College in the 1970's. There are sufficient extracts to keep the magazine going for many years to come and it is hoped that among these items are articles about the reader or his contemporaries.

The extracts in this second edition offer a wide range of subjects and through it shines the camaraderie associated with the School and with the Old Boys Association.



D.C. Warner's design for the cover of the first issue.

1913 - 1920

April (1913).

'THE OLD BOYS' MATCH (December 14).

F.G.S. LOST 4 - 2.

School Team; Browning; Gillman and Mack; Warren, Pollard, Folkard; Warner, Atton, Maidment, Watkins, Chennell i.

Old Boys' Team; N.P.Adams; Warren and F.P.Adams; Aylwin, Sparvell, Poulter; Bradford, Gunn, Cole, Weedon, Young.

The Old Boys' team contained members of three or four generations, but they combined well after the first five minutes. Although they were more handicapped by the heavy ground than we were, they played hard all through. Sparvell, Cole and Weedon were the most prominent, and frequently Adams showed up well. Of course it was a very pleasant game and we were lucky not to be beaten by more than 4 - 2.'

April (1913).

'Congratulations to Giles on his promotion to manager of the newly-founded Lost Property Office. We believe he already has quite a vast treasure hoard, and it may soon be necessary to apply for more empty desks for the storage of the articles.'

July (1913).

'The chief feature of this year's cricket, as of the Sports, has been the introduction of the House system. The result of this has undoubtedly been improved play by the School XI as a whole. The outstanding event is the double victory gained against our old and redoubtable opponents, the Guildford Grammar School.'

December (1913).

'An address to the School one afternoon given by a Travelling Secretary of Dr. Barnardo's Institution has resulted in a crop of new collecting-boxes, one of which is fixed in a prominent position in each class-room. They already respond to a rap of the knuckle with tinklings brazen and silvery and we hope to hear the sound getting regularly more massy.'

April (1919).

'Great excitement prevailed when, on March 27th, sixty new rifles arrived from Weedon. Now every Cadet is armed. Bayonets and slings will, no doubt, reach us in time. How Bartrop would rejoice to look round the Gun Room and see the walls covered with rifles! Mr. W.Baigent kindly fixed some new racks for us.'

August (1919).

'Mr K.WILLIAMSON, formerly French Master at the School, was killed while acting as interpreter with the British troops in France. We are unable to gather any particulars as to his death. He was a most loveable man, but of a very highly-strung temperament. This makes the fourth master of the School killed in action.'

August (1919).

'The Cadet Corps has had a very successful term. Most of the new boys have joined the Corps, which now numbers 130, and several very keen fellows are only waiting for age to come in.'

The 20's

January (1920).

'There is but little to record concerning the past term, which has been uneventful, though not monotonous. The one day in the term which was really noteworthy was, of course, the Anniversary of Armistice Day, November 11th.'

'We have the pleasure of welcoming two new masters to the staff Mr. G.H. Bacon and the Rev. W. Pierce Owen.'

April (1920).

'There are to be no new buildings at present, but in consequence of the overcrowded state of the School, Army huts are to be used, as a temporary measure only, we understand.'

March (1922).

'Every boy wants to read the Magazine when it appears-and does so. But to read the copy another boy has bought is not the part of a sportsman! Every one of you should want to possess a copy of his own, and should want to do his bit towards producing it-that is, pay for it.'

March (1924).

'Though some of us regret the loss of the smart, red cap, so long worn by boys of Farnham Grammar School, it was certainly an anomaly that our cap did not show forth the School colours, blue and white. The new one is of blue cloth, with white piping, and carries a badge with the Town Arms in gold.'

July (1925).

'On Monday, May 18th, our new miniature Rifle Range was opened by Mr. R.W. Mason, Chairman of the Governors. Since that time it is alleged a large quantity of shots and a very small number of targets have been used.'

July (1926).

'During the General Strike one or two members of the School went to London to act as Bus Conductors. It is rumoured that a certain tall young man of IVa., previously primed by a witty Old Boy, called out, 'Kensington Gas Works' when he came in sight of the Albert Hall.'

October (1928).

'Mr. Morgan spoke of the proposed Old Boys' Scholarship, and said that he hoped they might provide a fund to enable one boy a year to go, not only to Oxford and Cambridge, but to London University for an engineering or science scholarship.'

February (1929).

'Never before have School Societies so flourished. The Science and Debating Societies have been going strong; the Choir, if smaller in numbers than last year, is really in a stronger position because those who are members are willing and keen; and surely along with these activities must be classed the boxing that is being held regularly in the Gymnasium after four o'clock. Some time, if we can only discover a few more fiddlers and a 'cellist, we may try to form a string quartet.'

The 30's

March (1930).

'It is a pleasure to record how few are the victims of illness this Term. This is the time of the year when work and play alike are threatened by colds and influenza: everyone will remember how badly we suffered last winter. This year we have escaped in a remarkable way. It is hoped that we have not spoken too soon with such important events as Boxing, Cross-Country and House Sports to come.'

December (1930).

'At the end of last Term we had to say goodbye to Mr. F.T.S.Dyer, B.A. In his place we welcome Mr.H.Beeken, B.A., who has come to us from the north. We hope that he will have a long and happy stay at Farnham. At present he is Chairman of the Debating Society, and he has been elected a member of the Games Committee'

July (1933).

'Congratulations to the O.F.A. Football Club on winning the Runwick Charity Cup - the first ever cup won by the Club. Coming as it does after seven cupless years, may we hope for six more?'

July (1934).

'W.A.Smallman gained an Honourable Mention in the Royal Empire Society's Essay Competition for 1933 - the essay being on " The Twenty-first Anniversary of the Union of South Africa - a retrospect and a prospect." He was also awarded a residential prize of one pound.'

December (1935).

'For the first time (as far as is known) the School was used as a polling booth for a General Election this term. Room 8, newly consecrated to art two months ago, was chosen for the purpose, Room 7 acting as an insulator between politics and pedagogics.'

December (1938).

'It was with profound regret that the news was received of the death of Mr.J.M.Aylwin at the beginning of the term. He was a pupil at the School from 1865 to 1869, and was in fact the oldest member of the O.F.A. Few can claim to have had such close ties, and for so long, with the School as he, for the name of Aylwin has been perpetuated in the persons of the son and grandson; we rejoice, in fact, that Mr G.M.Aylwin is now numbered among the Governors. Rightly, then, do we make special mention of the passing from active membership of this stalwart Farnhamian, and pay a tribute of honour to his memory.'

April (1939).

'Once again, by the kindness of Mr.C.J.Donada and his fellow directors, we were able to hold the important annual function of Speech Day in the County Cinema. Once more we listened to the Headmaster pass in review another year in the long history of the School. We heard of the Academic attainments and athletic prowess, of the successful routine of the classroom and of valuable works of supererogation after four o'clock; of the activities of the O.F.A. and of the co-operation of parents. And we thought rightly that we were members of no mean school.'

The 40's

July (1940).

Extract from report on Football 1939-40.

'In conclusion may we say that the best of teams produces better results with encouragement. We realise what pleasure it must give boys to attend Aldershot (a team whose play is no better in its respective class than the School XI.'s) and to pay for the privilege; also to expend a modest shilling on a visit to the super-cinema's present stupendous soporific production; but we fail to realise why these should be matters for greater interest than that of helping our own team to win matches. Games are not won only on the field of play.'

June (1943).

'Perhaps the outstanding event inside the School this term has been the setting up of a democratic constitution under which the boys elect their officers, not only House Captains but Prefects and Sub-Prefects as well. That is all we shall say here and leave it to an abler pen (Appropriately that of one of the boys) to tell the full story.'

January (1945).

'To all Farnhamians, "Present" or "Old", at home and abroad, Christmas Greetings. Five years ago, on this page, we expressed the wish that all our scattered alumni would soon return in peace. Hope has been long deferred, but the horizon is brighter now and we look forward with some confidence to the stream of Old Boys calling at the School growing into a flood in the course of the next year.'

July (1948).

'We extend a warm welcome to a new member of Staff, Mr.E.Brink, graduate of Thuringen University, and hope that his stay with us will be a happy one.'

December (1948).

'At the time of writing there are three hundred and twenty five boys on the register. This is a fact worthy of mention, not because the number is so very large (there are many larger schools), but because the buildings were designed to hold 160 pupils, and that with some dubious annexes they now continue to serve more than twice that number. How far, one wonders, will this elasticity go?'

December (1949).

'Outstanding in the Cricket First XI were Moore and Hewes as bowlers, the batting being steady usually with occasional good knocks by several players. Six scored over a hundred runs in the course of the season, and, of the younger members, Bowtell and Warman continued to show marked improvement. The fielding was good, the catching being, in some cases, brilliant, but anticipation was still poor.'

The 50's

July (1950).

'Welcome to Mr. B.G.C.Brister, B.Sc., who has come to take charge of Physics in the School. We believe he is happy with us and hope that his stay will be long and fruitful.'

December (1950).

'Once more we have to record a loss from the Staff. This time it is Mr.Horner, who, after long years of devoted service to the School, has sought the more peaceful joys of retirement. He has taught Latin, French, English Literature and Religion at various times to generations of Farnhamians, and he will be long remembered by members of Morley as their zealous housemaster. There were fitting presentations to him by the Boys and Staff at the end of last term to mark our respect and affection, the former in full assembly.'

December (1951).

'Old Boys will have learnt with interest that the school dinner is no longer cooked on the premises- a break with a very long tradition. It does in fact come to us in containers from a County Council kitchen in Farnham. We do wish to question the decision to make the change, but it does seem fitting at this time to pay tribute to the ladies of School House for the years of devoted attention they have given to the preparation and serving of our meals.'

July (1953).

'One of our Old Boys who left last year, T.T.Fitzpatrick, a Metropolitan Police Cadet, was chosen for duty in Westminster Abbey during the service for the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II.'

December (1954).

'When the School broke up for the summer holidays, we bade farewell to Mr.G.D.Carroll, who has been at F.G.S. for seven years, and served it faithfully in many ways, especially in running the Scout Troop and in supervising the Athletics in the School and organising the Athletic Sports. His qualities as a singer and actor and his experience in dramatic work are widely known, and these, too, he pressed to the service of the School. His days here will be remembered with gratitude and affection by many, and it is good to know that so many friendships will not be broken, for he still lives in Farnham. His new post is at Heath End School, where he is in charge of the science teaching.'

December (1956).

'In the Farnham town swimming sports, the F.G.S.Boys' 15 years and under swimming team won the H.Faulkner Swimming Cup. The team was; D.C.King, J.Figgins, P.Mitchell, N.P.Bolton.'

October (1959).

'A feature of Open Day was the exhibition of old school records including photographs of teams and other groups, scorebooks, early copies of the School magazine- amongst them the first magazine, published in 1912.'

The 60's

December (1961).

'Last term the school said a sad goodbye to Mr.H.J.R.Beadman, for 13 years with us as an inspiring and successful teacher of French, and officer in the cadet corps for several years and its commanding officer for a time, housemaster of Childe House and in many other ways too a loyal servant of the school. He will be remembered and missed for his sincerity and honesty, his sense of humour and his modesty about his many gifts, and we wish him as successful a career at the College of Adult Education, Poole, as he has had with us. Godspeed!

December (1964).

'A measure of the growth of the school may be seen in the numbers on the school roll of fifty years ago which stood at 149, compared with today's total of 388!

March (1966).

'The school were hosts to Farnham Chess Club last November when it organised a simultaneous display by Major Anne Sunnucks, British Ladies' Chess Champion in 1964 and runner-up in 1965. She played twenty boards of which six were taken by boys of the school, among them P.Cannings, one of the only two players to beat the champion; seven games were drawn, three by our boys'.

December (1967).

'Many boys believe there would be complete chaos in the event of a fire in the school; the bell which sounds between periods is also the fire bell. However, we are assured that this arrangement is common in schools, and has been approved by the Fire Officer'.

July (1968).

'The School Council has apparently disintegrated during the past year, and we express the opinion of many when we hope for an immediate remodification into an efficient body of opinion and action.'

July (1969).

'We start by thanking everyone who contributed something to the magazine, whether it has been printed or not. There was an enthusiastic response to our request for material, especially from the lower forms. Where we found it difficult to choose between two similar pieces, they are being held over until the next issue.

Though we expect and welcome criticism, in our opinion "Farnhamian" compares very favourably with many other school magazines that we have seen. We do not think this is the place for moralizing or expounding any dogmatic views about the state of the school.'

December (1969).

'Speech Day lasted just over an hour - but it seemed much longer

For the benefit of those who were not present, this year's "happening" had all the qualities one usually associates with the words "School Speech Day". This was the archetypal event, the classic model: antediluvian in format and with a script that at times could have easily come from an early post-war Pinewood Comedy.

The 70's

July (1970).

'Sixth Form House has now established itself and its members have settled down in their new surroundings. Of course there is always room for improvement and we hope that it will develop along the right lines in the future. A common meeting ground in school house where masters and students could mix on equal terms would establish the friendly informal atmosphere which would rapidly help Sixth Form House to become even more of a success than it now is.'

July (1970).

'Following the successful display by the Model Railway Club at the Farnham Town Show last summer, representatives of the club assisted at the Modelrama exhibition in the Memorial Hall in April. It is hoped that a layout will be working at the F.G.S. Open Day in July, and that this will encourage new members to join'.

July (1972).

'AMALGAMATION:- Recently members of our establishment have been subjected to the painful sight of the ominous sign "LADIES". Note: "Ladies" - not "Girls", "Females", "Non-Males" or "The Others", but "Ladies". We humble males are directed to Boys' lavatories not "Gentlemen", "Men", "Non-Females" or "The Other Others". Imagine: "LADIES" (the word, you fool) plastered all over the establishment; the shame of it'.

July (1972).

'Last year (1971) the O.F.A. Rifle Club completed their first season in the Surrey Winter League and came second in Division 10 of the league, winning five Surrey medals. We also succeeded in setting up our own full-bore section, organised by Robert Kite, and here our members gained badges in the National Rifle Association classification competition and also competed in our first full-bore championship at Bisley, which was won, incidentally, by Lawrence Daniell, a present member of the School. We were represented in the National Small-Bore Meeting at Bisley by our captain Roger Remington, and four club members shot for us in the Surrey Open Meeting. Another new venture for us was the Surrey Small-Bore classification competition which resulted in Malcolm Lee gaining the much coveted Mastershot Class, other members also proving their abilities as marksmen'.

December (1972).

THE GIRLS' - Adrian Harding.

The girls are coming here next year,

And with them new rules I fear.

How can we concentrate?

Its just not fair.

Skipping around with pig-tails flying,

Whilst we poor boys are trying,

To make this a more peaceful place,

But with them around you need an ace.

But I suppose though they annoy us dearly

Maybe they're not so bad, really.

A Moment in Time**KATHLEEN KIMBER BA.**

It is a humbling thought, brought home by the recent revision of our Trust Deed, that for over four hundred years trustees have secured education for young people in the Farnham area. How many changes in curriculum, methodology, assessment - and location - there have been in that period.

Indeed in the brief span of the twenty-two years in which the College has existed, we have witnessed significant changes to reflect and keep in line with the current needs of individuals and communities. In an establishment like the College we are privileged to draw on that sense of stability, perspective and security afforded by history. I was struck on my arrival by the commitment and corporate identity of the staff and others and this is a great strength. We must also, though, keep our eyes firmly on the future. Our vision must be clear: we exist to serve the present and future learning needs of the people of the area.

In fulfilling our objectives in the last year we have tried to consolidate recent curriculum enhancements. New GCE A-levels of Government & Politics, Graphical Communication, Media Studies and Psychology are going well. There are those, I suspect, who may be a little surprised by some of the subjects currently in our programme, but we live in an age of market forces and choice. Nothing is introduced without detailed scrutiny and we seek always to ensure that genuine academic rigour and the development of critical awareness underpin all learning. We were selected to pilot the new General National Vocational Qualification, and I see battled scarred staff still pulling out all the stops to ensure the success of such courses as Business Studies, Health & Social Care, Leisure & Tourism and Art & Design at Advanced and some at Intermediate levels. We can make our brochures readily available and it might be of interest to members to look at the range of choice now available.

We are committed to trying to ensure the highest possible competence in information technology skills, and staff are increasingly inventive in the ways they find to achieve this. From next year marks will be awarded in GCE Advanced exams for the standard of English. Assessment in IT, communication and numeracy skills is already a requirement for several qualifications and we expect to see the national debate on core skills, including personal skills (such as team working, self-reliance, adaptability), move to centre stage. Learning is a serious business and what we tackle and how are under constant review.

Perhaps more than in the past, learning does appear to be a business. We are required to have a mission statement, a three year strategic plan, an accommodation strategy, risk analysis, charter Our annual financial report is a public document (of over 20 pages). We are encouraged to generate income and borrow on the open market. However, my personal view is that we remain a public service, albeit operated in the most cost effective and business-like manner.

It will not surprise you, therefore, that we say "Thank goodness for students". The majority are still aged 16 - 19, but that is changing. Our courses, day-time and evening, are open to all ages and we look forward to seeing you enrolled on one or more. I find Farnham College students the most courteous and pleasant I have ever worked with - even the exasperating. They are, on the whole, caring and anxious to do well.

A Moment in Timecontinued /**KATHLEEN KIMBER BA.**

With staff support they undertake an enormous range of activities including field trips (eg Business Studies to Germany and Geography to Scotland), workshops (eg Art, Ceramics, Theatre Studies), competitions and challenges (eg Tall Ships' Race, Duke of Edinburgh Gold Awards, Now Get Out of That weekends, Canzonetta Chamber Choir). Four students have this year worked with engineers from the DRA on a special project to design an antenna for a satellite; this really was our future in their hands.

We continue to enhance and upgrade our accommodation. The majority of our effort is presently focused on plans for a building to replace most of the "huts". After a year at the drawing boards, governors and staff feel they have a design which sits well with the existing building stock, particularly the Old Building. We have saved hard for five years to reach the point where this can become a reality not a dream - but we are always on the look out for "sponsors". All suggestions gratefully received.

We are keen to let people know of what we are doing. If you are local, Open Evening will be on Monday 2nd October, 6pm - 8pm. Brochures for day-time and evening work, and details of our services to business and community are "a phone call away" (01252 716988).

Early Days at Morley Road**DUDLEY BACKHURST**

(From an interview with Redvers Godsland 1908-1916)

As we enter 1995 Redvers Godsland is probably the oldest member of the Association. He celebrated his 93rd birthday last year and recalls starting at Farnham Grammar School in 1908 when he was seven years old. The "new" school had recently been completed in Morley Road and he was one of "Miss Williams' little darlings".

He was born in Middlesex but his mother died in childbirth and as he was the only child he was brought up by an aunt who lived at Aldershot. Each day he travelled to Farnham by train and often made the journey confined to the luggage rack or under the seat. In those days the older boys treated the small ones very badly. He remembers problems with travelling to school when there was a coal strike. The trains were coal fired and the published timetable meant nothing. Many boys took the opportunity to be extra late or even to not arrive at school at all.

He later became a boarder at school and remembers quite clearly receiving the news that his father had been killed in the war. He received the news officially from the headmaster but he already knew that something had happened as the regular letter from his father had not arrived. He had no home to return to during the half-term holidays so he remained on the school premises and occupied his time as well as he could. He recalls going to visit the family of Dr. Brown (Badger Brown) and going on a cycle ride with Raymond "Buster" Brown. He rode Doris Brown's bicycle. (She later became "Miss Brown" and looked after the Prep.)

Early Days at Morley Roadcontinued /**DUDLEY BACKHURST**

Amongst his treasures Redvers has some most interesting photographs. In those days there were no trees at the bottom of the school steps to hide the school. A pre-1914 war photograph of the masters and boys assembled at the top of the school field includes "Nick" Ridout as a very young man. (He joined the staff in 1912 and retired in 1947). Ridout taught geography but during the period of the 1914-18 war Godsland recalls there being two female members of staff who also taught geography- he believes that they originally came from Australia or New Zealand. He also has a photograph of the school cadets who wore puttees and slouch hats.

When Godsland arrived at F.G.S. there was no house system. The boys were grouped together for activities as "town, country, train, or boarders". The house system as we knew it was introduced in 1912. There were four houses - Childe, Harding, Massingberd and Morley. (School house was not formed until 1919 when it consisted entirely of boarders). Rivalry amongst the houses was very keen and boys were always encouraged to do their best.

The catchment area for boys was quite wide considering that there was limited public transport. It was quite common for boys to walk several miles to and from school each day. Some, especially those who lived on farms, would ride to school and stable their ponies behind the gym, which had originally been a barn itself.

Godsland recalls joining the 1st Farnham Scouts. They had their headquarters in the town above some old stables.

He looks back on his school days with very mixed feelings and he says that he could and should have worked a lot harder. He left school in 1916 and went to work as an apprentice on a farm on the Bramshill Estate. Even though he came from farming folk he soon realised that it would not provide him with the sort of life he wanted. So, after a short time at the farm he left to become a general handyman in a country house - a job which included being a chauffeur. Later he joined the army and travelled widely. Army life was obviously in his blood for his father was a military man and Godsland jokes that he was christened Redvers and the dog was called Buller after the Boer War hero.

Godsland married in 1932 and moved to the Isle of Wight to run a newsagents until he retired in 1967. He lived at East Cowes and frequently came to the Southampton Dinner often travelling back on the first ferry next morning. Recently he has been to the Southampton Lunch and travels over from the island on the high speed ferry. He really is most interesting to talk to for his memory of his school days is still very clear.

CAN YOU RECIPTOCATE?

(A personal view of the Old Farnhamian Football Club by Henry Brindley who played for the club for well over thirty years.)

My recollections of my first game for the Old Farnhamians are somewhat vague and I only know that it was in the 1957/58 season, but I cannot remember either the opponents or the venue. The next five years were spent in the R.A.F. and it was a case of ringing John Crotty when I did get home and trying to arrange a run-out with the reserves. I was still on a learning curve. I learned that you never get an off-side decision in your favour when the goalkeeper and the centre-half hold a constant conversation in the goalmouth! At this time, regardless of the result, we were always encouraged to give a rousing three cheers for the opposition. I believe this tradition is now non-existent. Over the years I played with numerous different players, but I think the most accomplished was Brian Webberley. He was very good both on the ground and in the air, and should have played professionally in my opinion. Other players and events which come to mind are 'Nat' Naylor, Chris Beadle, Peter May (who after every match would say "You played well Brin. How did I play?"), Bill Luff, Alan Toogood (who was made late for a kick-off by being stopped by the Police for speeding. He was never accused of this on the pitch!), Tony Harland (who would make a brilliant save, then let one in through his legs!). Then there was John Crotty (who could ever forget his dominance in the air ?!!). If only the old leather ball had been replaced sooner!

I remember strange things happening Like searching the Memorial field for someone's contact lens - and finding it! Bursting the ball when an opponent and I kicked it at the same time! The look on the face of Tony Chuter as he drove me to Ashford Hospital after I was involved in a clash of heads! Getting my only hat-trick from the left wing on a murky November day in 1968 against Plessey Radar. Sweet memories!

The changing room played an important part in the footballing years. After a really muddy game, the agony of trying to get clean in those old cow stalls! The coke boiler, if working, giving off its usual immense offering of fumes (which at least had the effect of hurrying blokes through the showers!). This was followed by a wet, naked, scurry to the relative comfort of the lockers adjoining the walls of the cloakroom. That old changing room also offered another facility. If you turned up without boots, shorts or shin pads, you could usually find the items you lacked lying around on the floor. The coming of the new building brought us undreamed of comfort in later years.

It was, I believe, at the start of the 1975/76 season that I had the rather sad task of penning our withdrawal from the Surrey Intermediate League. We were left with no option, for we just did not have sufficient numbers to run two teams. I had a pleasant reply from the League secretary saying how sorry he was to hear of our demise, and that we would always be welcomed back if there was a change in our fortune.

Can you Reciprocate? continued /

This was accompanied by a 25 pound fine! For this season I was lucky enough to find a haven with Heath End School Old Boys, with whom I won a medal! The following season the Old Farnhamians were back in business.

I am reliably informed that the path to resurrection was trodden by Tony Chuter and Alan Knight (ex Portsmouth Grammar School!) who were instrumental in getting us into the Guildford League. I have these chaps, together with the hard working Geoff Thorpe, to thank for my extended playing career.

I played my last game for the Old Farnhamians in 1992, but the team continued for another season before finally bowing out. It was sad but inevitable, especially since Graham Thorpe, Darren Bicknell and Martin Bicknell were poached by the Surrey and England Cricket Selectors! A couple of final points I would like to add. I was booked only once in my career, and that was at Hindhead in my penultimate appearance (the referee said that I had gone in with my foot high, but I told him that, at my age, I could not lift it high). I was, however, sent off on one occasion. It was during a Form game in my first year when "Poppa" Brink sent me packing for "being persistently off-side, my boy"!! Referees were harder then!

By the way if you want to know why I titled this piece as I have, will you please refer to Tony Chuter or Bill Roffey. It could only have happened with the "Old Boys".

EDITORS NOTE; Apparently the title refers to two players, who when passing to each other did not ask "Can you pass the ball back?" but "Can you reciprocate?" Typical eccentricity from this well loved football team.

OFA Leaving Scholarship Trust**BILL BODKIN**

The Trust is still providing financial help to past students of Farnham College as it did previously to Old Boys of FGS since its inception in 1929. It began as 'The Old Farnhamians Association Trust Fund Insurance Bureau' thus showing its source of income which accumulated over the years to now provide interest sufficient for the Trust to make grants to deserving students. Sadly with the extremely competitive Insurance market prevailing at present little new business is forthcoming. Legislation has made it impossible for us to conduct the full range of business previously covered when Life Insurance and Pensions were available. But thanks to the help of a local Old Boy broker we can still benefit from such policies so that we are happy to arrange a quotation for any business put our way. If you would like to help the Trust to grow so that it can take on board more applications from financially stretched students please contact Bill Bodkin (Hon. Secretary of the OFA Leaving Scholarship Trust on 01420 85458).

PAUL FRENCH



A PROFILE OF PAUL FRENCH**(1971 - 1990)**

Paul French was born in Haslemere in 1930 and attended Shottermill School followed by Godalming Grammar School. He says that from Haslemere, pupils were offered Grammar School education at Guildford, Farnham, Midhurst and Godalming so they were spoiled for choice.

Following his days at Grammar School he joined the R.A.F. for two years National Service and spent the time in the Education Branch at Credenhill, Hereford. From here he moved on to Downing College, Cambridge (as did George Baxter) to study Mathematics and Natural Science finishing with a B.A. degree. During his time at Cambridge he also undertook teacher training. Paul played rugby for the college throughout the four years and only just missed selection for the Cambridge fifteen.

His first post on leaving university was at Maidstone Grammar School, where he taught Maths. During his five years at the school he also ran the R.A.F. section of the Cadet Force. This was followed by a further five years at Dulwich College, a day public school, where he continued teaching Maths. From here he moved to Cavendish School, Hemel Hempstead where he held the position of Head of Mathematics. In 1969 he gained an M.Sc. in Computer Science at Birbeck College, London.

In 1971 he became Head of Farnham Grammar School and at that stage it was not finalised that the grammar school would change to a sixth form college. The changeover came in 1973 and Paul feels that the next five years were probably the most exciting of his life. He achieved the introduction of the new systems and the bringing in of female students to the hallowed halls of F.G.S. 'more or less unscathed'. Being the first Grammar School to change in Surrey much of the operation was pioneering and others followed the guidelines laid down at Farnham. During this time the actual site saw many changes with the new music block and the new library appearing.

With the new college established Paul French retired early in 1990 and has taken up part time teaching at Godalming and Alton Colleges. He regularly attends U3A, which is the University for the Third Age, and as well as attending some classes takes his own group for lessons in philosophy. The local Farnham U3A boasts over 650 members, and as older people search for more knowledge the scheme continues to grow rapidly.

Paul and his wife Dorothy, have four children, all of whom attended the Farnham College, and now they are grandparents ten times over. They live within a few yards of the college gates and Paul must look back and be pleased to see how the present college has developed from those early days changing from the old to the new.

JOHN WILLS



OBITUARY FOR JOHN WILLS - 'FARNHAM HERALD' - 3rd February 1995**'Warm Tributes Paid to Art Teacher John'**

John Wills who for over 39 years from 1939 was a distinguished art teacher at Farnham Grammar School and Farnham College, died last week at the age of 80.

In 1990 he and his wife, Barbara, left Farnham to live in Rochdale to be near their daughter Gill. After being part of Farnham for so long he received from a friend a copy of the Farnham Herald each week at his new home, which kept him in touch with news of his friends and old pupils.

The following tributes have been received from Peter and Ursula Rees-Roberts, two well known local artists: "As parents of three boys who were keen on drawing and painting, we realised what a remarkable teacher they had in Mr Wills among the other outstanding staff Mr Baxter had assembled in the 60's. Because he was so knowledgeable and highly qualified (he was an Associate of the Royal College of Art) his teaching was relaxed and confident and he taught a lot without seeming to do so. At times he would be short on comment, 'stick it in the bin Rees' or occasionally 'pin it up Rees'. I am sure that all the boys who learned art from him look back with great pleasure to those years and will be diminished by his loss".

From Eddie Godsil, colleague and friend for all his time at the school. "John and I arrived together at the Grammar School in autumn 1939. F.A.Morgan, headmaster at the time, was proud to have recruited his first full-time art master, who was also going to take charge of school football. After only a year he left to serve in the Royal Tank Corps where his special skills led to his being an instructor whose speciality was designing instruction charts of the many changing interiors of banks. It was a privilege for me to have a friend and colleague who was such a gentle kindly inspirational teacher".

From George Baxter, headmaster of Farnham Grammar School. "For 17 of his many years at FGS I got to know John Wills and his family well. He was the most modest of men with many talents, some of them kept hidden. After training as an etcher, he became an outstanding artist in many media, but he rarely, if ever exhibited his work. I still value the painting he did for me. He was an easy free-flowing writer of prose and verse. When young he played football well and he soon became coach for the school First XI. For such a private person he had a remarkable impact on his pupils many of whom went on to become distinguished artists themselves as a result of his inspirational teaching. He will be sadly missed because to know him was such an enriching experience".

HAROLD BEEKEN



A PROFILE OF HAROLD BEEKEN**(1930 - 1967)**

"Harry" Beeken was born in the Fleet and Holbeach Fen district of Lincolnshire in 1905. His parents were farmers and he attended the village school in Fleet before moving on to Spalding Grammar School. From here he went to Queen Mary College, London University where he graduated in English and also won his colours in cricket, soccer and rugby.

His first four years as a teacher were at Tideswell, Derbyshire and Tynemouth, Newcastle. He married in 1930 and moved to Farnham where he remained with his wife Sylvia for the rest of his life. Sylvia, by the way, also came from Holbeach and is now in her 90th year.

He was appointed second English master at FGS in September 1930 at the age of 25 and became Head of Department in 1949, taking over from Mr Bacon. Many pupils will remember his humour and also his knowledge across a wide range of literature, and of course his great passion for sport. He was in charge of cricket from 1930 until 1960, helped with soccer coaching in his early days and in later years started and organised tennis at the School.

During the war years and beyond he ran the H.Beeken Cricket XI consisting of Old Boys and existing pupils and they played regularly in Farnham Park. He had many interests outside the School and attended St. Andrew's Parish Church on a regular basis. For twenty years he was Secretary of the Parochial Church Council and for five years Church Warden. He was a member of the Farnham Round Table and a founder member and first President of the 41 Club, a member of the Youth Employment Committee and a founder member of the Farnham Cancer Research Committee, where he acted as secretary/treasurer for the first three years.

He was also Secretary/Treasurer of the Farnham Festival, started by a fellow teacher Alan Fluck, during its first series from 1961 to 1971 and for many years the chief steward for the Farnham Amateur Operatic Society. His two daughters Julia and Diana proved to be gifted musicians and took part in concerts and operas at the School. Julia became Head of Music at Weydon School and Diana is Senior Piano Tutor at King Alfred's College of Higher Education at Winchester.

Throughout his career at the School and until his death in 1982 Harold Beeken was a keen member of the Old Farnhamians Association. For many years he was a committee member and was the President in 1980 and he was always interested to meet Old Boys and hear their news. In fact many members of the Association kept in close contact with him.

During his well earned retirement he enjoyed time with his four grandchildren and was an active member of the local community. Over the years certain masters have found a special place in the hearts of the pupils of the Farnham Grammar School and "Harry" Beeken was one of these masters. He will long be remembered with affection.

FRANK MORGAN



A PROFILE OF F.A. (FRANK) MORGAN**(1924 - 1953)**

Frank Morgan was born in St. Johns Wood, London and initially educated at University College School, where in 1906 he won a prestigious prize for Classics. He moved to Merton College, Oxford and in 1911 obtained a BA degree and in 1914 an MA degree. His first teaching position was at Queen Mary's Grammar School, Walsall and from here he moved to Kings School, Worcester as Upper Classical Master. His career was interrupted by the First World War and he was commissioned into the Army to serve in France where he was twice wounded and reached the rank of Company Commander. In 1919 he was awarded the Military Cross for gallantry. On leaving the Army in 1919 he became Classical Master for a short time at Liverpool Collegiate School and then moved to Whitgift Grammar School in Croydon prior to arriving in Farnham.

On coming to Farnham he not only made his mark on the Grammar School but on the town in general. He had been a member of the Farnham Urban District Council for three years and was chairman of the library and civil defence committees, and the first remembrancer of Farnham. He was one of the original members of the Farnham Care Committee and at one time chairman of the Youth Committee and president of the Farnham Swimming Club. For six years, before the war, he served as a churchwarden of the Parish Church; he was active in the Home Guard during the war and, after his retirement particularly, a keen member of the Farnham Bowling Club, being its captain in 1955, while he had long been a staunch member of Farnham Rotary Club. Old Farnhamians will not need to be reminded of his long years of work for and encouragement of the O.F.A., which he founded in 1925 and presided over until he retired.

His untimely death, just four years after his retirement, brought many tributes to Frank Morgan or 'Mog' as he was affectionately known. This extract from a colleague in the obituary printed in the Farnhamian of December 1957 is typical;

'Thanks to his essential friendliness and to his never-faltering enthusiasm in working for the welfare of the School, we became a united team and it was not long before he was regarded as a regular member of the Master's Common Room - one of us in fact. He used his influence to promote unity; he wanted, not identity of opinion, but community of aim. He was splendidly unselfish in his loyalty to his colleagues. He gave a man credit for knowing his job and expected him to get on with it and produce results. His enthusiasm for the job and his "gladness" in tackling it were infectious. He devoted himself to the School; and his efforts for its welfare and progress were most willingly and unselfishly sustained by his wife and daughter, their devotion to the Head and the School was ever a source of strength and encouragement to him.'

Another impression of Frank Morgan came from G. Maxwell Aylwin at the funeral service; 'If we were asked to say what was his chief characteristic we might say, on the spur of the moment, that it was his enthusiasm. That would be a superficial answer, for enthusiasm can be a dangerous quality; it can become an obsession; it can be wrongly directed. It must be based on some cardinal virtue before it can be trusted as a power for good. I have no doubt what that virtue was to him. It was a virtue of complete honesty. He was a man without pretence; he was honest with himself. It was this quality which turned the enthusiasm for his calling, of a young headmaster over thirty years, into a complete dedication to his vocation, which possessed his whole being.'

These words were for the remarkable man. A man whose memory will forever be linked with his beloved Farnham Grammar School.

News of Old Boys**CYRIL TRUST**

Our request for information regarding Old Boys has resulted in a first class influx of letters, faxes and telephone calls offering news from around the country.

The first reply came from JOHN COTTERILL (1945-52) with a potted history of his career since leaving the School. John qualified as a solicitor in 1958, and after his National Service became a Senior Partner in the firm Hollest Cotterill & Co. in West Street, Farnham. In 1981 he left to join the Law Society and became their Regional Director for Legal Aid with eventual responsibility for all legal aid offices throughout England and Wales. In 1989 the Legal Aid Board took over legal aid from the Law Society and John left to start his own legal consultancy business, which he still runs from his Berkshire home. He still retains his passion for music and cricket and is the conductor of the Maidenhead Chamber Choir and President of the Maidenhead Music Society. He is also a member of the M.C.C. and a Member of the Association of Cricket Umpires and Scorers. John welcomes news of his contemporaries and in particular would like any news of TONY HOLT ('Barrel') who he believes emigrated to Canada.

A fax was received from E.P.MAYNE (1954-60) who is self employed and now doing consultancy work. He still keeps in touch with Old Boys G.W.HOLLIDAY and A.W.BROWN (Ben) and welcomes news from those of his vintage by contacting him on 01483-39431.

Another potted history from JON WONHAM (1949-55) who advises that this May he will have completed 20 years with the International Maritime Organisation (IMO), the London based United Nations agency responsible for maritime safety and prevention of pollution from ships. He was marine pollution advisor for 5 years, which involved assisting developing countries to implement IMO conventions and codes. This was followed by 12 years as Senior Deputy Director, which involved servicing the various inter-governmental committees dealing with the environmental side of IMO's work. Since 1992 he has been co-ordinating IMO's follow up to the Earth Summit held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

Jon feels that it is sad that the 'media' reviews of the United Nations on its 50th anniversary this year dwells largely on its peace keeping role, with little reference to its specified functions, without which the world would, without doubt, be a poorer place. Jon's only contacts with Old Boys have been with his cousin R.A.WATTS (Tony)-(1943-48), who died while working in Saudi Arabia in the mid-80's, and his brother in law JOHN CHARMAN (1944-50) whose activities were recently reported in the Farnhamian.

From Cornwall came a letter from PETER FIGG (1939-45) who is very involved in graphic illustration and design. Under the guidance of Mr Wills he had a graphic illustration included in an issue of the 'Farnhamian' whilst he was at school. I have accepted his offer to provide the magazine with another illustration and look forward to including it in this or a future issue.

News of Old Boys**CYRIL TRUST**

The following fax was received from COLIN BALCHIN (1950-55) and I feel that it is worthy of repeating in full;

RETIREMENT NOTICE

Purely in response to Cyril Trust's apparently desperate appeal for news of Old Boys, herewith my Retirement Notice, a first ever offering to the press.

I left school in 1955 feeling condemned to continuing failure with just one "O" Level in French which I have always thought must be someone else's, secretly taken from their tally of ten or above by a moderator with a heart who gave it to me as a harmless consolation. (The detectives among you will now be looking for the clever sod from Form 5 who got everything but French).

I was inexplicably offered a position of Junior Clerk by Guildford Borough Council who must have got my name off a leaving list and assumed there was a high level of academic consistency among Gramer School boys, with a view to continuing till eighteen when I would do National Service for two years, after which I would return to GBC to study law under an articleship with the Town Clerk. The unsolicited false assumption of my potential gave GBC far higher and totally unjustifiable expectations of me than FGS, which helped my pride but did little for my education or commitment to improving it.

In retrospect it could only have been my innocent oblivion to this single and much needed emerging talent as a con artist that prevented me from becoming an Estate Agent, but values eventually played their part in my career. When I was seventeen the Government of the day announced that National Service would be phased out which put pressure on Guildford Borough Council to do something about me as my limited capabilities were being recognised. My main energy in Junior Clerking had been devoted to developing my task of tea-boy by selling coffee and tea around the offices in smaller quantities than bought from an elderly but terrifying Miss Earwacker in the canteen, thus making jugfuls of fifteen coffees and ten teas from the canteen into nineteen coffees and fourteen teas in the committee clerks' cups. A commercial refinement of this practice was to buy more of the cheaper tea and mix it in with the stronger flavoured coffee, but the enthusiasm for maximising profit was interfered with by the experienced palates of the staff who could detect anything more than a ratio of 10:1. The product from this manipulation of refreshment enabled me to buy my first motorbike from one of the rent collectors and he still regrets parting with it. I saved GBC a lot of trouble by leaving voluntarily and found myself unemployable due to not being able to say whether or not I would be required for National Service, so did nothing of consequence till I was eventually and very belatedly called up just short of my twenty first birthday.

Recognising that most conscripts were being forced into the army against their will, I set about my initial call-up interview by explaining my involvement in the local Air Training Corps which thankfully got me into the Royal Air Force as an Aircraft Electrician in Transport Command at RAF Lyneham, but found myself quite disadvantaged with only 4/6d daily pay and a purposely old fashioned style of uniform with the texture of Brillo Pads compared to the smart Worsteds given to the regulars. This was seriously

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embarrassing and constantly reminded me of what I was, 'The Last of The Many'. To avoid parades and the resultant bollockings for wearing my very conspicuous barbed wire uniform as nobody believed I was a National Serviceman, I volunteered to be sheet orderly for my block which housed around fifty airmen. This meant collecting all the sheets on a Monday morning and exchanging them for clean ones at the blanket store. Seeing an opportunity to supplement my income I soon discovered how to fold fifty sheets to look like fifty five when counted by the average storeman, and on returning to the block the best five which were often new were separated for negotiation elsewhere. They were always welcome at the home of a youngish impoverished widow in nearby Malmesbury who not only expressed appropriate thanks but could cook as well. On leaving the RAF at twenty three I rode my 500cc Norton to the gates of Dunsfold Aerodrome and requested an interview with the Personnel Department which transpired to be only one person, a delightful lady called Katie, and I started there the following day, again as an Aircraft Electrician.

In 1973 I was approached by the Chief Inspector who asked me to become an Inspector, and further astonished me by explaining that I was being favoured by the firm's policy of always looking after its apprentices! It later transpired that he was deceived by my youthful appearance and thought I had been there since sixteen. Not wishing to upset the apple cart I kept a straight face and accepted, now considering that I was at least consistent in getting what I wanted without merit or qualifications.

During this period I worked on Sea Furies, Gnats, Hunters and Harriers in the production and experimental environments, and maintained a Harrier during day and night extreme weather trials on HMS Hermes for two weeks in the Moray Firth. That was cold with a capital 'C'.

My luck held when in 1978 a new Chief Inspector asked me to become the first ever Electrical Inspection Supervisor at Dunsfold, and in 1988 yet another Chief Inspector asked me to be a Senior Quality Assurance Engineer, skipping the obscurity and spadework of the non Senior position which added another dimension to my luck.

It is from this position and after a total of thirty three most enjoyable years at Dunsfold that I am retiring on the 30th June 1995 under the sadly ubiquitous terms of Voluntary Redundancy, but remain oddly confident that even though I still have no qualifications, my record of getting what I don't deserve will hold. I am still only fifty five which influenced my decision as while it will be a wrench to leave now, at least there is the possibility that I can be employed again, but if I was to stay longer the personal upset would be that much greater and the chances of getting a job vastly reduced. However as the achievements fully documented above will have to be my CV, the likelihood of future gainful employment is comparable to a snowball's chance in hell so look out OFA, I may be writing again'.

Among several new faces at the Annual Dinner was EDDIE KNIGHT (1947 - 52) who now lives in East Anglia. He has recently retired after spending his entire working life with the Guardian Insurance and putting in 43 years service overall. He still enjoys playing League Tennis and is looking forward to spending time with his grandchildren.

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Another newcomer to the Dinner was IAN BEAGLEY (1950 - 55) who joined the Royal Aircraft Establishment after his National Service and stayed there eleven years as a Weapons Development Engineer. From here he was attached to Hawker Siddeley Dynamics at Hatfield as a Guided Weapons Development Manager and from 1974 to 1984 as Project Manager for British Aerospace working on the Rapier Guided Weapon System. Following this he moved to Portsmouth as Project Manager for an anti - missile missile system for a new frigate and currently he is manager of a naval land-based test site. Ian now lives at Waterlooville and has been married for 33 years and has one daughter.

After many years running his own agency for contract draughtsmen it was interesting to hear that ALAN SPINK (1950 - 55) had made a career change of direction. Starting on his own helping local people with their gardening he has developed a company who undertake contracts to assist with gardening in the average household. The project has proved very successful and next year Alan is hoping to offer a franchise scheme to other budding gardeners.

It had been thirty five years or more since JOHN TRAVERS (1948 -53) had visited the School and over the years he has been heavily involved in the world of aluminium. As a designer and then a technical salesman he worked for many years in the very competitive market of double glazing, including being a partner in his own company. He now works for Alcan in the field of aluminium cladding and like many of his colleagues is approaching retirement.

JOHN GIBBONS is north of the border where he is business manager for the BBC Scottish TV drama department. He is married and has two children.

TONY RAYER after fifteen months of 'premature retirement' has found employment as a tutor and counsellor of the long term unemployed - and gets paid for it.

BARRY ELSON was in the public eye in May offering himself to the local electorate as a Liberal Democrat candidate for Farnham Town Council. One of his opponents was SYLVIA MORGAN, whom he graciously allowed to squeeze home by the narrowest of margins. JEREMY REGAN and TONY CHUTER are jointly with Bewley Homes where they are involved in the search for building land.

Our congratulations to GWEN BECKETT, daughter of BILLY STROUD, on reaching her 100th year on 26th January 1995. ROGER FIGGINS pursued his post-graduate studies in London and Washington (USA) and then decided that he needed to work with people, which led him to a medical degree. He now practices in Lewes.

DAVID GILES who moved sideways from FGS to Eton College, is now at the International European School, Brussels.

TONY GATHERCOLE describes himself as an "IT Technology Solutions Consultant" and works for former ICI offshoot ZENECA. His father ex-FGS master G.A.GATHERCOLE is now retired after a stint at the Army Apprentices' College of the Army Catering Corps. His brother PETER GATHERCOLE, is married with three children. Tony would be interested to hear from any of his contemporaries.

DAVID ROGERS left the school in 1936 and from distant Australia, here he has lived for thirty years, has joined the association. His family owned the tea shop in The Borough. His older brother Michael was also at FGS and his sister attended FGGS. He has been in Blighty this summer, gathering material for his memoirs, which he tells us he is still writing. He is in his 70th year and thinks that life membership is a good buy.

Another new recruit is BRIAN SMITH who writes to us from the bridge of the World Prospect, which he captains, It is a quarter of a mile long and takes three miles to stop, which must concentrate the mind. Brian married the sister of his school chum JOHN EDMUNDS and looks forward to coming with him to the dinner next year, fair weather permitting. Even at this relatively tender age he is beginning to think that old friends are getting thin on the ground and invites any of them to pop in for a noggin when he is home in Chard, Devon.

MIKE DOYLE has just retired from long service with Guardian Insurance and hopes to visit Farnham, where his mother lives, more often. He was manager of the company's Midland Service Centre which also covered the West Country. He plays cricket occasionally and golf the rest of the time.

We are congratulated by DEREK POLLARD on the style of the magazine. Derek is the Director of the Open University's Centre in Gray's Inn Road, London.

HANS HOLM has been busy with his scissors, sending in cuttings of his contributions to the local press. He lived with the Davies family in Castle Street from where he delivered papers and seems to have spent most of his sixpences visiting the cinemas for miles around. His recent VE Day article in The Herald was full of detail to interest anyone who experienced the war years in Farnham. Another scoop was Hans' interview with NORMAN DAVIES covering his wartime experiences, which we hope to publish in the next issue. We also have details from him of JEFFREY TATE'S tour of France with the opera Peter Grimes. One wonders if any of our French residents have been to see him - GEAORGES JANTET and JEAN CADIER are both now enjoying retirement; the latter has recently met up with ROY MEAD. Hans has also met ERWIN SINGER, a boarder, who can remember ERNST SICHEL carrying his gas mask on cross country practice.

TONY GARROOD writes to us with a change of address and an account of his trip to Europe in 1993. Passing through Holland he was able to visit the Commonwealth Commission War Grave at Arnhem and find the resting place of his old friend OLLY LEVISON. Old Boys will recall the carved wood memorial crafted and presented to the school by his father. This is now displayed in the main entrance hall. Tony wonders if Olly was the only Old Farnhamian involved in the battle for Arnhem.

We had not heard anything of ALAN MORGAN for many years and were pleased to via a meeting he had with DON STURT. Alan started his local government career with Farnham UDC and since then has been in and out as a planning officer and consultant. He has partially retired and is living in a house built, and presumably designed, by himself. We trust that it is big enough to cope with visits from his three daughters and four teenage grandchildren.

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MAURICE JEFFREYS (1948-53) has finally decided to join the ranks of the retired Old Boys and will be moving from full time to part time work in 1996. After National Service with the RAF he entered the world of Lloyds of London with an insurance broker and then moved on to work for several years with Jardine Matheson in Hong Kong. On returning home he eventually started his own company and specialised in marine insurance and only recently sold out his interests in the company, for whom he continues to work as a director and consultant. He has purchased his retirement home in Devon and will soon be taking up village life, and only come to the 'Big City' on the odd occasion.

A very recent letter from JOHN BATEMAN who left the school in 1946 gave his thoughts on the passing of an old friend JOHN WISDOM. Writing from Cranbrook in Kent he has asked for the following to be included under 'A Recollection Of 1942'.

'The death of John Wisdom, reported in a recent issue of the Newsletter, brought back memories of the day of the entrance exam in 1942 when he and I first met. I suppose it would have been about June of that year when the fateful day came to go to Farnham to sit the examination. We lived at Fleet and I was taken by my mother on the bus. We had to change at Aldershot and when we got on the No.19 service of the Aldershot & District Traction Co. at the Queen's Hotel there was another little boy sitting there with his mother. Mother's chatted as mother's did and still do I am sure. It turned out to be John Wisdom going to the same place. It was the start of a friendship which lasted throughout our years at the school. We lost touch afterwards but when I rejoined the O.F.A. a few years ago and saw his name in the list of members I hoped we should meet again. But, like so many things in life, it was not to be.

The events of the occasion are etched on my mind. The exam was held in the assembly hall. It must have been a blustery day; the big sash windows rattled and banged throughout the proceedings- which were presided over by a Mr. R.B.Varey. A kindly man I thought and quite unlike the irascible master at the school I went to in Fleet. When the exam was over Mr. Varey thanked us for coming and said that we could keep the blotting paper 'to draw funny faces on'. Those words have stuck in my mind ever since. Starting school in September of that year I was much relieved to be put in Form 1p in Room 6 with 'Pussy' as form master. Somehow it seemed to be a good omen for the future.

The first day at school in September 1942 in another clear memory. Up to then I think there were only three boys travelling from Fleet; BRIAN SMITH (later to be joined by his brother David), BRIAN McCARTHY, and HOLDSWORTH whose christian name I never knew but I recall his nickname was 'Mouldy'. A jolly lad who had been evacuated from the Midlands and lived with relatives.

That year the Fleet contingent doubled. Apart from myself there was JOHN JARVIS (Form 1p) and DAVID TAPP (Form 1c). We all lived in the same road but neither Jarvis nor Tapp stayed long at the FGS. Jarvis's mother died quite suddenly while his father was serving in the RAF and he went to live with relatives in Kent. Tapp left to go to school at Cranleigh. Later on the numbers from Fleet increased some more with the arrivals of BRETT, BROUGH, CANE, RUFFLE, and DAVID SMITH.

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For the journey on that first morning the new boys were put into the fatherly care of Brian Smith, whose family we knew. Arriving at school we assembled just inside the gates by some rather stunted hazel nut trees. I was standing there nervously and wondering what the day had in store when a little lady with a small boy in tow bustled up to me in an agitated state. Explaining that her son was starting school that morning and she could not stay, would I mind taking care of him! It was NIXON who went into Form 1. No doubt it helped to take my mind off the great unknown which lay ahead.

It is difficult to believe that it is all now more than fifty years ago. The celebrations to mark the 50th anniversary of VE Day sparked off other memories of school during the war years. But reminiscing is a dangerous business - once started it is difficult to stop! - and as the great GBS observed it makes one feel aged and sad. Not wishing to evoke either of those emotions it is time to rouse myself from the chair and get on with the day's work before one is completely overwhelmed by the past!

The 1995 Farnham Lecture
by JAMES MATES - Diplomatic Editor for ITN
at Farnham College on 25th September
commencing at 8.00 p.m.

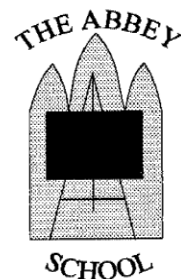
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Old Farnhamians Association Rifle Club

The above was obliged to close down and the letter following is to the Association from Roger Remington who was associated with the Club for many years.

It is with much regret that I have to inform the meeting that after 34 years the Rifle Club has had to close.

A number of events have conspired against us particularly, falling active membership and the disconnection of the power supply to the range, at the time of upgrading the electrics of the college. Mrs Kimber has said that the power supply could be reconnected but would require a contribution to the cost of between £1000 and £1500. This was obviously not possible from the club and I believed it also to be beyond a sum that the Association could have been reasonably expected to find. I have to say that whilst the outcome might not have changed it is most regretful that the club was not informed of the disconnection until after the event thus presented with a "fait accompli", when time might have permitted a review of alternatives.

As these events occurred at the time of the renewal of the Clubs Firearms Certificate last September it was decided not to renew the certificate and dispose of the firearms and ammunition as required by law. Accordingly with this report I have enclosed a cheque to the Association for £339.48, being the current cash assets of the club together with the Club's Trophies for which I hope the Association will find a suitable home.

During the clubs modern history it has had many notable successes at County and National Level with individual members being equally successful both on the range, shooting in the Final of the British National Short Range Championships and at Bisley in the Long Range Championships. The club also shot international matches against teams from America and Germany and many shoulder to shoulder matches with schools, colleges and clubs in Surrey. The club is also indebted to the Farncombe and Godalming Rifle Club which allowed us the use of their outdoor range for longrange smallbore shooting. Many people also shot fullbore at Bisley with equal success and most recently a member shot for his country, Wales, at the Commonwealth Games in Canada last August.

Finally on behalf of all the past members of the club and me personally I would like to sincerely thank The Old Farnhamians Association, its officers and members, without whose encouragement and financial support I am sure the club would have closed much sooner, and it is to be hoped that sometime in the future there will be sufficient interest and money to reopen the club and hopefully match the standard of its predecessor.

R. Remington.
Honorary Secretary.
Old Farnhamians Rifle Club.

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RONALD RIDOUT (1923-33). In addition to his contemporaries, many more will have known Ronald through his success as a prolific British textbook writer. His major work "English Today" formed the educational background of at least three generations of English students worldwide. Old Boys of certain vintages will know that he was the son of G.H.(Nick) Ridout, who served the school for 35 years. His younger brother also attended the school. His first job was with a bank and then he went on to obtain a degree at St. Catherine's Society, Oxford, which began his career as a schoolmaster, teaching English at Shrewsbury, Nuneaton, Portsmouth and Luton. Moving on to the sales staff of an educational publishing house, a belief took shape that there was the need both to update the established textbooks and cater for students beyond our shores. His prodigious output of books earned him a place in the Guinness Book of Records - 500 books and 91 million copies. His work took him overseas to the extent that he acquired houses in many foreign parts but he was always a Surrey man and his final years were spent at home.

A personal appreciation by Alan Ryall.

Ron and I started at the school more than 70 years ago but even before that we had attended Mrs. (Bill) Stroud's preparatory school for several years - firstly over Hickley's shop, then in the premises at the foot of Station Hill, and finally in the Stroud's own home at Elmsleigh on Station Hill. Towards the end of our time Bill Stroud helped with the teaching and we were drilled carrying wooden rifles!

Entry to FGS was made easy under the gentle eye of Miss Brown. Ron's father (the school geography master) had the completely unwarranted title of 'Old Nick' so it was inevitable that Ron should be 'Young Nick', although I seldom heard it used.

We both learned tennis at an early age because our families had tennis courts and we often played during the summer holidays. These games (in which Jimmy Kingcome often joined) were not limited to a fixed number of sets but usually came to a conclusion at meal times or with the advent of nightfall. One tennis party at the Ridouts' was enlivened by Ron's white mice having escaped during the holiday and cohabiting with their darker and wilder brethren with results that rabbits would have envied.

I sometimes wonder whether the incident when Ron fell into our frozen garden pond ever found its way into his textbooks. I am sure though he would not have recorded that in his teens when we were completing a crossword puzzle he had been under the impression that there was a musical instrument called a 'harpischord' and he had not heard of a dog called a lurcher!

After leaving school Ron drove an Austin 7, which marque sported a clutch worthy of a London bus. I saw him one day proceeding along Union Road in a series of kangaroo leaps. He must have tamed the beast because I can remember going with him in it to the Aldershot Tattoo without incident.

For nearly 50 years after the war we hardly met up so it was a real pleasure to find that after 500 books and a mention in the Guinness Book of Records that he was living near me again.

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Although chairbound and his speech progressively affected by his ataxia he was always pleased to chat and retained his sense of humour. In spite of his affliction he still travelled abroad with his full time carer and in the last few years visited Kenya, The Gambia and Australia. He was holidaying in South Africa when he died and I had seen him only a few days before he left.

Through Ron's writings the privileged education we received at FGS is now shared in some measure with hundreds and thousands worldwide. Could anyone have a better epitaph ?

BILLY (SMILER) HIGGINS. Although Smiler will be remembered by those who were at the school between the wars as the assistant caretaker and laboratory assistant, many more will know him from his regular attendance at the annual dinner. Smiler was at FGS for 21 years, leaving in 1941 for service in the RAF. Post-war he joined Pilgrim Engineering, after which his thirty years of retirement was spent enjoying his ever-expanding family, his gardening and his membership of the Oddfellows. His nickname was appropriate, not only because of his cheery countenance but also his natural optimism and generous nature.

NEIL DAVIS (1957-64). Neil, one of three brothers at the school, was cricket captain, played football and boxed. His career started with Guinness in the sales area and he moved on to Wadsworths in a senior capacity. Neil's great passions were shooting as a field sport and recording all that he observed and experienced in the countryside around him. Extracts from his diary were read out at the funeral service.

ALAN WELLBY (1935-41). Alan joined the school shortly after his family moved to Farnham and, apart from war service in the RAF, remained in the town, his main contribution to local life being an association with Farnham Cricket Club which lasted 54 years. Despite a severely disabling stroke ten years ago he continued as fixtures secretary for the club. His sporting interests alongside cricket included football (he played for the OFAFC), table tennis, snooker and he was a keen fisherman. Of his cricketing prowess Donald Banks writes that he had a distinctive bowling action, delivering the ball off the wrong foot, which on one occasion destroyed the wicket of an Alton opener. The astonished batsman complained that the ball had arrived and hit the stumps when he had expected the bowler to take another stride before delivery. Alan spent his working life with the Inland Revenue Service.

R.DIGNASSE. (1926-31). He is remembered by two of his contemporaries as a boy with a theatrical potential that included an impressive delivery, so that he was called upon at such occasions as Speech Day to read from Shakespeare. We do not know whether he pursued a career in the performing arts, even though he attended the 1989 Dinner and spoke to several of his year.

S.J.THORP. (1914-22). 'SJ' died in May 1994 in his 90th year. Both his father and grandfather were rating and valuation officers to the local authority but his career was somewhat different, beginning with an apprenticeship at the Pilgrim Motor works where he remained until postwar, then moving into the furniture and furnishing industry via Waring and Gillow, and John Line. He was a good shot and his height contributed to his success on the athletics field. One of his few contemporaries still with us described him thus: "A courteous man who had time, and never talked down to anyone".

The History of An Old Boy**CYRIL TRUST**

Pouring over the many editions of the 'Farnhamian' one can see the brief history of certain pupils, covering their time at the School and their time as an Old Boy. Such a case is that of R.B.Pollard who featured in the first edition of the magazine.

Below are extracts from old editions relating to this pupil which gives a bitter sweet diary of events over a few years.

December (1912).

'Pollard at centre half was the mainstay of the School Football team in League games. A dogged player, "never beaten", never out of form. Weak in kicking.'

July (1913).

'School Sports results;

100 Yards. 1. Maidment. 2. Pollard.

220 Yards. 1. Maidment. 2. Pollard.

440 Yards. 1. Folkard. 2. Pollard.

Senior Medal. Pollard

April (1914).

'We went to press last time too early to mention the fact that Pollard (the "Indefatigable" - vide former Football Reports) was awarded a scholarship of £60 per annum at Wye Agricultural College.'

April (1915).

'Letter from R.B.Pollard'

Dear Mr.Priestley,

I must apologise for not writing before this, to thank you for the 'Farnhamian'. My delight was great when I saw that the School had once again succeeded in winning the Football Cup. Will you please convey to the team my heartiest congratulations, and also express the hope that the School's 2nd XI. may follow in the footsteps of their seniors.

All being well I am going to see a match at F.G.S., on a Saturday, and if possible Langford will arrange to meet me at a convenient rendezvous. However, first of all leave must be obtained, and this is the difficult part of the matter.

As you will see from my address, F Co. is billeted at Binfield, which is a very scattered village, four miles distant from Wokingham, three from Bracknell, and nine from Reading.

The inhabitants exhibit much joy at having a few soldiers amongst them, and treat us with great kindness. A Lance-Corporal, my brother and myself, are billeted on the "Up-to-date Stores, where we are very comfortable. Our beds consist of palliasses half filled with straw, and two blankets. We draw our food from the Army stores, and that part of it which needs cooking is rendered palatable by our landlady.

Taking everything into consideration, there is no need to grumble at the existing state of affairs.

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We have our meals in the kitchen with the family. Every night we are provided by our host with a cup of coffee, or a bottle of Lemonade or Gingerbeer etc.

One great advantage of being billeted is that after retiring, perfect silence reigns in our little room, with the exception, perhaps, of a few groans, and a muttered word or two, bemoaning our fate at being obliged to rest (?) on such hard "beds".

Last week I had the good fortune to be promoted to Lance-Corporal, which is a welcome change from being "one of the boys".

December (1915).
'letter from R.B Pollard'.

Dear Mr. Priestley,

Many thanks for the magazine and your welcome letter which arrived this morning.

I was pleased to see that my old house 'John Childe' has managed to pull off the Sports Cup. Please offer my congratulations to Capt. Browning. At present we are close to Suvla Bay doing fatigue work, which is a grand change from life in the trenches.

On Sept, 20th the Warwicks (Kitchener's) relieved our battalion, and after a few days we came to this place where we are quite comfortable. The food is also quite passable; plenty of bread and fresh meat. Yesterday morning we actually had one egg each, and the previous to that I managed to obtain some sardines in tomato sauce and a few biscuits. This was a result of the battalion's purchase from a "bumboat" which arrived here from Greece or some island not far distant. You can imagine with what relish I simply mopped such delicacies as sardines, they were absolutely topping.

Its awfully hot today, and a dip in the Farnham Baths would be very acceptable. Occasionally we bathe in Suvla Bay, but it is so rocky that swimming is practically impossible.

During the last few days there has been an almost incessant bombardment extending for miles around, and in which both our Navy and Army have participated. The infantry have also been very active and judging from these facts I imagine that affairs are being pushed forward as rapidly as is possible.

April (1916).
'Pollard invalided home with dysentery from the Dardanelles, came over to see the return match with Woking on their ground (or lake), and cheered the 2nd X1 on to victory'.

August (1916).
'Sgt. Pollard has quite recovered from his dysentery brought from Suvla Bay, and is once more in full training at Crowborough.

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January (1918).

'Serg. R.B. Pollard, The Buffs, was killed in front of Gaza on November 3. We have no particulars of his death.

He joined us from Wye College at the beginning of the war, went all through the Gallipoli campaign, and was invalided home with dysentery. He has been in Egypt since last January.

All who knew him here would pronounce him one of the best we ever had, quiet, patient, obstinate, good - with a delightful sense of humour. Steady at work, even more steady and 'unbeatable' at Football - the true British breed, we can imagine what a fine soldier he made'.

The Last Flight of Sergt. R.B. Pollard (From January 1920 issue)

We have been asked to insert the following account of the last fight of Sergt. R.B.Pollard, whose death in action in Palestine took place towards the end of 1917. The account, we presume, was written by a comrade of Sergt. Pollard's.

'From Beersheba we marched into the hills in the direction of Sheria. We lay in a wadi in the front of this place for two days, and in the early hours of November 3rd (Saturday) orders came for us to move. Provided with two bottles of water per man, a forced march was made in an easterly direction. The country over which we marched was hilly and without roads, and to add to our discomfort the heat was intense. Ultimately we arrived before the Turks' positions at Tel el Kheuwelphie. It is well to mention here that up to this point not one of us had an inkling that we were going into an attack on the Turks. The majority were under the impression that the enemy was further back.

However, just before sundown we relieved the Australians, who by the way, had followed the Turks from Beersheba, and proceeded to make an attack. Unfortunately we were not sure of the enemy's position, yet everything pointed to the fact that he was in a strong position, with a good number of machine guns. We did not reach our objectives, and the darkness caused us to withdraw slightly. We sustained few casualties, and Sergt. Pollard came through safely.

That night we slept in a wadi about a thousand yards in front of the Turks. At dawn the next morning, about 5 o'clock (Sunday, November 4th, 1917), supported by a short, sharp artillery bombardment, which, however, proved to be ineffective, we again "went over". The attack was made in waves, and our platoon, which included Sergt. Pollard was in the second wave. We felt very determined because we realised we had to take the wells the enemy was holding, for the water meant so much to us.

It was evident that the Turks expected our coming, and were fully prepared for it. We had to advance over two hills covered with rocks. The first was negotiated successfully with the loss of only a few men, but on reaching the top of the second hill we received the full force of the enemy's fire. The light was then increasing, and every minute showed us more plainly to the enemy.

The Last Flight of Sergt. R.B. Pollard (From January 1920 issue) continued .../

We began to lose men rather heavily, and to make matters worse our two officers were wounded, one of whom managed to get back, but the other officer, Lieut. Darlington, who was badly hit, could not carry on. He then told Sergt. Pollard to take command, which he did. Sergt. Pollard was calm, and gave orders clearly and without hesitation, and it was mainly through him we remained steady. Our position became untenable, and after a short time the order came to withdraw. We slipped down the hill quickly, and it was in the gully between this hill and the next hill that some of us remained, while the rest proceeded to climb the next hill. The latter course was indeed very risky, because it exposed them to enfilade fire. Unfortunately, Sergt. Pollard was one who went up this particular hill, and it was here, I much regret to say, he met his death. A bullet struck him on the side of the head, and death must have been instantaneous

I myself remained in the gully and it was from this position I saw Sergt. Pollard fall. The little party of us in the gully waited till dark and then escaped to our lines.'

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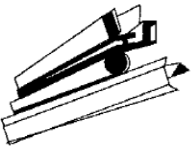
**St Andrew's Church - 8th, 9th & 10th
September 1995**

The church will be ablaze with flower arrangements sponsored by over 60 local organisations. The OFA has commissioned an arrangement commemorating Farnham Grammar School. We are indebted to Ann Blunt, wife of Old Boy Graham Blunt, for undertaking its style and execution.

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The Old Boys Membership List

SEPTEMBER 1995

ANNUAL MEMBERS		Year Left
Adams, J.	3 Ashley Mill La North, Hale, Cheshire, W14 3NQ	1967
Armstrong, S.A.	Cattlefield Cottages, Binsted, nr.Alton, Hants. GU34 4PA	1948
Austin, C.L.	16 Tudor Park, Bowl Alley Lane, Horncastle, Lincs.	1947
Baigent, K.W.	13 Galvins Close, Stoughton, Guildford, Surrey. GU2 6SF.	1926
Baker, G.J.	Geobar, Firgrove Road, Whitehill, Bordon, Hants. GU35 9EQ	1946
Balchin, C.	Brambles, 10 Dormers Close, Godalming, Surrey. GU7 2QX	1956
Bateman, J.A.	Oak Priors, Cranbrook Rd, Benenden, Cranbrook, TN17 4ES	1946
Baxter, G.	7 Longley Road, Farnham, Surrey. GU9 8LZ	Staff
Binning, M.S.	32 Felton Road, Poole, Dorset. BH14 0QS.	1939
Blowfield, P.	17 Bicester Close, Whitchurch, Hants. RG28 7HE.	1970
Blunt, G.D.	Whitethorn, Lower Froyle, Alton, Hants. GU34 4LG.	1950
Brindley, R.H.	15 White Cottage Close, Heath End, Farnham, GU9 0NI.	1957
Brock, H (MBE)	Saltwood, Kemerton, Tewkesbury, Glos. GL20 7SP.	1938
Buckell, D.	33 Farleigh Road, New Haw, Weybridge, Surrey.	1947
Butler, A.	-	1950
Cannings, P.W.	West Deyne, High St West, Uppingham, Rutland, Leicester	1967
Carroll, G.D.	117 Oak Lane, Upchurch, Sittingbourne, Kent. ME9 7AY.	Staff
Chuter, A.G.	Meadow View, Bishops Wood La, Baughurst, Hants. RG26 5L.	1959
Clark, A.J.C.	51 Alphington Avenue, Frimley, Camberley, Surrey. GU16 5LR	1945
Cockle, J.A.	27 Silver Road, Street, Somerset, BA16 0JR.	1953
Cope, J.A.	16 St. Mary's Road, Sawston, Cambridge.	1967
Cope, P.S.	Cobbins, Blackheath, nr. Guildford, Surrey. GUU 8RB.	1967
Cranswick, P.	12 Lime Tree Gardens, Lowdham, Nottingham, NG14 7DJ.	1957
Crotty, J.H.	Heatherbank, Beech Ave, Lower Bourne, Farnham, GU10 3JY.	1948
Davies, N.	1 Adur Avenue, Shoreham by Sea, West Sussex. BN43 5NN.	1936
Diamond, R.	The Beeches, 9 Hawkridge Rd, Yarnbrook, Trowbridge, BA14 6AD	1964
Doyle, M.	14 Easenhall Close, Knowle, Solihull, W Midlands B93 9QA.	1953
Edgell, D.	28, Longfield Road, Ash, Aldershot, Hants.	1965
Edgell, R.G.	29, Rookwood, Alton, Hants. GU34 2LD	1965
Edmunds, J.R.	9 Woodford Close, Caversham Heights, Reading, Berks.	1958
Elmslie, AFJ Maj.	9 Stranmer House, Furness Road, Eastbourne, Sussex BN21 4EY	1923
Gen.CB/CBE		
Elson, B.	Foxwarren, 10 Poyle Rd, Tongham, Aldershot, Hants GU10 1DS	1969
Everett, A.J.	14 Goodhall Crescent, Clophill, Beds. MK45 4AH	1970
Fairclough, C.	Studio 65, Smithbrook, Cranleigh, Surrey, GU6 8JJ.	1969
Figgins, J.	75 Leigh Lane, Wimborne, Dorset, BH21 2PP.	1957
Foley, F.F.	18 Highfield Avenue, Aldershot, Hants. GU11 3BY.	1939
Ford, P.J.	Waterways, 1 Rectory Road, Hook, Basingstoke, Hants RG27 93G	1950
Frampton, R.A.	Deepdene, Wood Road, Upper Hale, Farnham, Surrey. GU9 0PQ.	1964
French, P.W.	3a York Road, Farnham, Surrey, GU9 8JX.	Staff
Frost, B.C.	Red Tiles, Cadley, Collingbourne Ducis, Marlborough, Wilts.	1949
Gatfield, A.J.	12 Bethel Lane, Upper Hale, Farnham, Surrey GU9 0QA.	1955
Gathercole, AJG	17 Buckfast Close, Hale, Altrincham, WA15 8NB.	1972
Glover, H.W.	1 Littlefield Gardens, Ash, Aldershot, Hants. GU12 4LN.	1946
Godsil, E.W.	Dromkeen, Old Compton Lane, Farnham, Surrey. GU9 8EH	Staff

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Goebel J.F.P.	84 Sandringham Way, Paddock Hill, Frimley. GU16 5YE	1970
Harland, A.D.	9 Oasthouse Crescent, Hale, Farnham, Surrey. GU9 0NP.	1951
Hewes, G.H.A.	Holly End, Holly Close, Farnham Common, Bucks. SL2 3QT.	1942
Hewes, R.H.	8 Victoria Court, Albert Street, Fleet, Hants.	1950
Hibberd, J.	3 Frome Close, Eastrop, Basingstoke, Hants. RG21 2PZ.	1957
Higton, D.I.R.	Courtneys, 36 Forest Drive, Keston, Kent.	1952
Hobbs, F.E.	1 Meadhurst, Queens Place, Ascot, Berks. SL5 7JA.	1930
Honey, G.H.	Penyoke Lodge, Church La, Cargreen, Saltash, Cornwall.	1950
Hopkins, H.G.	Orchard Bank, 5 Little Austins, Farnham, Surrey. GU9 8JR.	1931
Horner, M.J.	5 Shortheath Road, Farnham, Surrey. GU9 8SR.	1948
Hunt, A.B.	16 Fairfield Green, Four Marks, Alton, Hants. GU35 5BL.	1969
Hunt, E.	70 Peters Road, Locks Heath, Southampton, Hants. SO3 6EN.	1942
Huntingford, P.	11 Regents Close, Hungerford, Berks. RG17 0LF	1942
Husbands, I.P.	-	1951
Ivison, J.D.	Muskoka, Square Drive, Haslemere, Surrey.	1971
James, H.	5 Beaconsfield Road, Claygate, Surrey.	1946
Jeffreys, M.E.	42 Kingsley Avenue, Camberley, Surrey. GU15 2NB.	1953
Johns, T.W.	14 Sandy Lane, Cove, Farnborough, Hants. GU14 9EW	1952
King, H.L.	3 Saxon Croft, Farnham, Surrey. GU9 7QB.	1936
Kite, J.B.	Crombie House, 14 Tamar Way, Wokingham, Berks. RG11 GU8.	1946
Kite, R.J.	13 Rapleys Field, Mill Lane, Pirbright, Surrey. GU24 0LT.	1966
Lawrence, R.C.	No 5, 4393 Ridgewood Ave, Port Orange, Florida, 32127, U.S.A.	1966
Loveland, M.J.	6 Orchard Rise, Chesterton, Bicester, Oxon.	1962
Loveless, F.H.	Lea Corner, The Green, Badshot Lea, Farnham. GU9 9LS.	1947
Lucas, D.R.	19 Highfield Gardens, Aldershot, Hants. GU11 3DB.	1952
Luckhurst, R.	59 Patrick's Copse Road, Liss, Hants. GU33 7DW	1957
Luff, W.J.	12 Highfield Gardens, Aldershot, Hants. GU11 3DE.	1953
Martin, G.L.	20 Birch Way, Haywards Heath, Sussex.	1959
McGregor, D.J.	1 Hillside, Graffham, Petworth, Sussex.	1962
Merrill, R.E.	Pilgrim Cottage, Seale Lane, Seale, Farnham. GU10 1LE.	1946
Merson, R.A.	Tanyard House, 13a Bridge Square, Farnham, Surrey, GU9 7QR.	1968
Miller, A.	10 Sunmead Road, Sunbury-on-thames, Middlesex. TW16 6PE.	1958
Mitchell, J.S.	1 Bishop Sumner Drive, Upper Hale, Farnham. GU9 0HQ.	1947
Mullins, C.	Southwold, Isington Road, Binsted, Alton, Hants. GU34 4PH.	1957
Nicholls, R.	57 Old Lodge Lane, Purley, Surrey, CR8 4DN.	1961
O'Sullivan, D.	River Gardens, Bramley Road, Sherfield, Berkshire. RG27 0DG.	1950
Oleman, G.J.	6 Broomleaf Road, Farnham, Surrey. GU9 8DG.	1967
Owen, S.J.	22 Mount Pleasant, Farnham, Surrey. GU9 7AA.	Staff
Paget, N.D.	118 Bellemore Road, Baltimore, Maryland, 21210, U.S.A.	1953
Parratt, C.	Firsdow, Smugglars Way, The Sands, Farnham. GU10 1NB.	1954
Patrick, E.C.	1 Wykeham Road, Farnham, Surrey. GU9 7JR.	1926
Patrick, N.H.	Bunces Farm, Runwick, Farnham, Surrey. GU10 5EP.	1931
Perkins, I.M.F.	25 Fairways West, Clear Island Waters, Queensland 4226, Austr.	1946
Polglaze, D.H.	Sandilands, Searle Lane, Searle, Farnham, Surrey. GU10 1LE.	1964
Pollard, D.R.	Summerdale, Charterhouse Road, Godalming. Surrey GU7 2AL.	1957
Pritchard, S.G.	Windermere, Oakhanger, Bordon, Hants. GU35 9JN.	1976
Pritchard, S.J.	9 Cunningham Avenue, Guildford, Surrey. GU1 2PE.	1979
Pullinger, F.E.K.	Beaver Cottage, Beavers Close, Farnham, Surrey. GU9 7BE.	1931
Rayer, A.	55 Rivers Close, Farnborough, Hants, GU14 6LZ.	1947
Richards, D.W.	88 East Street, Warmminster, Wilts. BA12 8BQ.	1951
Rochefort, M.P.	Horndean, Ashleigh Street, Darwen, Lancs. BB3 2JS.	1970

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Scard, L.R.	27 Manley James Close, Odiham, Hants.	1970
Shipton, R.	84 Sunbury Road, Feltham, Middx. TW13 4PQ.	1965
Simpson, D.	Eidelweiss, Fullers Road, Rowledge, Farnham. GU10 4DE.	1967
Snart, R.F.	Divina Pastora Edif 3, 7-5C, 11402 Jerez de la Frontera, Cadiz, Spain.	1961
Spink, A.R.	86 Grazely Road, Three Mile Cross, Reading, Berks. RG7 1BT	1955
Stuart, H.F.	5 Hampstead Road, Normanby, Middlesborough, Cleveland.	1930
Studer, C.R.	12 The Chine, Echo Barn Lane, Farnham. GU10 4NN.	1955
Sturt, D.G.	3 Old Rectory Drive, Ash, Aldershot, Hants.	1943
Thrower, J.	Whetley Orchard, Powerstock, Bridport, Dorset.	1948
Tidd, T.	26 Monks Orchard, Petersfield, Hants. GU32 2JD.	1938
Tilson, A.	Theo, Westhill, Elstead, Farnham, Surrey. GU8 6DQ.	1951
Toogood, A.	Higher Yard, Stevenstone, Torrington, Devon. EX38 7HY.	1957
Torode, H.A.	6 The Chase, Farnborough, Hants. GU14 8BY.	1965
Trust, C.D.	Ashleigh, 56 Broomleaf Road, Farnham, Surrey. GU9 8DQ.	1953
Tubb, D.P.	29 South Cliff, Bexhill-on-Sea, Sussex. TN39 3EH.	1951
Vick, J.L.	17 Earls Manor Court, Winterbourne Earls, Salisbury, Wilts.	1947
Webberley, G.P.B.	19 Oak Tree Gardens, Bromley, Kent. BR1 5BQ.	1948
White, G.A.	RAF IPTM, Walton, Aylesbury. HP22 5PG. 1968 1971	
Wickendon, J.A.	13 Fernhill Close, Blackwater, Camberley. GU17 9HD.	1968
Williams, B.R.	8 Trebor Avenue, Farnham, Surrey. GU9 83H.	1965
Wilson, M.F.	5 Queen Eleanor's Road, Guildford, Surrey. GU2 5SL.	1950
Wimbledon, FHC	28 Roseacre Gardens, Chilworth, Surrey.	1927
Wood, N.	17 Friars Gate, Onslow Village, Guildford. GU2 5PQ.	1965
Wren, G.	6 Churt Wynde, Tilford Road, Hindhead, Surrey. GU26 6RJ.	1962

LIFE MEMBERS

Anderson, K.N.	69a Medstead Road, Beech, Alton, Hants, GU31 4AE.	1948
Archer, G.C.	Pine Ridge, New Road, Beer, Seaton, Devon.	1950
Arnsby, P.S.	-	1942
Avis, M.J.	112 Old Rectory Road, Portsmouth, Hants.	1963
Aylwin, A.M.	13 Redhill, Chislehurst, Kent.	1951
Aylwin, J.M.	Bowstridge, Bell Lane, Rowledge, Farnham. GU10 4AR.	1939
Backhurst, J.D.	10 Forest Close, North Baddesley, Hants. SO52 9GW.	1951
Bacon, G.A.	Rhufeniog, Llanbedr-y-Cennin, Conwy, Gwynedd.	1937
Ballamy, C.R.J.	24 Eagle Road, Guildford, Surrey.	1963
Ballett, J.T.	Bygate, 7 Highland Road, Heath End, Farnham.	1961
Barnard, M.J.	163 Country Hills Road, Arrovo Grande, CA93420 USA.	1949
Barnes, D.A.	Hollowmead, Claverham Road, Yatton, Bristol, Avon.	1943
Beal, C.R.J.	3 The Baxendales, Greenham, Newbury, Berks.	1963
Bodkin, W.F.A.	10 Spicers, Ashdell Park, Alton, Hants. GU34 2SJ.	1950
Booker, M.	35 Culvenden Down, Tunbridge Wells, Kent. TN4 9SE.	1971
Boulding, G.R.	64b Stakes Road, Purbrook, Hants. PO7 5NU	1941
Boulter, Lt.CdrDB	48 Manor Road, Dorchester, Dorset.	1942
Bowtell, D.A.	28 Sherwood Close, Liss Forest, Hants. GU33 76T.	1952
Bowtell, R.C.	83 Boundstone Road, Rowledge, Farnham. GU10 4AG.	1947
Briggs, D.G.	120 Broad Street, Guildford, Surrey.	1955
Cadier, J.M.	7 Square d'Arcole, Residence, Bagatelle, 78 Le Chesnay, Parly 2, France.	1945


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Chapman, L.E.	Deeping Bank, Upper Park Road, Camberley, Surrey.	1931
Charman, J.A.	23 Millbank Court, John Islip Street, London SW1 4LG.	1950
Chitty, D.W.	Lees Farm House, Runtens Lane, Rotherwick, Basingstoke.	1944
Chuter, J.A.L.	Westgate, Frensham, Farnham, Surrey, GU10 3BJ.	1941
Clark, P.J.	Meadow View, Tatchbury Lane, Winsor, Nr Sotton. SO4 2G2.	1944
Clarke, F.P.	3 Lawday Link, Upper Hale, Farnham, Surrey.	1936
Coakes, D.C.E.	33 The Wheatlands, Bridgnorth, Shropshire. WV16 5BD.	1961
Cockell, B.L.	Meadfields Hanger, Three Gates Lane, Haslemere. GU27 2LD.	1959
Colwill, M.	21 Vale Road, Ash Vale, Aldershot, Hants. GU12 5HH.	1942
Comben, M.J.	Bradfield, School Rd, Rowledge, Farnham, Surrey. GU10 4BW.	1951
Comley, W.J.	77a Kings Road, Fleet, Hants. GU13 9AR.	1956
Common, R.E.	The Bungalow, Triangle Lane, Titchfield, Fareham, Hants.	1950
Conway, G.J.	9 Newcome Road, Heath End, Farnham, Surrey.	-
Cotterill, J.M.H.	'Firs', Frances Avenue, Maidenhead, Berks. SL6 8NX.	1952
Crowhurst, J.A.	7 Hazelbank Close, Sheet, Petersfield, Hants. GU31 4BY.	1949
Cutler, D.	-	1952
Dadson, J.C.	64 Granchester, 122 St Andrew's St. Durham, Natal, S.Africa.	1941
Dadson, P.D.	30 Watts Road, Cove, Farnborough, Hants. GU14 8PP.	1938
Dalrymple, Cdr.GR	8 Playfair Road, North Curlcurl, N.S.W. 2099, Australia.	1947
Daniels, B.J.	76 Firgrove Hill, Farnham, Surrey. GU9 8LW.	1952
Dawson, M.J.	Key Lodge, Hook Heath Road, Woking, Surrey. RH4 3PJ.	1953
Denyer, A.W.	Anwyl-Fan, Binton Lane, Seale, Farnham, Surrey. GU10 1LG.	1928
Down, Rt. Rev. W.J. MA, FNI.	Bishop of Bermuda, P O Box 769, Hamilton HMCX, Bermuda.	1954
Dowsett, L.R.	Littledown, Milton Abbas, Blandford Forum, Dorset, DT11 0LQ.	1931
Drew, E.A. (OBE)	End Cottage, Vineyards Road, Northaw, Herts. EN6 4PH.	1933
Edgley, D.R.	5 Eldon Drive, Lower Bourne, Farnham, Surrey.	1961
Edmead, G.P.	Silver Birches, Gentels Lane, Passfield, Liphook, Hants.	1943
Elphick, G.M.	Greenhill Brow, Leigh Lane, Farnham, Surrey. GU9 8HP.	1932
Figg, P.M.	Saint Cross, Terras Hill, Lostwithiel, Cornwall. PL22 0AP.	1945
Fisher, J.C.F.	Northfield, North Rd, Kingsland, Leominster, Heref. HR6 GR2.	1944
Fisher, J.M.	Jenkins, Horsham Road, Cranleigh, Surrey.	1952
Futcher, E.J.	25 Kenneth Road, Marblehead, MA 01945, U.S.A.	1972
Gale, F.C.	Lugnaquilla, 14 Grant Road, Crowthorne, Berks	1926
Garrod, A.St.C.	18348 Holly Hills Drive, N.E. Bothel WA98011 U.S.A.	1939
Garside, J.J.	20 Churchill Road, Canterbury, Kent.	1954
Gates, R.A.	-	1931
German, F.W.	13a Lodge Hill Road, Lower Bourne, Farnham, GU10 3QN.	1930
Glynn, M.	The Old Post House Heckfield, Nr Basingstoke, Hants.	1944
Goddard, J.E.	2 Tor Road, Farnham, Surrey. GU9 7BX.	1939
Godsland, R.H.	6 Oxford Street, Cowes, I.O.W. PO31 8PT.	1916
Hack, R.E.	14 St. Phillips Avenue, Worcester Park, Surrey. KT4 8JT.	1937
Hall, A.J.	Penthouse Two, Waters Edge, Brudnell Rd Canford Cliffs, Poole.	1932
Hall, B.A.	19 Beech Glen, Crowthorne Road, Bracknell, Berks RG12 4DQ.	1963
Hamilton-Jones JE	The Cottage, 61 Salterton Road, Exmouth, Devon.	1941
Harmer, J.H.	The Harbour, Tilford Road, Beacon Hill, Hindhead, Surrey.	1958
Harms, B.A.	92 Beechwood Avenue, St. Albans, Herts.	1959
Harnett, G.V.	2d Thorney Crescent, Morgans Walk, Battersea, London SW11.	1970
Hayward, A.S.	12 Parkfield Gardens, North Harrow, Middlesex, HA2 6JR.	1962

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Heelis, Brig. BD	Wayfarers, Private Lane, Normanby by Spittal, Lincs, LN2 38F.	1941
Hern, G.A.P.	Maycot, Woodland, Road, Kingswood, Tadworth, Berks.	1934
Hewes, J.V.	2 Austin Road, Glastonbury, Somerset.	1935
Hirst, J.	Cross Farm House, Crookham Village, Hants, GU13 0SS.	1959
Holm, H.G.	Flat GA, 11 Fitzjohns Avenue, London SW3 5JY.	1945
Homewood, T.	8 Brooke Forest, Fairlands Estate, Guildford, Surrey.	1955
Hone, C.J.	17 Lynch Road, Farnham, Surrey	1960
Hone, G.	Two Oaks, Millbridge Frensham, Farnham, Surrey.	1954
Horry, D.C.	15 Blake Road, Farlington, Portsmouth, Hants. PO6 1ET.	1930
Howell, P.J.	Rose Cottage, 9 Longdown Road, Farnham, Surrey, GU10 3JT.	1963
Hughes, J.G.	45 Crows Grove, Bradley Stoke, Bristol, Avon, BS12 0DA.	1964
Humphries, K.J.	Dysart, Cambridge Road West, Farnborough, Hants.	-
Hunt, G.V.	Honeysuckle Cottage, Sheldon, Blackborough, Devon.	1950
Hutchings, J.M.	Red House, Littleton, Nr Winchester, Hants. SO22 6GS.	1941
James, K.C.W.	White Friars, Derwent Drive, Baslow, Bakewell, Derby.	1940
James, L.P.	23 Hobbs Drive, Boxted, Colchester, Essex. CO4 5RZ.	1942
Jennings, A.H.	10 Haverstock Street, London N1.	1946
Jerome, E.J.	High Elms, Ayling Hill, Aldershot, Hants.	1941
Johns, H.R.L.	16 Windsor Crescent, Radyr, Nr Cardiff, CF4 8EE.	1939
Johnson, P.E.	-	1961
Jones, R.J.D.	4 Worcester Road, Guildford, Surrey. GU2 6SZ.	1966
Jump, M.E.P.	24 Old Buildings, Lincolns Inn, London WC2.	1937
Kelley, T.H.	32 Canterbury Avenue, Sidcup, Kent.	1944
Kenward, R.	c/o Mrs K Carter, Brookfield Station Rd, Bentley, Farnham.	1958
King, W.R.	376 High Street, Aldershot, Hants. GU12 1NA.	1938
Kingcome, W.J.	1911 Meridell Avenue, Tampa, Florida, 33612. U.S.A.	1933
Kirk, R.R.	5 Old Farnham Lane, Farnham, Surrey. GU9 8JU.	1937
Knight, R.R.	23 Ford Lane, Farnham, Surrey.	1949
Knotts, G.J.	52 Llanvair Drive, South Ascot, Berks.	1934
Knotts, J.M.	63 Heath Farm Rd, Norton, Stourbridge Worcs. DY8 3BZ.	1945
Lake, B.	10 Olde Farm Drive, Blackwater, Camberley, Surrey. GU17 0DU.	1953
Lampard, D.E.	8 St. Margaret's Place, Bradford-on-Avon, Wilts. BA15 1DT.	1946
Lillywhite, P.	Pine Tops, Hook Heath Avenue, Woking, Surrey. GU22 0HX.	1936
Linney, S.W.G.	43 Blencarn Close, Goldsworth Park, Woking, Surrey.	1967
Little, W.G.	Flat 2, 3 Orchard Park Dartington, Totnes, Devon, TQ9 6HS.	1940
Lloyd, D.E.	-	1941
Lock, M.J.	108 Lynnbrooke Avenue, Blockhouse Bay, Auckland, N.Zealand.	1944
Lord, L.E.	Gable End, 3 Longley Road, Farnham, Surrey. GU9 8LZ.	1925
Lovegrove, K.F.	28 Ash Road, Aldershot, Hants.	1948
Lovell, A.G.	Upway, Holt Pound, Farnham, Surrey. GU10 4JZ.	1953
Lowry, T.	11 St. John's Place, Edinburgh, Scotland. EH6 7EL.	1970
Lyons, S.	11 Derickson Drive, Wilmington, Delaware 19808, U.S.A.	1958
Marsh E.G (CBE)	11 Coltman Road, Mount Pleasant, Harare, Zimbabwe.	1926
Matthews, J.R.	Cherry Laurels, 15 The Moorings, Hindhead, Surrey, GU26 6SD.	1961
May, P.R.C.	Glebe Meadow, Elstead, Godalming, Surrey.	1940
Mayne, E.P.	20 Nelson Gardens, Guildford, Surrey. GU1 2NZ.	1960
Mentzel, Maj K.I.	Glenbervil, Blacknest, Nr Alton, Hants. GU34 4QD.	1953
Moore, P.E.G.	2 Strathaven Close, Cranleigh Surrey, GU6 8PW.	1949
Morgan, A.H.J.	8 Spitfire Close, Bicester, Oxon, OX6 7XU.	1954
Morgan, A.R.	17 Quaves Lane, Bungay, Suffolk, NR35 1DF.	1943

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Morgan, D.H.	G.P.O. Pembroke, Dock, Dyfed, SA72 4RS.	1940
Morgan, D.H.	Foresters, Dene Lane, Lower Bourne, Farnham, Surrey.	1967
Morris, G.W.S.	Sweethaven, Mole Road, Sindlesham, Wokingham, Berks.	1930
Mortimer, K.	29 Bullers Road, Weybourne, Farnham, Surrey. GU9 9EW.	1957
Mould, J.E.M. Air Cdre, CBE.	The Limes, Middle Avenue, Farnham, Surrey.	1931
Munday, J.	The Red House, Coxheath Rd, Church Crookham, Fleet, Hants.	1952
Mylles, P.A.	3 Manory House, 69 West Street, Farnham, Surrey. GU9 7EH.	1957
Nash, C.	22 Vine Lane, Boundstone, Farnham, Surrey.	1960
Naylor, P.G.D.	7 Battlemead Close, Maidenhead, Berks. SL6 8LB.	1948
Nicholson, D.W.	115 Victoria Road, Cambridge, CB4 3BS.	1942
Parson, A.N.	-	1928
Pawley, M.	3 Knights Close, Wanslow Walk, Henleaze, Bristol. BS9 4LE.	1945
Pearson, I.H.	17 Echo Barn Lane, Farnham, Surrey. GU10 4NQ.	1967
Phillips, D.J.	3 Barn Road, Longwick, Princes Risborough, Bucks.	1952
Phillips, R.N.	The Gables, Charlwood Drive, Oxshott, Surrey.	1963
Purslow, M.J.	Wych Elm Cottage, 1 Wych Elm Rise, Guildford, GU1 3TH.	1950
Ralph, P.J.	16 Fordwater Road, Chertsey, Surrey.	1963
Remington, R.	8 Upper Old Park Lane, Farnham, Surrey. GU9 0AS.	1963
Rich, V.	11 Wantage Road, Wallingford, Oxon, OX10 0LR.	1947
Ricketts, G.C.	31 Midway, St. Albans, Herts.	1943
Robins, R.	Gryphons, West Street, Alresford, Hants. SO24 9AU.	1931
Roe, D.	101 Redbreast Road North, Bournemouth, Hants. BH9 33F.	1961
Roffey, W.J.	8 High Street, Crawley, Sussex. RH10 1BJ	1959
Rogers, D.	21A Turner Street, East Malvern, Victoria, Australia.	1936
Rumble, V.H.	20 Hog Green, Elham, Nr Canterbury, Kent.	1933
Ryall, A.J.	Oakland, Crossways Road, Grayshott, Hindhead, Surrey.	1930
Sargeant, I.C.	Brocas Dene, Tilford, Road, Farnham, Surrey. GU9 8JA.	1962
Sherfield, I.G.	64 Castle Street, Farnham, Surrey.	1941
Sherfield, M.A.	Trevieres, Rue de Laitte, St. Pierre du Bois, Guernsey, C.I.	1935
Short, Lt.Cdr.RD	35-37 West Hill, Titchfield, Fareham, Hants.	1949
Simpson, K.R.	-	1970
Slater, D.	1654 Delmar Road, Crescent City, California, 95531. U.S.A.	1947
Slyfield, C.C.E.	Sandness, The Close, Godalming, Surrey. GU7 1PQ.	1962
Smallman, W.A. Brig., MBE.	Birchwood, The Long Road, Rowledge, Farnham. Surrey.	1934
Smith, B.C.	Inshalla, Wadeford, Chard, Somerset, TA20 3AP.	1955
Smith, P.R.	10a Cobblestone Mews, Clifton, Bristol, BS9 3DQ.	1962
Sones, A.H.	26 Lawday Place Lane, Folly Hill, Farnham, Surrey.	1957
Stewart, R.R.	Chalet Tendli, Brienz, Switzerland.	1934
Still, P.R.M.	32 Long Beech Drive, Farnborough, Hants. GU14 0PR.	1950
Sturt, M.E.H.	The Saplings, Vine Lane, Boundstone, Farnham, Surrey.	1949
Sturt, W.H.	118 The Street, Tongham, Farnham, Surrey. GU10 1AA.	1944
Styles, A.G.	55 Rookery Close, Shippon, Abingdon, Oxon, OX13 6LZ.	1928
Sykes, D.G.	-	1945
Taylor, C.E.	14 Dogeson Road, Cowley, Oxford.	1938
Terrill, J.S.	-	1966
Travers, J.	76 Boundstone Road, Farnham, Surrey. GU10 4TR.	1953
Turner, F.	Lydstone, 2a Old Frensham Road, Lower Bourne, Farnham.	1970
Waide, E.B.	c/o PSRC, PO Box 9252, Dar-es-Salaam, Tanzania.	1954

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Warman, P.C.	The Old Cottage, Priory Lane, Frensham, Farnham. GU10 3DW.	1950
Walsh, W.P.	Time House, Binton Lane, The Sands, Farnham, Surrey.	1963
Walters, Rev.NA	2 Woodside, Road, Esher, Surrey.	1956
Westcott, M.E.	2 Gladstone Terrace, Edinburgh, Scotland. EH9 1LX.	1970
Whetman, S.D.	Firswood Boldre Lane, Lumington, Hants.	1917
Williams, J.N.	13 Belvoir Gardens, Great Gomerby, Grantham. NG3 18L.	1965
Wiltshire, S.N.	74 Rimu Street, Wakanai, North Island, New Zealand.	1925
Withall, T.	Winsor Glen, Winsor Lane, Woodlands, Southampton.	1957
Wonham, J.	4 Wymondley Close, Hitchin, Herts. SG4 9PW.	1955
Woods, G.J.	30 Alma Way, Heath End, Farnham, Surrey. GU9 0QN.	1959
Woods, P.J.	62 Eastwood Road, Bramley, Guildford, Surrey.	1933

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