

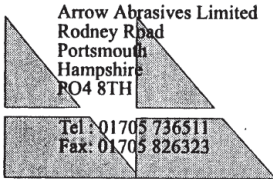
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INTRODUCTION TO THE FARNHAMIAN - VOLUME 5

Yet another edition of the magazine for the Old Boys, with this being the fifth since its resurrection in 1993. It is certain that the amount of material offered for this issue exceeded any of the others, and we could have printed two issues if finances allowed.

In this issue we remember more respected teachers such as Eric Munton, 'Johnny' Horner, Stanley Owen and Wendell Evans. Plans for a profile on Alan Fluck are curtailed after his sad passing at the end of 1997. The list is almost exhausted and with the future issues in mind we have begun a new series called 'Then and Now'. Here we will have as our main profiles some of the well known Old Boys to have attended the school over the years. In this edition we begin with Ray Kirk and Alan Smallman, both of them having had distinguished careers and both of them well known in the Farnham area.

Whilst we advertise the 1998 Southampton Lunch and the 1999 Annual Dinner we draw your attention to the plans for celebrating the Millennium. We will have the Annual Dinner at Farnham Castle and look forward to an attendance exceeding 150 Old Boys. This will be an excellent way for the Association to celebrate the year 2000 and I suggest that you book your tickets now as we expect to exceed the required number with ease. We hope that this new magazine reaches the standard of the other four and feel sure that somewhere in these pages you will find something of interest to all ages.

INVITATION

Old Farnhamians Association

SOUTHAMPTON LUNCHEON

Wednesday 21st October 1998

at Busketts Lawn Hotel

Woodlands, Nr. Southampton

for details please contact Dudley Backhurst

Telephone: 01703 739760

INVITATION

Old Farnhamians Association

67TH ANNUAL DINNER

Saturday 10th April 1999

at Farnham College,

Morley Road, Farnham

Please round up as many Old Boys as possible to make this a good attendance

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We would like to thank the following for either placing advertisements or sponsoring advertisements in this magazine:

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT**BRIAN DANIELS**

It was with sorrow that I learned of the untimely and sudden death on Christmas Eve of Alan Fluck. Prior to his arrival in 1951 music at the School in my time had been taught by Francis Crute on a part time basis and then Mr Read. Those of us who had any musical gifts were drafted into the school choir or orchestra and the rest of you had to endure our renderings on Speech Days! I am not sure that Alan changed that immediately, but with his youth and enthusiasm for all that he did it was not long before he was organising his first musical production, Benjamin Britten's 'Lets Make An Opera' in conjunction with girls from F.G.G.S. I was successfully auditioned for one of the parts and ended up helping John Wills with the making of the scenery. The production was put on at the Church House and I remember the excitement we all felt when Benjamin Britten and Peter Pears, whom Alan knew, came to the dress rehearsal.

Alan consequently put on other productions which no doubt will bring back memories for some of you. He also proposed and started the Farnham Musical Festivals for school children of Farnham and District, which continue to this day. No doubt there is a fuller tribute to Alan elsewhere in this issue, but his contribution to the development of musical appreciation on many at the School will have been unquestionable.

This year's annual meeting of the Association saw all the officers re-elected, other than our Treasurer Chris Slyfield. Chris has been our Treasurer for 17 years, having taken over from John Goddard in 1981 who had served in the same role for 16 years. I feel that Chris is deserving of a big 'Thank You' from all of us for his excellent stewardship of our affairs over many years and we must not forget to thank the auditor Mr Paynter who has retired with Chris. These jobs are both honorary and we have been fortunate in having two worthy professionals carry out these tasks. I am pleased to welcome Stephen Pritchard as his successor, a 'younger' Old Boy and a professional with Sheen Stickland. Fortunately we shall not be losing Chris as he has agreed to serve on the committee and more importantly remains the OFA nominated Governor to the College.

The 400 Trust has also seen a change in Secretary with Maurice Sturt deciding to stand down after several years of keeping the minutes, organising the correspondence and overseeing the annual lectures. Again our grateful thanks are due to Maurice for all this work and we are pleased to welcome Graham Blunt as the new Secretary.

Looking to the future the Millennium draws nearer we have provisionally booked the Great Hall in Farnham Castle as our venue for the annual dinner that year and I hope we shall be able to fill the hall for what promises to be a great occasion in that setting.

Finally may I say a few words on a personal note and thank all the officers and members of the Committee for their attendance at our meetings and for the friendly discussions and decisions we reach they make the President's life very easy. I would also like to thank those who responded to the St Andrews Conservation and Development Appeal. I am closely associated with this church and am pleased to say that we have raised just over £400,000 in our first year and work on the roof and tower should start this summer. Thank you all for your generosity.

With best wishes to you all.

THE 66TH ANNUAL DINNER**CYRIL TRUST**

On Saturday 18th April one hundred Old Boys from the Farnham Grammar School made their annual pilgrimage to Morley Road, where the once well known school has been replaced by Farnham College. As the Old Boys get older there is a profusion of grey hair and bald pates amongst these ex-pupils who enjoy an evening of nostalgia once a year. On this occasion many of those present came from all parts of the country and journeys had been made from the likes of Bath, Southampton, Shepton Mallett and Exeter. Once again the catering was first class by the Farnham College staff and the Toastmaster was the usual jovial and professional Peter Clark, an Old Boy himself. There were many messages of goodwill from those who could not attend, with the most notable one from the oldest living Old Boy, Redvers Godsland who is 98 and lives on the Isle of Wight.

This year the toast to the School and the Association was given by Maurice Jeffreys, who attended the School from 1948 until 1953 and is a retired insurance broker living on the edges of Dartmoor. He referred to the recent BBC2 programme on the Grammar Schools and whilst he agreed that 11 plus was not altogether fair, it was a pity that the Grammar School type of education had ceased. In an amusing speech he remembered many of the legendary masters and felt that the days at the School had formed the basis for his career in the City of London. The speech received hearty applause and was a refreshing opening to the speechmaking. The current President Brian Daniels replied and began with a tribute to Alan Fluck, who had recently died, and was the well known music teacher at the School for some twenty years. The influence of this man can still be seen in Farnham and after leaving the School he became quite a celebrity in the world of music.

The President said that the Association had recently helped finance a new school clock, with the old one being mounted in a showcase which would be displayed at the College. Various tributes were made by the President, including thanks to Chris Slyfield who had just stood down as the treasurer for the Association after 17 years. His place had been taken by a younger man in Stephen Pritchard, who works locally for Sheen Stickland. Thanks were also given to Maurice Sturt, who had also completed many years as secretary of the 400 Trust, Cyril Trust for the modern 'Farnhamian' magazine, Wally Walsh for organising the dinner and John Crotty, who is the secretary of the Association and one of the driving forces behind the continued success of the Old Farnhamians. Brian Daniels finished his reply by advising those present that the 1998 400 Trust Farnham Lecture would be given by the well known environmentalist Jonathan Porritt.

The evening continued with the traditional passing of the loving cup between all present, whilst the ex-Headmaster George Baxter read out the roll call. The oldest ex-pupil was once again Ken Baigent, who was at the School from 1923 until 1928, and amongst the diners was someone who had been at the School for every year between 1923 and 1977. Mr Baxter also introduced W.E. Moore, L. Evans and S. Owen who had all been teachers at the School. Mr Baxter finished the speechmaking with a tribute to the recently retired principal Kathleen Kimber, who had lead the College into becoming one of the finest for results in the country. He felt that the College had been very lucky in finding an excellent successor in Sally Francis, who he felt would continue to lead the College forward as a centre of excellence.

This most successful evening ended with the singing of the School song and the National Anthem, and all who attended can return to their homes in various parts of the country confident that their Old School Association is very healthy and ready to enter the new century.

Attending; B.J. Daniels; G. Baxter; A.L. Moore; S.J. Owen; L.E.M. Evans; J.E. Goddard; R.R. Kirk; F.F. Foley; P.J. Clark; T. Tidd; H.F. Stuart; R. Robins; R.E. Hack; K.W. Baigent; D.C. Horry; G.W.S. Morris; N.H. Patrick; G.J. Baker; G.P. Hewes; P.R.M. Still; J.A. Bateman; J. Mitchell; M.J. Cox; M.J. Horner; A.D. Harland; M.E.H. Sturt; W.F.A. Bodkin; R.H. Hewes; P.J. Ford; D. O'Sullivan; J.D. Backhurst; J.H. Crotty; G.D. Blunt; A.J. Rayer; D. Alderton; S. Armstrong; W. Herrington; E.F. Hunt; W.R. King; P. Huntingford; G.H.A. Hewes; D. Homer; J. Falkner; B.E. Bone; M.E. Jeffreys; W.J. Luff; J.A. Cogle; C.D. Trust; D.A. Bowtell; D.W. Richards; V.J.N. Snellock; A. Cox; D.J. Phillips; B. Lake; M. Constantine; T. Homewood; W.I. Roffey; R. Mingay; A.J. Chuter; E.P. Mayne; K.I. Mentzel; D. Lucas; A.G. Lovell; A. Gatfield; P. A. Mylles; C. Balchin; R.D. Edwards; C.C.E. Slyfield; D.C.E. Coakes; J.A. Cope; P.S. Cope; K. Ravenscroft; K. Mortimer; R. Luckhurst; C. Nash; D. Edgley; I.C. Sargeant; G.C. Archer; R. Diamond; B. Mills; W.P. Walsh; R.G. Edgell; C.J. Beal; J. Sherwood; D.H. Poleglaze; M. Booker; H. Groves; S. Pritchard; N.W. Jones; D.J. Grimes; J.D. Jones; H.J. Upfold; R.A. Merson; D. Simpson.

OLD FARNHAMIAN MASONIC LODGE

Gordon W S Morris (1928-30) having completed his year as master of the Lodge, from March 1997 - March 1998, has now installed his successor A J (John) Luff of 64 LYNCHET CLOSE, HOLLINGDEAN, BRIGHTON, EAST SUSSEX. BN1 7FP, who is not an Old Boy of the School. Either the past master or his successor would welcome enquiries about possible membership from any Old Boy or ex-staff, relatives or friends, irrespective of whether they were at Farnham Grammar School. The Lodge meets in the Masonic Hall, Castle Street, Farnham on the evenings of the second Saturday in January, March, May and November. Gordon Morris' address is 'SWEETHAVEN', MOLE ROAD, SINDLESHAM, WOKINGHAM. BERKS. RG41 5DJ. TEL: 0118 978 0931

THE 1998 FARNHAM LECTURE

by JONATHAN PORRITT

Environmentalist & Politician

at Farnham College, on 21st October commencing at 7.30 p.m.

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THE SOUTHAMPTON LUNCH 1997

CYRIL TRUST

Once again the Annual Lunch at the Busketts Lawn Hotel in the New Forest proved to be a great success and with 29 present this was one of the best supported lunches so far. The setting for the hotel, the charming premises and the lunch itself all add up to one of the better events on the Old Farnhamians programme, and the usual first class organisation by Dudley Backhurst makes it a must for members in the South of England in particular.

1997 saw four new Old Boys at the dinner, being John Bateman, John Kite, Stan Armstrong and Chris Slyfield and the belated return to the dinner for John Mitchell (last attended 1974), Bill Bodkin (last attended 1989) and Peter Morice (last attended 1984). In addition the members greeted Kathleen Kimber, who has recently retired as the Principal of Farnham College after holding this position with great success since 1990. The meal was first class as always, and the wine donated by Peter Clark prepared those present for a nostalgic after dinner speech by Dudley Backhurst. He firstly read out the list of apologies and for one reason or another the following could not attend; Mike Horner, Roger Edgell, Alan Lovell, George Baxter, John Crowhurst, Dennis Phillips, John Vick, Roy Robins, Alan Ryall, Laurie Dowsett, Chris Nash, Cecil Hall and Tony Tubb.

It was pointed out by the speaker that over the thirty six Southampton dinners/lunches 110 Old Boys had attended on one occasion or more. David Horry had in fact attended every Annual Dinner at Farnham and every dinner/lunch at Southampton except the one directly after leaving the School in 1930. Our oldest living Old Boy Redvers Godsland has recently celebrated his 96th birthday and apparently is still well, living outside of Cowes on the Isle of Wight.

Dudley Backhurst based his main speech on life at the School during the 1940's period and he took those present on a tour of the school classroom by classroom and teacher by teacher. For every teacher there was some memory and the anecdotes came thick and fast. He clearly holds a wealth of information on his computer or in his head, and he reeled off many statistics of interest to the listeners.

Over his years at the School Dudley had presented four masters with retirement gifts from the pupils and this time he had the job of presenting a gift from the Old Farnhamians Association to Kathleen Kimber. He praised the former Principal for her record at the College and in particular for her support in bringing the College and the Association closer together. He finished by presenting a statue for the garden, which clearly pleased the recipient who intends spending more time in the garden in future. Kathleen Kimber thanked the Association for the gift and hoped that the partnership between the College and the Association will continue to flourish.

The next Southampton Lunch will be at the same venue on 21st October 1998.

Attending on 15th October 1997;

R.D. Short; D.E. Lampard; J.A. Bateman; G.D. Blunt; J.D. Backhurst; J.B. Kite; S.A. Armstrong; J.H. Crotty; P.B. Morice; J.E. Goddard; B.J. Daniels; K. Kimber; C.C.E. Slyfield; M.E.H. Sturt; P.J. Clark; P. Huntingford; E.F. Hunt; T. Tidd; G.W.S. Morris; D.C. Horry; A.J. Hall; J.S. Mitchell; A.D. Harland; W.F.A. Bodkin; D.A. Bowtell; K.I. Mentzel; B.E. Webberley; W.J. Luff; C.D. Trust.



After the Southampton lunch the Principal of Farnham College Kathleen Kimber, was presented with a garden statue from the old boys.

Here she shows off the gift with John Goddard beside her.



After another successful lunch in the New Forest, we can see Brian Daniels, Bill Bodkin, and Maurice Sturt indulging in some nostalgia.

THE FARNHAM LECTURE
(Report taken from the Farnham Herald)**13TH OCTOBER 1997****LIVING ON ONE'S WITS**

Jeremy Hardy calls himself a humourist rather than a comedian because there is less pressure on him to be funny, he said at the Farnham Lecture, held at Farnham College. But judging by the quality of the 'lecture' he could have billed himself as the hilariously witty Jeremy Hardy and no-one would have been disappointed.

Jeremy, a regular on Radio 4's The News Quiz, is a former student of the Farnham Grammar School and left 18 years ago - by which time the school had become a Sixth Form College. He was invited to speak by The Old Farnhamians Association, old boys from the Grammar School, as part of their Farnham 400 Trust Fund which organises an annual lecture.

And he admitted to feeling "a bit spooked" at returning to speak in front of an audience which included former school colleagues and teachers. The only preparation Jeremy did for the lecture was 15 minutes before the start when he asked if he could sit in the toilet to write some jokes. And apart from these few hastily scribbled notes, Jeremy was flying by the seat of his pants during the 90 minutes he was speaking and answering questions. John McLaughlin, the vice-principal during Jeremy's time at the Grammar School, introduced his former student and remembered how he had dazzled in school productions. "But he seems to have changed his name, in the programme for one of his review performances he was listed as Jeremy (Feel Like Making Love) Hardy. I think we knew he was destined for greatness."

Taking the microphone, Jeremy, who lived in Mychett while at the grammar school, said he was petrified of Mr McLaughlin until one incident involving a cup of chocolate. "There used to be a pupil who ran a tuck shop in the school, which I suppose you don't have now because the pupils just ring out for a pizza on their mobile phones. This boy always wore a waistcoat and blazer and I thought he was a petit bourgeois fascist, and just as he was shutting up shop one day, I lobbed half a cup of hot chocolate over him. I was sent to Mr McLaughlin's office where he carpeted me for showering the pupil with the drink - but I saw the glee and thanks on his face and I thought he's not so scary."

The title of the lecture was Living By One's Wits, a quality Jeremy (36) has shown throughout his 14 - year career. He has his own radio series, Jeremy Hardy Speaks to the Nation, he writes for The Guardian on Saturdays, and has been a guest on more than 50 radio and television series including Blackadder Goes Forth, Loose Talk and Just A Minute.

On Monday, he spoke about his career, sex, religion and politics, but it was his memories of the grammar school which were most enthusiastically received. He remembered his fourth year tutor 'Funky' Duncan Steel, now a Liberal Democrat town councillor, who was known for his flowered kipper ties. One teacher was so "appalling and dysfunctional" he did not recognise asthma: "He thought they should run two-and-a-half miles with a plastic bag over their heads." And he would not say what they used to call one female teacher who came across to the school when it merged with the Farnham Girl's Grammar School in 1973. Suffice to say that she was named after one of the major German war criminals, the main one in fact."

Jeremy spoke about radio “like doing a school play, only less professional” and television “it’s all about shirts, people are always holding shirts up front of you to see if it goes better with the set.” He said he was always happier on radio - even though he gets £200 a week for doing The News Quiz compared to the £15,000 a week Paul Merton gets for Have I Got News For You.” It was also easier to get away with things on radio, although he has been censored twice for remarks about Michael Portillo and Margaret Thatcher.

There were many questions for Jeremy from former teachers and contemporaries, all of whom seemed to have followed Jeremy’s career with interest. If ever Jeremy stumbled over the name of a teacher or a pupil, there was someone in the audience to remind him. At the end of the lecture, Jeremy was presented with a piece of pottery made by Caroline Richard as a part of her A-Level in ceramics, for which she was awarded an A Grade.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

JOHN CROTTY

At the Annual General Meeting of the Old Farnhamians Association held at the College on 5th February 1998 Brian Daniels was re-appointed President for the third year running. The remaining officers were re-appointed with the exception of Chris Slyfield who was retiring after 17 years as honorary treasurer, although he continues to serve as the association’s representative on the Farnham College Trustees and Corporation.

The President welcomed his successor, Stephen Pritchard, who left the school in 1976 and is a partner with accountants Sheen Stickland. Stephen’s other connection with his old school is through his wife Rachel, daughter of Paul French, the last headmaster of the school and first principal of Farnham College. Membership Secretary Tony Harland reported that the total of 300 members was an increase of two on the previous year. Reports of the various activities of the association were given by Maurice Sturt, Peter Mylles, Cyril Trust and Wally Walsh.

Chris Slyfield gave an account of the past year at Farnham College, emphasising the continuing academic success and sound financial base. Dudley Backhurst, organiser of the Old Boys Southampton luncheon, gave an account of the presentation of a garden statue to Kathleen Kimber to mark her retirement as principal of Farnham College.

The millennium was on the agenda for the first time and members were asked to consider means to celebrate the event. The secretary, John Crotty, reported that Farnham Castle had been booked for the 2000 Annual Dinner, which would take place on April 8th. This year’s dinner, he reminded the meeting, was on April 18th.

The meeting closed on a note of congratulations from George Baxter, who had been the headmaster for most of those present at the meeting. He was considerably cheered by the vitality of the association and put much of it down to the re-introduction and success of the ‘Farnhamian’ magazine.

EXTRACTS FROM THE FARNHAMIAN

CYRIL TRUST

Once again we have been able to put together items of interest from the many issues of the magazine during this century. We now take pieces from the original Sixth Form magazines, that were hand written, the original magazines from 1913 until 1973 and the photocopied sheets from 1975 until the early 1990's. There is still a wealth of information available from these many sources and we will certainly enter the next century with 'extracts from the Farnhamian'. It appears that the people of Farnham are also able to read some of the extracts as there have been two articles in the 'Farnham Herald' quoting from the 1997 edition.



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

1905 - 1907

THE EDITOR'S PAGE

January (1906)

I dare say some of my readers have been to 'skip' the page, for it has been one continual growl about the lack of contributions. But now, with the flaming border round this page and the two frogs grinning at me from across the way, I couldn't growl if I felt inclined to, which I don't. (ED. This refers to the drawings by the pupils around the margins of each page of the magazine.) The Sixth Form has at last woken up and has found that every one of them can do something for the Magazine. Contributions and sketches come in from all sides. The worst of it is that everyone is so modest. Every chap I asked told me he couldn't draw, but, when anyone has turned through the pages of this number, I am sure he won't agree with that. Now if only I could persuade my readers that they need not be so modest about their writing accomplishments as well, we should do better than ever. It brightens your editor up to get plenty of contributions, and makes him feel that he is not doing all the work himself.

January (1906)

THE EDITOR'S NOTES

In the short speech at the beginning of the term the Head reminded us that this was the last term in the Old School, and that he thought that we should subscribe together for something to mark the event. One school he knew had panelled a room with oak, but we had better decide for ourselves what we should do, and whether the different forms should unite or not. Of course, there were many suggestions, such as a stuffed Badger for the museum, or a new school clock or harmonium, to replace our antiquated articles. At first the Nobles decided to remain separate from the common herd, and the most-favoured proposition was a photo of the Head Master in the new Sixth Form Room. But Doggie had been so active in trying for a Rifle Range that it was finally agreed to subscribe for one all together, and a committee was formed for the business. Sir Bull-pup drew up a wonderful list of rules, and astonished us with the statement that it would cost at least 100. A more modest estimate - about 40 - has now been made, and we hope to get something towards it from the N.R.A. The old barn in the top corner of the grounds has been purchased, and is rapidly being fitted up.

May (1907)

REVIEW OF THE FOOTBALL SEASON

The Football Season that "comes from concluding" has been - everyone is agreed - the most successful for many years, and Captain Foster must be congratulated on the results of his year's efforts. Can anybody grumble at a record like the following:

PLAYED; 19	WON; 11	LOST; 6	DRAWN 2
GOALS FOR; 118	GOALS AGAINST; 52		

The great strength of the first XI has undoubtedly been the forwards; Cole, Bedbrook and Waller especially prominent in the goal getting department. The combination left something to be desired, especially after the loss of Jacky Hunt at Christmas. The halves were generally equal to the task of holding the opposition, Doggie - of course - being like a roaring lion in the centre. The backs were sometimes good, but more often rotten. A really good goalie was not found right through the season.

May (1907)**THE EDITOR'S NOTES**

The Nobles were greatly startled recently. It was a great shock, Ebden was taking them at French, and all was peaceful. Suddenly the door shot open, a smell of fifty breweries smote our nostrils, and we saw it. It hung on to the door handle for support, and inquired in a husky voice for Mr Priestley. Being directed where to find him, it vanished. Of course we were all very glad to see Mr Broadbent again. It seemed quite like old times to see him about the School. He did not stay long, however, but after shaking hands with the Nobles he remembered and inquiring tenderly after Keable, rolled off in the direction of the Station and the buildings in its vicinity and was gone.

June (1907)**THE EDITOR'S PAGES**

I have now been the Editor of the twenty-five Sixth Form Magazines that have been issued. It doesn't seem nearly four years since Mack started this Magazine, but it is so. Four years ought to be ample time to fix the Magazine so strongly that it will remain standing for many years to come. This number brings it up to its majority, I hope it will reach a century.

June (1907)**REVIEW OF THE FIRST XI CRICKET TEAM**

Mr J.F. Ebdon; The brainiest cricketer that has appeared for us since the days of Mack. Bowls equally well with either hand, and has a batting average of about 20. Slogs hard frightening the bowler by starting to run when he does. Never lets a ball pass his hands, which are to put it mildly rather well developed. Has played for Somerset, but doesn't brag about it.

June (1907)**THE EDITOR'S NOTES**

The Tanning Prize - a prize for the boy who gets most tanned during the Easter holidays has been started again this year, and has become world famous. Even the "Daily Pail" made a joke upon it, and the Evening News made the brainy remark that it was the first time "a tanning and a prize went together". Of course, everybody made up his mind to win the prize, and the Soap Trust had a bad fortnight of it. We hear that some competitors used "Sunlight" freely, but that may be a rumour. Dirt had an advantage of several years, and was our favourite. Six boys were chosen from each form, and then the masters - including Dr Brown", did the final judging. The victory of the Dog was a great surprise. However, it settled a point that has been doubtful for a long time. He must be "a black and tan terrier".

June (1907)**THE EDITOR'S NOTES**

An old custom has lately been revived in the School the idea of Form Captains. Each form below the Nobles now possess a Captain and a Vice, who are expected to keep their form in a decent state, and have certain privileges, such as the Merit Holiday, etc. The Nobles are 'all captains', and they take the Merit Holiday "en bloc".

1913 - 1919**April (1913)****Letter from Wilfred Miles (1898-1902)**

The Times of India, Bombay."Please write me a few lines and tell me about the School Magazine. I want to become a subscriber of course, and perhaps I can write something for you. The only thing I have by me at present is a couple of triolets, but as the theme is of the trifling amorous kind you may not consider them suitable.

April (1913)

Even the Preparatory Form has its quiet humorist. Adamson, listening to Curtis playing the piano the other day, and being told the piece was French, asked at the end: "Now, will you play it in English?"

July (1913)

H. Mack (1896-1905) Captain for the last five years of his time here and founder of the VI Form Gazette, was ordained in Halifax Parish Church on Trinity Sunday. He is enjoying his work very much. (ED). This Gazette was the forerunner of todays magazine).

July (1913)

After the Sixth Form Magazine was discontinued, the separate hand written copies were returned to the editors who had produced them. I have now in my possession a bound volume, consisting of fourteen numbers of the magazine. It is to me a very precious book, for every page is full of recollections. When I read in it, I can bring back to myself, as if it were but yesterday, the very happy life lived in the old school. JAMES KENDALL. (ED. I still hold this bound book for the Association and use it for annual magazine entries).

July (1914)

The Summer Term has been pretty much a repetition of what it was last year. We have been even freer from illness, the worst being a mere threat of mumps. The Senior and Junior Examinations kept us working, as deaf as we could make ourselves to the call of the Field. They passed and everybody duly simulated extreme mental exhaustion. The out of classroom activities have gone with a swing; they are reviewed in the several articlettes which follow.

July (1914)

Early in the term, the First Farnham (to which Troop belong most of the members of the School, who are Scouts), together with the other Troops of Farnham and Frensham, were present at Dorking at a Rally of over 2,000 Surrey Scouts, who were inspected by the Chief, General Sir. Robert Baden-Powell.

December (1914)

It is with regret that we announce the resignation of Mr Withinshaw as Editor of the Magazine. After the issue of the first number, he kindly consented to act as Editor, in the hope that the boys would be induced to make the Magazine their own by contributing articles and stories and managing the matter generally. But as it has not proved possible to do this, he thinks it is better to let someone else take his place.

August (1919)

The School House, with seven members of the first eleven, including both bowlers, have had matters pretty much their own way, and won all their games. There has not been much to choose between the others.

The 20's

January (1920)

The following new books have been added to the Library; Encyclopaedia of Sport, 4 vols. (presented by the Headmaster); A Yankee of King Arthur's Court; Snow Shoes and Canoes; Captain Cook; Wulnoth the Wanderer; Stories of Animals; The Sunken Submarine.

September (1920)

You will be pleased to hear that in February or March we are to have another visit from the Rev. A.R. Runnells - Moss, who delighted us all last February with the story of David Copperfield. This time the Headmaster proposes to ask for the story of Pickwick.

July (1922)

All "Farnhamians" will be glad to hear the recent appointment of Mr A H Smith as the first Mayor of Aldershot, for he is an Old Boy of the School. His two sons (one of whom lost his life for the country in the war) were also at the School. Mr Stroud well remembers Mr Smith as a boy in IVA, a quiet worker, specially good in mathematics.

July (1923)

The Cadet Corps is to be inspected on July 23rd, and points for the Inter-Platoon Competition awarded, by Major Haig-Brown. The "authorities" are very pleased that in spite of the withdrawal of the Government grant, we - unlike many other schools - are not disbanding, but carrying on, and maintaining our numbers.

July (1925)

On Monday, July 13th, a party of ardent cricketers, under the leadership of Messrs. Bacon and Kingcome, spent a delightful day at the Oval, where they saw the second day of the match between Lancashire and Surrey.

October (1928)

The Second Annual Dinner of the Old Farnhamians Association; Later in the evening the arrival of Mr Wm. Stroud, beloved by the great number of Old Boys who had had the privilege of being taught by him, was the signal for pandemonium to break loose. All joined in the singing of "For he's a jolly good fellow," and these hearty strains gave way to mighty cheers. When he could be heard, Mr Stroud, in his usual modest fashion, briefly returned thanks.

October (1928)

The general meeting was followed by a debate. Mr. F.O. Meddows Taylor moved, and Mr. J. Peters seconded, "That the Old Farnhamians' Association does not arouse as much interest as it should." The opposer was Mr. E. C. Patrick, and his seconder Mr. D.W. Blackmore. It was somewhat difficult to decide on which side a member spoke, but probably owing to telling speeches by Messrs. J.M. Taylor, A.T. F. Funnell and K.T. Mitchell, with the weighty support of the Chairman, and in spite of some vigorous criticisms by Mr. C.T. Stroud, the motion was lost by 17 votes to 3.

The 30's

March (1931)

The School held its third Annual Concert at the Church House, Farnham, on Thursday February 19th. Two performances were given: a matinee in the afternoon, at which the School attended en - masse, and an evening one for the parents and friends of the School. It had previously been arranged that the sole beneficiary should be the Playing Field Fund, and since the attendances were perfectly satisfactory, a substantial sum has been handed over to this Fund.

March (1934)

The Annual General Meeting of the Old Farnhamians Association was held at the School on Saturday, December 16th, the Headmaster (Mr. F.A. Morgan) in the chair. The meeting stood in silence as attribute of respect to the memory of C.J. Newman, who died on November 19th from injuries received on the football field.

December (1935)

Meteorological experts have declared that Wednesday, July 10th, was the hottest day of the summer, but despite the intense heat, this year's Sports Day saw three School records broken and another equalled. In only one direction was the rivalry not keen the Little Sisters' race not taking place owing to lack of competitors

July (1936)

P. Gardner continues his jumping successes. At the International Horse Show at Olympia, riding three ponies, he won the first and second prizes and was also third equal. In the Richmond Royal Horse Show jumping competitions for children he gained second place.

March (1937)

On November 20th Mr Morgan gave a talk on "Europe Today". He said that all the trouble in Europe was caused by intense nationalism resulting in trade barriers causing starvation and poverty. Improvement and reconstruction of the League to include all nations was essential to world peace. The probability of a war in the near future depended on the moral leadership of the big powers.

March (1938)

At the Old Farnhamians Association Annual Meeting Mr G.H. Bacon (hon. treasurer) reported that the membership was 382, as compared with 381 last year. There were 27 new members, and 26 had been struck off for various reasons. There were 23 life members. The statement of accounts for the year ending 30th November 1937, showed a balance in hand of 27 6s 1d.

July (1939)

Good times have been returned by R.R. Kirk (1932-37) at the A.A.A. Junior Championship Meetings this summer. On 3rd June at the Surrey meeting and on 17th June at the Southern Meeting he was first both in the 100 yards and in the 220 yards. On 1st July at the National Meeting he won the 220 yards and becomes English champion (under 19 years) for this distance.

The 40's

March (1940)

At their Annual General Meeting at the Grammar School last term, members of the Old Farnhamians' Association instructed the Treasurer (Mr.G.H.Bacon) to invest 135 from various accounts in Savings Certificates. It was decided to invest in the Certificates 25 from the Life Membership Account, 60 from the Memorial Field Fund, and 50 from the Income and Expenditure Account.

July (1940)

In case surprise should be expressed that the Farnhamian appears as usual at the end of the Summer Term, let it be said at once that our publication has been passed by those competent to judge. As for the future, it may be some time before the next issue appears, but every effort will be made to avoid too long an interval so that continuity of our records may be preserved.

December (1941)

Towards the end of the Summer Term we received a visit from Mr. Montague Butler, whose mission it is to stimulate interest in Esperanto. Two lectures were given one to a Middle School audience and the other to younger boys, who were induced to sing a round in their newly acquired language. An enjoyable and refreshing event.

December (1945)

We have to announce with regret the death of yet another emeritus member of the Staff, Dr. George Brown died on the 31st October. Only a few days before he was seen walking about as usual, but age took its toll. He would have been ninety one in December. From January 1893, to December, 1919, the School was honoured by having such a distinguished chemist among its masters, and even such a lengthy retirement as his, was not sufficient to dim the memory of him. Indeed it has been preserved and will be perpetuated by the "Dr. George Brown" prize.

July (1946)

At the Surrey Secondary School Athletic Meeting held at Imber Court, Monday, 17th June, the School suffered complete eclipse in a competition which they once won for two successive years. No points were obtained. Mention should be made of R.A. Donald who was second in his heat of the 100 Yards Hurdles (Open).

December (1946)

Headmaster's Address Remembrance Day, November 11th 1946; In the First World War, 70 boys of this School and one master perished while serving their King and Country. In this last war, 60 laid down their lives. Thus in the two wars 130 of our boys went out, never to return. I do not know whether you are like me, but statistics raise no spark in my mind. Yet, when I look at you here assembled, and think of nearly half of you mown down, as it were, by a pitiless scythe, then I can see and feel what these figures mean.

December (1949)

After a very long war time holiday the School has been repainted and made more pleasing to the eye, for which we are grateful. But the same old buildings had to accommodate 342 boys at the beginning of the term! The promised new canteen would ease the pressure a little. Will it come, or are we to be balked by a crisis for the fourth time in twenty years?

The 50's**July (1953)**

The great event overshadowing all others in the last two terms has been, of course, the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II, and we renew our heart felt wishes of peace and prosperity for her reign. The School has commemorated this event not only by three days' holiday, which enabled many to witness the Coronation service and processions, but also by the issue of souvenir mugs, by a School visit to the film, "A Queen is Crowned", at a local cinema, and the participation of a School choir in the Offering of Music at Farnham Parish Church in celebration of the Coronation.

December (1955)

The School Library is now nearing completion; the structural work and the book shelves are finished and the biology room next to it is now in use. The custom now growing up of book gifts from leavers has meant a fine accession of new volumes.

December (1956)

The Old Farnhamians' Association held their first dance for several years at the Memorial Hall, Farnham, on Friday, November 9th, and the success of the function prompted the hope that the event will become an annual one. The Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst, dance band provided the music, and Mr. Peter Clark was Master of Ceremonies. There was an attendance of about 150, including Mr. George Baxter, president of the Old Farnhamians' Association and headmaster of the School. Those present were delighted to see and talk over old times with Mr. W.F. (Bill) Wickens, who was, until a few years ago, gymnastics instructor at the School.

July (1957)

A singular honour was enjoyed by Derek Pollard when he carried the national scout colour in the march past the Queen at the annual service in St. George's Chapel, Windsor, attended by 1,000 gallantry award holders and Queen's Scouts, on April 28th. This year Surrey provided the colour party and there was naturally keen competition to secure the great honour of carrying the national colour before the Queen and television and newsreel cameras.

December (1957)

The Old Farnhamians reserve football side, under the captaincy of J.H. Crotty, are competing in the Farnham League, Division 1. So far they have been singularly unsuccessful, mainly because team changes have been constantly necessary. The defence has been fairly settled; lack of forwards has been the chief trouble. Though their material success has been very slight, the team have nevertheless played some thoroughly enjoyable games this season. Mr. P.C. Warner, chairman of the Farnham League Council, said recently that the reserve team's sportsmanship was second to none.

December (1958)

The School was honoured in November by the visit of Mike Hawthorn, world champion racing driver. He was introduced by C.W. Williams, F.U.D.C. chairman, who said that Farnham was proud of the success of one of their citizens and that the boys of the School would look back in years to come to the visit as a red letter day in their lives. Mike Hawthorn addressed the School briefly on the rules of road safety to be observed by road users, "Respect others and take no risks" he summarised.

The 60's

July (1962)

The footballer of the year cup was awarded to J.A. Lydon who scored 37 goals for the school in the season. Quite a number of players will be leaving this year, and a new team will have to be built up. But it is gratifying to know that Foster and Ivey are going on an F.A. Course at the beginning of the season and we will be ready to use their ideas.

December (1963)

The first plays to be performed on the new stage were given on 14th December, under the production of Mr. Leuchars. Senior boys performed "The Bet" by Miles Malleon and juniors "The Crimson Coconut" by Ian Hay. They were a great success and give a foretaste of what we may expect from a full scale production; this must wait until all the necessary stage equipment is acquired and installed.

December (1963)

The Second Annual Old Farnhamians Dinner held in Southampton took place on Friday, 29th November, 1963, at the Dolphin Hotel, Southampton. Fifteen Old Boys attended, together with five former masters, G.A. Ashton, G.H. Bacon, R. Beesley, E. Munton and R.B. Vary. Dr. J.D. Backhurst proposed the health of the guests and Mr. Bacon responded.

July (1965)

The Metalwork Section has now completed its second school year, during which time the Metal Mutilators have more or less successfully Turned, Tortured, Twisted, Bent and Bewildered many pieces of innocent metal. Some 600 articles were completed or completely wrecked during the period.

March (1966)

In last year's Oxford and Cambridge exam in "Use of English" which all the second year sixth take in their stride, thirty three out of the thirty seven candidates were successful.

December (1967)

The School Council was introduced over a year ago, with great expectations for the future, but, unfortunately, it appears to be arousing less and less interest and enthusiasm from both the School in general and, worse, from the Council members. Perhaps the Chairman should encourage more comment from the floor; but at the moment it is not always a responsible enough body to be taken seriously.

July (1968)

The last issue met with a mixed reception. Chief among the criticisms was that it was changing too much, too quickly, and that it too heavily reflected the committee's viewpoint. We welcome criticism, but the question of change is one which needs an explanation.

Trends are changing, loyalty to Country, School and House is falling off. There is no sense in portraying a false picture in the magazine; our function, after all, is to reflect opinion and attitudes. So, however sorry many are to see these changes and we agree with them up to a point - they cannot deny their existence by turning a blind eye to them. It is not our intention to destroy the entire establishment; there is good in the old well worth preserving and our policy is to integrate this into the modern, fast moving idiom.

The 70's

July (1971)

The Hockey season started badly with three of the first four games being lost, and it seemed that the only team we were going to beat with any ease was the Girls' School. Morale was soon restored to a very high level, though, with the advent of brand new red and black quartered shirts. In these it seemed that we were going to be unbeatable, and whatever the team lacked in technical skill was easily made up by the tremendous hard running and constant tackling by all the team members.

July (1972)

In anticipation of the girls attending the college the following was included under the title "Roll on '73'; The late list will quickly lose members"...a strong aroma of thick nail varnish hanging over the deserted corridors, and soot covered girls walking out of the chemistry lab." More school stodge around as all the girls will be dieting""I rather look forward to being squashed in the overcrowded corridors."

December (1972)

The West Surrey College of Art and Design were contemplating publishing a biography of the school and town's most famous architect, Harold Falkner, F.R.I.B.A. He attended the school in West Street and was a brilliant scholar under the famous headmaster, Charles Stroud, and gained his appreciation of art from Herbert Allen, the visiting art master. In 1890 Falkner carried off prizes for book-keeping, Euclid, drawing and English. He was articulated to Sir Reginald Blomfield and was an official, with another Old Boy, C.E. Borelli (1880-87), at the first sports day at the new Morley Road school in 1906.

June (1975)

At the annual general meeting of the Old Farnhamians Association, Membership Secretary D.R. Garrett reported that the membership was over 300. The new president of the association was elected and Dr L.L. Stroud became the first Old Farnhamian to hold this position. In the past this position had been held by the headmaster at the time.

June (1975)

Hundreds of Old Farnhamians will regret another break with tradition. The 1st Farnham (Grammar School) Scout Troop is disbanded - and it had a close link with the origin of the world wide movement. Sir Arthur Pearson invited Colonel Sir Robert Baden Powell, leader of the famous siege of Mafeking in the 2nd Boer War, to his home, Frensham Vale, in 1906, and as a result the first scout camp was held on Brownsea Island the next year.

March (1979)

The long awaited shoulder to shoulder match between the Old Farnhamians' Rifle Club and Aldershot Rifle Club took place on Sunday, 25th February, at the 25 yard indoor range at Farnham Sixth Form College. The main match was hotly contested and resulted in a win for the Aldershot team by a narrow margin of four points, 953 to 949 (out of a total of 1,000)

The Old Farnhamians won the day disc and skirmisher competitions in an effort to redress the balance; however, Aldershot pulled back another narrow victory in a snap shooting competition by 12 hits to 11.

OLD FARNHAMIAN ASSOCIATION
ACCOUNTS YEAR ENDED 30TH NOVEMBER 1997

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	1997	1996		1997	1996
	£	£		£	£
CURRENT ACCOUNT					
Opening Balance	3725.10	3226.92			
History Sales	11.50	37.50	The Farnhamian	680.00	1020.39
Life Memberships	50.00	150.00	Farnhamian Adverts	(120.00)	(390.00)
Annual Dinner Profit	50.51	237.67			
Sale of Ties	72.00	105.00	Post & Stationery	112.15	90.79
Subs & Donations	625.50	658.00	Flowers & Gifts	70.00	35.00
Interest Received	54.46	95.75	Meeting Expenses	18.42	29.56
Halifax Shares	1596.51	-	Closing Balance	5425.01	3725.10
	6185.58	4510.84		6185.58	4510.84

PERPETUITY ACCOUNT

Opening Balance	634.39	617.10			
Interest Received	8.59	17.29	Closing Balance	642.98	634.39
	642.98	634.39		642.98	634.39

COLLEGE ACCOUNT

Opening Balance	870.93	847.21			
Interest Received	11.79	23.27	Closing Balance	882.72	870.93
	882.72	870.93		882.72	870.93

HISTORY PROJECT ACCOUNT

Opening Balance	161.30	159.93			
Interest Received	0.45	1.37	Closing Balance	161.75	161.30
	161.75	161.30		161.75	161.30

LIFE MEMBERSHIP ACCOUNT

Opening Balance	2800.43	2717.94			
Interest Received	44.12	82.49	Closing Balance	2844.55	2800.43
	2844.55	2800.43		2844.55	2800.43

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

RJ Paynter F.C.A.
 Honorary Auditor

C.C.E Slyfield F.C.A.
 Honorary Treasurer

MEMORABLE MAYORAL MOMENTS**CHRIS SLYFIELD****(Chris Slyfield was Mayor of Godalming from May 1996-May 1997)**

I attended Farnham Grammar School from 1955 to 1962 and served as Treasurer of the Old Farnhamians' Association from 1981 to 1997. Currently I serve as one of the Foundation Governors, appointed by the Old Farnhamians Association, on the Board of the Farnham College. As a Guildford boy, I had the dubious pleasure of crossing the "Hogs Back" twice a day on the No.31 bus, run by a company affectionately known to us at the time as the "The have a shot and risk it"!(Aldershot & District) hope you get it. One wonders what the present day pupils make of the name "Stagecoach"?

In 1967, at the age of 23, I married Jenny Lloyd who lived in Onslow Village, Guildford, and like many of us I suppose I can thank my old school mates for the introduction! They could not have made a better choice. A year later we moved the seven miles to the market town of Godalming, the town that we have grown to love. It was a wool town, the first to have electric street lights in the world and one of the last to hold a public hanging! Its most prominent son is General James Oglethorpe, founder of the colony of Georgia in America, and this leads me to one of the most important of the 320 engagements that we attended during the mayoral year.

October 1996 was the Tercentenary Anniversary of the birth of James Oglethorpe and to mark the occasion a delegation came from America, headed by the Hon. Zel Miller, the Governor of the State of Georgia. During the visit a large cast iron plaque was unveiled on the wall of Godalming Museum in the presence of our local M.P. Virginia Bottomley. The previous day she had hosted a special welcome for the visitors at the House of Commons.

The Godalming Mayor is selected from 24 Town Councillors by a committee of past mayors plus 3 of the newer councillors, and he serves as mayor for one year. The election takes place at the February Quarterly meeting of the Council and the "Mayor Making" takes place at the May Quarterly Meeting. By tradition the candidate is usually a long serving councillor, at least in his second term of office (a term is four years). I was first elected in 1990 and it was a great honour, although I began my role with some trepidation. I now look back on the year with great pride and we have now moved to the position of Deputy Mayor and Mayoress, so that we are still involved when the current Mayor is double booked.

The highlight of the year was meeting the Queen and Prince Philip, when they came to Godalming to open the new sports complex at Charterhouse School in February 1997. We were the first Godalming Mayor and Mayoress to meet the Queen in 23 years. Not only was a new suit needed, but a limousine with a newly acquired pennant, bearing the town crest, flying on the bonnet. Not only did we both shake hands with the royal couple, but they actually spoke to us. The Queen asked "Why are there two mayors in the line ?" I explained that I was the Godalming Town Mayor and the other lady was the Mayor of Waverley - to which the Duke quipped "So that's your big sister up the line then!" The Waverley Mayor heard this and afterwards at functions we would address each other as "Little Bruv" and "Big Sis" (when it was appropriate of course).

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At the end of the visit there must have been at least 200 people in the foyer and the Duke walked over to Jenny, having just left the swimming pool area, and said to her with a big smile on his face "I suppose you will be in there for a swim as soon as we have gone?" I had heard of his humorous quips and they do help to make one feel at ease.

I have already mentioned the 300 plus engagements in the year, but there must have been more than 20 Christmas Dinners in December as well as all the civic banquets, Rotary, Round Table and Lion's Club dinners. Some days we had three main meals and others we existed on finger buffets - not a balanced diet. The longest day was 1st May 1997, the day of the General Election.

On this day the Mayor and Mayoress attend at the rising of the sun with local Morris Men at the top of a hill called Hydons Ball, which is miles from anywhere. We were up at 3.00 am and left home with a compulsory half bottle of Scotch in the Mayoress's handbag to be used in the loving cup. After our encounter with the Morris Men we had a massive breakfast at a local pub - including black pudding. At 10.45 am we opened an Art Exhibition displaying work by local handicapped groups. At 2.30 pm we attended Farncombe Railway Station in a horse drawn carriage (in full robes - remember how hot Election Day was?) for a centenary blessing by the local vicar. We then had a brief rest early evening before attending the election count from midnight. And so to bed at 4.00 am with the pretty certain knowledge that there had been a change in Government.

Looking back neither of us would have missed the honour that was bestowed upon us, We still have to get all our press cuttings and photographs in the scrap book and when I saw that the local paper had used a photo of Jenny, taken at a charity "Teddy Bears Picnic" at a local nursery school, as the centre piece of their full page review of the 1996 year it was yet another lump in the throat and a tear in the eye. I understand that such emotion is an occupational hazard for all mayors, unless you are made of cast iron - which I am definitely not. We tried to do what we could for many deserving causes during the twelve months and our only question is "Did we do enough for everyone or could we have helped people more?"

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FIRST IMPRESSIONS**SALLY FRANCIS****(New Principal at Farnham College)**

A decade ago, I knew Farnham as an occasional visitor, regarding the town fondly, rather as one would a grand, slightly intimidating, distant aunt. I would drift down Folly Hill into Castle Street in the expectation of one of the finest town views in England. I would trawl the small, interesting shops for unusual prizes, then Farnham would give me afternoon tea before packing me off, back to brash and sprawling, upstart Basingstoke which I tolerated for the satisfaction of work in its sixth form college.

Hampshire colleagues proudly kept themselves to themselves, so I had few professional contacts with Surrey, but I knew that Farnham had a small sixth form college. Never having crossed the cordon sanitaire of the A31 to the south of town, I imagined the college centrally sited, tucked away behind a Georgian facade.

I left the South-East for a nine year sojourn in Shropshire. Shrewsbury's sixth form college was also a former boys' grammar school, successfully transformed into the centre for sixth form education in the town, and similarly absorbed into the Further Education sector. In regional terms Shrewsbury is on the fringes of the West Midlands; in practice, the sixth form college draws its students from the town and the local rural area, just as Farnham College does.

A return south was not in my plans; I was not keen to retrace my steps. Farnham was not quite on my former career track, neither was it entirely uncharted territory. Curiosity got the better of me.

My first surprise was the location of the College within luxurious acres of green playing fields in an attractive residential suburb. A tour of the site revealed a handsome older building, a functional 60's block and substantial new premises, on a variety of levels, interspersed with healthy shrubs and leafy horsechestnuts. Well-maintained, spacious accommodation for classes and specialist facilities in each block created a very favourable impression - but what most attracted me was the demeanour of everyone I met. I spoke to students who had the confidence to look me in the eye while they cheerfully told me why they liked being at Farnham. Mutual respect underpinned everything staff and students had to say about each other. I was made to feel welcome and at ease.

Since I joined the College in September I have felt the warmth of that welcome repeatedly from the many individuals I have met and the numerous groups they represent. My second surprise has been to find in Farnham a town with an identity and a sense of belonging which people work hard to foster. This work is carried out by a wide variety of organisations and the College plays its part in many of them. We are represented in business and civic organisations; we meet with local police and residence groups; we have partnerships with local and Surrey-wide educational bodies.

The College benefits from the affection in which it is held locally, not least in the memory of its former pupils and students. My previous post in Shrewsbury gave me some familiarity with the loyalty of alumni, but the vigour of the Old Farnhamians Association is yet another surprise. It is good to see the strength of companionship, not only evident in the numbers attending the Annual Dinner, but harnessed in support of conservation projects such as the refurbishment of the College clock, and in events such as the Farnham 400 Trust Annual Lecture which provides the opportunity to air challenging and thought provoking views.

The College operates in a different environment from the world as it was for those who attended the school. In recent years the College has become more outward looking and more inclusive, seeking to meet the needs of a wide variety of students, adults as well as sixth formers. We have to prepare students for a changing world in which new skills and flexible approaches will be valued, where they will have many choices and will need confidence in their ability to make judgements between options. I hope the Old Farnhamians, as a body and as individuals, will continue to cherish the College and support us as we adapt and shape the experience of successive generations of students. I look forward to many prosperous and productive years ahead in our continuing relationship.

Sally Francis - May 1998



Sally Francis B.Sc., M.A. was the Deputy Principal of Shrewsbury Sixth Form College prior to taking up her new position at Farnham College. Before that she was at Queen Mary's College at Basingstoke. Her specialist teaching subjects are chemistry and sociology.

On behalf of the Association and Old Boys everywhere I would like to wish the new Principal every success and I am certain that our old school is in good hands as we near the end of this century.

[EDITOR]

Jonathan Porritt, the renowned environmentalist, will give the next Annual Lecture organised by the Farnham 400 Trust on Wednesday 21st October 1998.

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LETTERS FROM THE FRONT DURING THE FIRST WORLD WAR CYRIL TRUST

I have only recently received some early copies of the magazine which include various letters from Old Boys who were in France during the 1914-1918 War. Whilst they were living in dreadful conditions and under the constant threat of the enemy it is quite remarkable how they retain the link with the Farnham Grammar School. It is worth repeating some of these letters over eighty years after they first appeared in print.

“Dear Sir,

Many thanks indeed for the parcel and cigarettes which I received last night. It is quite certain that you have taken expert advice as regards the contents. Every single thing will be most useful, and such things are either too hard to get or the price is too high.

The town in which I am billeted is indeed a sight which people at home cannot imagine. At intervals along the street whole houses have been blown to atoms, and in the town there is hardly one unbroken window. As to the Church about half the tower is standing; the interior is one mass of debris, and about two of the beautiful stained glass windows are remaining. It is curious that throughout the town very few of the images have been damaged.

The trenches are about three or four miles ahead, and every day we see the poor fellows as they return. This is another of the awful sights of the war to see their pinched and drawn faces and their ragged and unkempt appearance. They soon recover after a wash and clean up, but the drawn look cannot be washed away.

Our Squadron are the Divisional Cavalry of the 28th. Div., but until the beginning of this week we had done no actual work beyond exercising our horses. Now seven of us are acting as auxiliaries to the M.M.P. of this town, so we are having an easy time. Our only drawback is that the cavalry barracks where we are billeted have suffered with the rest of the town, the result being that when it rained last night my only pair of boots was saturated with the drippings from one of the holes in the roof.

Curiously enough I have not met a single old Farnham boy either at camp or out here. Perhaps you could let me know of any I am likely to meet here.”

(This letter was from Trooper F.H. Tomlin)

“My Dear Head,

I was delighted to hear from you. Your big parcel was a treat. Everything was very useful, and the tobacco evidently your own special was an excellent smoke.

I think you are right in saying that people at home don't realise the ravages of this war. The village we are entrenched around is abandoned but for us. It has been a spa, but there is nothing of value in it, and nearly every house has been struck by shell fire.

I have had one or two near things myself, but it is only to be expected.

In this Division each Regiment goes into the trenches for 4 days and then rests 4 days in billets. We have just finished our four days in and had 12 casualties. Rather more than usual, as at present no serious attacking is being made.

The Germans beat us in the star shells they use at night. These things are powerful and illuminate every thing for a tremendous area. We all have to "lie doggo" if we are not under cover. It is difficult to describe the trenches. Since my last letter we have gone into another part of the firing line. As the country is comparatively flat it is impossible to drain the water, so every trench is quite ankle deep. Boards have to be put down and then replaced when they sink in. We are using the trenches the enemy made.

The shells we get over from the Germans measure 7 inches across. Rather nasty hiss after them. They shelled us for two solid hours one day. We did have a time. With care we only had 3 casualties, but several noses and ears bled from concussion.

I feel almost an old campaigner. We have been out here nearly 5 months, and in the firing line over 3 months. The boat that brought us out was sunk by submarine the other day."

(This letter from Jack May, H.A.C. somewhere in France)

"Dear Head,

I am writing to thank you and all the Farnham fellows for the fine parcel which arrived quite safely almost a fortnight ago. I started to reply to your letter on the same day, but we were suddenly called up to the trenches.

We have now been in the trenches several times and are at present resting and recuperating on a fine large farm some miles back from the line. Well most of us out here somehow don't feel as though we want to describe the trenches until we have finished with them for good. We have had several casualties, and the bad weather has knocked up a lot of us. The trenches are very exciting, needless to say, and they are apt to spoil your clothes. The regulars out here take things very philosophically, just as they come, and most of the regiments have had a pretty rough time. They treat us jolly fine and seem to think well of the "Terriers" in general.

The star-shells make night almost like day, and it is when you are leaving or going to the trenches that you suffer casualties, not so much when you are actually in them. Most of the regulars say the Boer War was a picnic to this."

(This letter from Rifleman Harry Dawe)

"Dear Head,

I was very pleased to get your kind letter and good wishes and am glad to be able to say that both my cousins and myself are in excellent health and spirits. We have not yet seen any action and are at present billeted on a farm in northern France. Our hardships are not great, the worst being the weather, which is not only trying for the men, but for the horses, who have been tethered in the open, and have, in many cases, had various complaints, but we have built some stables for them with the aid of poles lashed together, with a straw thatched roof, which certainly makes quite a good protection from rain and wind.

It is very good of you to suggest sending comforts out to us, and I think "bacca" and cigarettes are most acceptable, as we do not appreciate the French stuff, which by the way is also very difficult to obtain".

(This letter from Charles T Halford - Essex Yeomanry)



Eric Munton

PROFILE OF ERIC MUNTON**1927 - 1960**

Eric Munton was born in July 1898 in Northampton, where his father was a wholesale grocer and Eric would accompany his father on their pony and trap when delivering the groceries. He attended Northampton Grammar School and in 1917 won a scholarship in Mathematics to Worcester College, Oxford. Prior to starting his career he served eighteen months in the Armed Forces, firstly with the Honourable Artillery Company and then in France with the Royal Engineers.

On leaving the Army in 1919 he went to Oxford to read Mathematics - sitting Honour Mods and Finals some three years later. During his time at University he coxed the Worcester second boat and in 1924 obtained his Master of Arts. On leaving he joined Lever Brothers for a short time and then turned to teaching at Worthing High School. During this period he also suffered a long illness.

In 1927 he moved to Farnham as Senior Mathematics Master for the Grammar School, a post that he held for 33 years. During his days at Morley Road he held the position of Assistant Head from 1949 until his retirement in 1960. His term in this position was initially under Frank Morgan and then under George Baxter. Whilst at the School he edited the 'Farnhamian' magazine for many years and supported the Old Farnhamian Association. He attended many annual dinners in Farnham and the first nineteen dinners held at Southampton. He enjoyed the latter, as he would be there with one of his former pupils Dr L.J. Stroud, who later became the Chairman of the Governors at Farnham College. The first Southampton Dinner that he missed was the 20th - the day of his funeral.

Eric Munton married in 1929 at Putney and on moving to Farnham lived for almost fifty years at Firgrove Hill. His wife, Elsie, died in 1956 and four years later Eric Munton retired.

He had become a Catholic in his younger days and as such he became involved in many activities allied to the religion. He was involved in the Catholic Social Service for Prisoners and was a member of the St. Vincent de Paul Society visiting the sick in hospital. He played a part in the early days of the Farnham Christian Council and was both president and secretary over the years for the West Surrey Circle of the Catenian Association.

His son went to Downing College, Cambridge and eventually was ordained to the Catholic priesthood and joined the teaching order of the Congregation of Josephites. In 1966 Father John Walter Munton began teaching at St Georges College, Weybridge.

Eric Munton moved to Cobham in 1978 and enjoyed reading, gardening and listening to music. He especially enjoyed orchestral and choral music, but he had a special interest in music for the piano, particularly the sonatas of Beethoven.

In May 1981 he became ill and moved into hospital at Sunbury-on-Thames where he died on October 9th.

Eric Munton was a lover of Mathematics and whether it was Algebra, Geometry or Arithmetic he was acknowledged as a great teacher of this subject. He was an important member of that 'Morgan Team' and these words from L.J. Stroud say it all." We mourn his death and recognise him as a man of great integrity, rich in his many talents and virtues. With the flowers sent by the OFA to his funeral there were attached the words, 'With pride and gratitude,' which summarise our feelings towards Eric Munton."



Stanley Owen

A PROFILE OF STANLEY OWEN

1960 - 1973

Stanley Owen was born in Ashford, Kent in 1924. Although his schooldays at the local grammar school were interrupted by the war and evacuation to Witney, he finally went to Bristol University in 1942 with a science bursary. As a condition of his call-up deferment he was required to join the University's Senior Training Corps (Army) and attend weekly parades and annual continuous training. He gained his colours for hockey and also represented Southern Universities and the West of England.

During the war science graduates had the option of volunteering for whichever service was recruiting at the time or of being directed into industry. In 1944 it was the turn of the Navy and he was soon reporting to Portsmouth to begin training as a radar officer in the RNVR. The following year he was posted to Australia and the Brisbane Port Radio Base and was there for VE and VJ Days. Soon afterwards he joined HMS RameHead and sailed for Hong Kong and then on to Japan, where he visited Hiroshima.

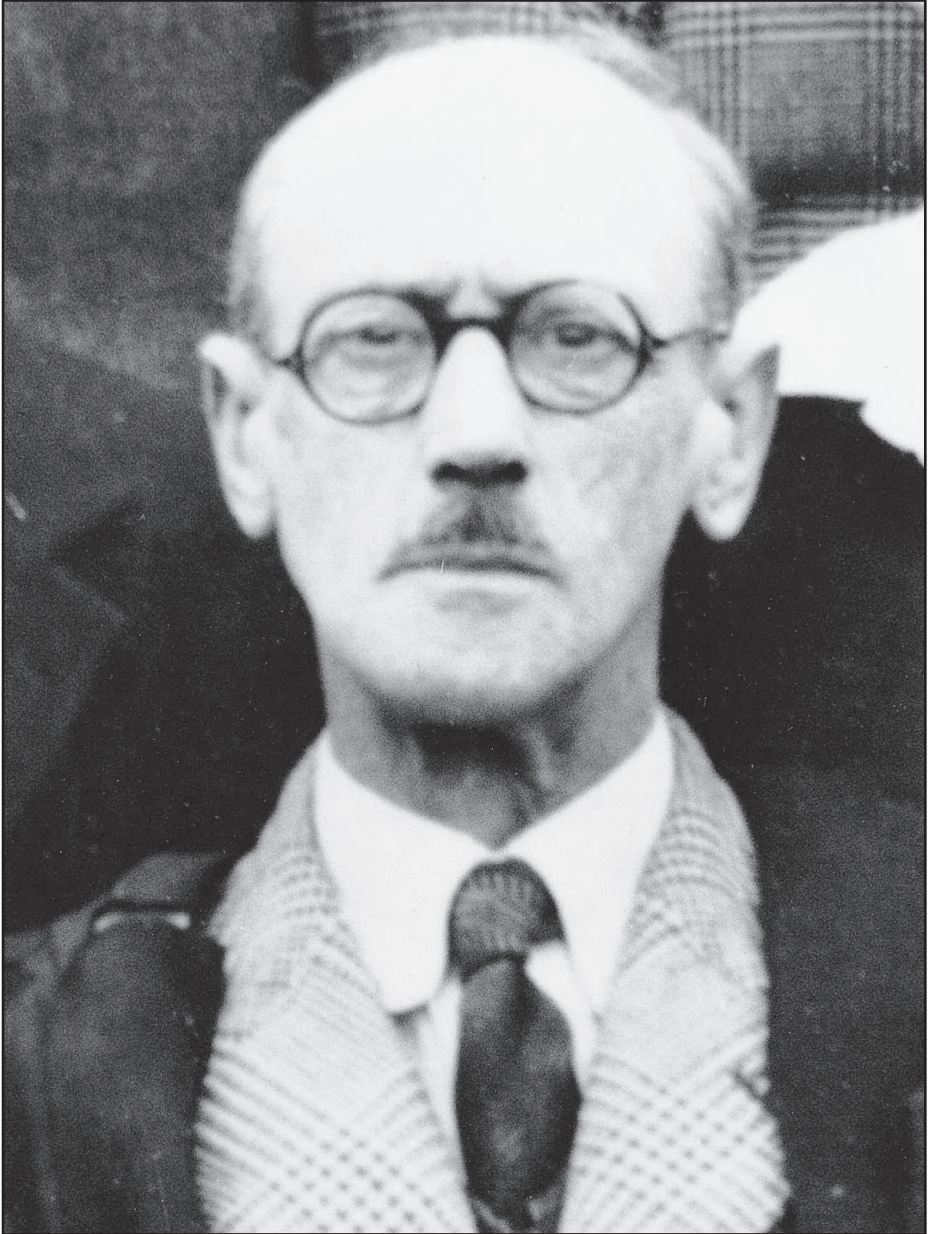
He returned home with HMS RameHead and then back to Bristol to take a Diploma in Education. His first teaching post was at Isleworth Grammar School and then on to Maidstone and Kingswood near Bristol. In 1949 he married his wife Gaye who also came from Ashford and they discovered Farnham during journeys between Bristol and Ashford. He liked Farnham and one of his colleagues at Kingswood was Julia Beeken. As a result he also knew Harold and Sylvia Beeken, and when a vacancy arose at Farnham Grammar School in 1960 he did not hesitate to apply for the post.

The 60's were interesting times for science education. Farnham had new laboratories and the Nuffield Science Projects provided funds for new apparatus as well as developing a new approach to science teaching. Farnham was one of the first schools in Surrey to be authorised to experiment with radio-active sources (but he still used apparatus designed by Stanley Lock and marketed by Philip Harris). Farnham was one of two Surrey schools invited to join the Nuffield 'A' level Physical Science Project. The other school was the Guildford Grammar School and Stanley was told that these two schools were chosen because they were the only two where the chemists and the physicists talked to each other!

He has many pleasant memories of life at Farnham, including serving in the C.C.F. with Cyril Rundle and Alan Fordham. Roger Costin and Stanley led the first school trip on the Nevasa. He became involved in the drama group and arranged the stage lighting for various presentations, including 'The Happy Prince' at St Andrew's Church for the Farnham Festival. Sons Howard and Matthew both attended the School, having first been taught by Sylvia Beeken and Pearl Larby at Miss Murrell's school.

In 1974 he joined the Associated Examining Board and became Head of the Education Division which was responsible for all of the subject departments. He visited schools in Malawi and Hong Kong as well as in this country and was surprised to find his Malawi report was still compulsory reading in that country five years later. He also attended several international conferences on educational assessment. He has served on a quango for science and technology. The development of the GCSE and the establishment of the Southern Examining Group was very time consuming and his final appointment was as Organising Secretary of the SEG.

Stanley Owen says he is content to follow events from the safe distance of retirement.



'Johnny' Horner

PROFILE OF 'JOHNNY' HORNER**1920 - 1950**

If one tries to recall all of the great masters of the Farnham Grammar School during this century it is impossible to do this without including S.D.M. Horner (Johnny to the pupils). For thirty years he served the School, starting on the staff of Captain J.R. Stickland and finishing on the staff of Frank Morgan, and during this time he became somewhat of a legend at Morley Road.

Searching the old 'Farnhamian' magazines throws little light on his early life and career and much of this profile is from a few articles in the magazines and information offered by former pupils.

It is clear that he served in the First World War and received severe wounds during one of the many battles. He was left for dead for several days and although he survived the campaign he suffered from his injuries for the rest of his life. He came to the School in 1920 with a BA in Latin and French and during his career at Farnham taught these subjects, plus English Literature and Religion. In 1927 it is recorded that he became Chairman of the School Dramatic Society and for many years he was a successful housemaster for Morley.

'Johnny' Horner was a shy man in reality, but he had a sense of humour and many old pupils tell of his funny stories. John Maxwell Aylwin, when writing his obituary for the magazine in 1980, tells of the letter of congratulations that he received from Mr Horner, when he was elected President of the Old Farnhamians Association. On opening the letter he found that it was written in Latin and of course he was unable to read it. He also had difficulty in finding someone to translate it and never really understood the content in full.

Many pupils will remember that as he grew older Mr Horner grew more eccentric and we all have memories of him sitting on the window sill and throwing pieces of chalk at some unsuspecting boy whose attention wandered from the lesson. If really pushed he would discipline the culprit with a few smacks of a plimsoll, a cricket bat and on some occasion a spiked running shoe (Ouch!). He was known as a dedicated teacher and whilst at the school he would take on any project with great determination and complete it to the best of his considerable ability.

For a shy man he achieved great popularity at the Farnham Grammar School and on his retirement in 1950 he received his presentations from the boys and the staff at a full assembly of the School. At this moving ceremony Mr Horner revealed how close to his heart was the welfare of the School, and told those assembled that they should be aware of the magnificent school motto, which should be a treasured possession.

As he grew older in retirement his health began to fail and he went from one nursing home to another. Finally he spent his last days at a home in Ashted in Surrey, and there he died at 8.30 pm on Monday 26th November 1979 at the wonderful age of 93 years.

To his pupils he was known as 'Johnny' and to his friends he was 'David'. He was another of those wonderful masters who will always be a part of the School and who influenced so many boys over so many years.



Wendell Evans

PROFILE OF WENDELL EVANS**1947 - 1957**

Wendell Evans was born in Trevor, North Wales in 1917, but moved to Ealing in West London when his father, who was a civil servant, was transferred there after the First World War. He attended the Ealing Grammar School and from there won a place at University College, London, with the intention of entering the teaching profession. Owing to the Second World War the college was evacuated to Aberystwyth, but regulations allowed him to complete his degree course, but not, as he had planned, to take up his place at the Institute of Education until after his demob.

After serving in the Royal Artillery and the Education Corps he completed his delayed diploma year. In 1947 he took up his first teaching appointment at Farnham Grammar School teaching Geography. He joined Harding House and as he was a keen boxer in his early years he enjoyed coaching and encouraging the boys in their many successes. He also played a very active part in the Combined Cadet Force and enjoyed the weekly meetings and the field expeditions.

At Christmas 1947 he left the Farnham Area and took up a post as a head of department at a bi-lateral school at Westgate, Sussex. He had been a popular and respected teacher at the Farnham Grammar School and he was presented with a shooting-stick at the end of term assembly. This move was to gain experience of the then changing education system in this country.

In 1962 he was seconded to Singapore, where he opened the newly built Royal Air Force mixed school in Seletan. Here he was their first Headmaster and the pupils were from Seletan and Changi. Whilst in this post he enjoyed many expeditions with parties of boys, girls and staff camping in the Malayan jungle.

He finally returned to this country and became Deputy Headteacher and Acting Headteacher at the then Broadway School in Dorset. Here he also represented the Secondary Advisory Committee of the N.U.T. (National Union of Teachers) at national level. He was also a committee member of the South West Area Industrial Tribunals.

In the early 60's his health was poor and he was forced to resign at the beginning of 1962, and he died in the September of that year.

His wife Joyce still lives in Yelverton, Devon and she advises that they had two daughters and now there are four grandchildren. The eldest daughter is one of the few female plastic surgery consultants and the other daughter is married to a plastic surgery consultant. Joyce says that once all their connections were with the teaching profession and now it has been taken over by the medical profession.

She remembers friends in the Seale and Sands area where they lived and can still recollect many of the staff and boys at the Grammar School. One of her memories is when she sat in with the school orchestra with her cello, to help out George Reade the music teacher at the time.

RAY KIRK - THEN AND NOW

(1932 - 1937)



For this new series, that will be included in future issues of the magazine, it has been necessary to look at those Old Boys who are well known to the majority and have contributed much to the School over the years. Certainly Ray Kirk falls into this category and is an ideal person to begin this new look at Old Boys. The Kirk family are a local Farnham family and Ray was born in the town on 30th December 1920. He attended school at Wrecclesham in the early days and eventually went to the Farnham Grammar School in 1932, when he was 12 years of age. During his five years at the School he showed a great aptitude for all kinds of sports including Athletics, Football and Cricket. He joined School House and helped them to Cock House more than once during his years at the School.

He played both cricket and football for the School, but he will be most remembered for his outstanding success in athletics at school, district,

county and national level. In 1934 he won the 100 yards at the All England Schools Championships held at Blackpool and two years later he won the 440 yards at the same event. In 1939 he achieved his greatest victory at the London White City where he was first in the Junior AAA 220 yards championships.

In 1937 Ray left the School and worked locally for a short time before joining the Army on September 6th 1939, being in the 137 Battery Ack Ack Regiment. Of course the Second World War had now begun and in 1943 Ray took a commission and transferred to the infantry and was then posted to Lagos to join the Royal West African frontier force. Here he helped train troops for the campaign in Burma before moving into Egypt to help guard the Suez Canal for a time. Ray Kirk left the Army in 1946 with the rank of Major.

Arriving back in Farnham he joined the family business who were running the Ridgeway Post Office at the time and remained there as Postmaster for four years. In 1946 he had married Binny Ayling whose father owned Rangers in West Street, Farnham, a well known local furniture store. In 1950 Ray moved out of the Post Office and started work at Rangers, where he remained until he retired only a few years ago.

In the 1950's and 60's Binny and Ray became a well known mixed doubles pair in the local lawn tennis championships and won the Farnham title many times. He also played mens doubles with his younger brother and he remembers well those times and the high class of tennis players in the locality.

RAY KIRK

1932 - 1937

Ray and Binny continued to play tennis, although not so competitively, well into their sixties and this is probably why they both look so well, even though they have reached such a splendid age. In 1996 they celebrated their Golden Wedding and they have lived and brought up their three sons in the same house which is not far away from the School at Morley Road.

Ray and his wife still remain a sporting couple and these days they try their hand at golf. For more sedate competition they play Mah Jongg every week with other Old Boys and friends. The business at Rangers is now run by their son Jamie, who also attended the Farnham Grammar School and is a very useful tennis player himself. Ray and Binny had three sons and Terry also attended the Grammar School and is now in computers, whilst Peter the youngest, went to school in Godalming and is now a teacher. There are two grandchildren and it is clear from the many photographs on show, that they are a source of enjoyment for their grand parents.

Looking back over his time at the School he remembers the kindness of George Bacon and his great support when Ray was enjoying success at athletics. This well loved teacher gave Ray a book at the end of two of his best seasons and inside the covers listed all his achievements on the track, complete with his times for the various events. He also treasures a book given to him as the Headmaster's Prize in 1937 by Frank Morgan, which is for 'Leadership'.

Ray regularly attends the Annual Dinners at the School and one day would like to try the Southampton Lunch. He also says that from 1947 until 1995 he also attended the reunion of the 137 Battery Ack Ack Regiment with other Old Boys, Maurice Elphick of Elphicks Departmental Store, and Frank Pullinger who is the previous owner of the local stationery store in West Street. Ray is still in contact with several Old Boys, but he says that a great number of his old class at the School were killed in the Second World War.

SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

- 1934; 2nd - School Cross Country.
- 1935; 1st - School Batting Averages.
- 1936; 1st - in Five Events at School Athletics.
- 1936; 1st - School Cross Country.
- 1937; 1st - School Batting Averages.
- 1936 & 1937 Winner of the Victor Ludorum
- 1937 Captain of School Football, Cricket and Athletics Teams.



ALAN SMALLMAN - THEN AND NOW

(1927-1934)



A large number of Old Boys have clearly had illustrious careers and none more than Alan Smallman who attended the School from 1927 until 1934.

Alan was born in York in 1915 and had one brother Leslie, who was also an Old Boy. His father was an Army schoolmaster and the family moved to South Africa in 1919, where the boys began their first schooling. In 1921 they moved on to India, and it was 1926 before the family returned to this country and both boys continued their education at Farnham Grammar School in January 1927. Joining such a large school proved quite a shock after early years in small overseas Army schools. During the years at the School Alan and his brother were contemporaries of John Goddard, Eddie Glynn, Alan Ryall, Bruce George and Jim Kingcome amongst others and both boys proved to be first class sportsmen. Whilst Leslie was the better

athlete and won the School steeplechase in 1931, 1932 and 1933, brother Alan was an excellent rifle shot and helped the Harding House team win the house tournament in 1931, 1933 and 1934. He also played for the School at football, became Boxing captain and was also one of the leading runners and finally became House captain.

Alan received an honourable mention in the 1931 Royal Empire Society's essay competition for his study of the North West Frontier, and the following year received a second prize in this competition for an essay on 'The Racial Problems of South Africa, 'entitling him to £15 worth of books (a considerable amount in today's terms). Whilst at the School he joined the Natural History Society under Mr Court (General Science Master) and was encouraged to give talks on many subjects, including; Snakes, Evolution, Relativity and the Human Brain. Alan feels that this introduction to public speaking helped him greatly in later life and he has no problems with what can be a daunting task.

Alan left the School as Head Boy and talks with affection of that great master George Bacon. Like Ray Kirk he has a book from Mr Bacon with congratulations written inside the cover, and this is a treasured volume among the many books that surround Alan's office at his home. On leaving the School he went to Kings College, London and took a diploma in Journalism and Military Studies and whilst there came President of the Union and R.S.M. of the Officers Training Corps. Whilst here he did re-visit the School to tell the Debating Society about another Old Boy, George Sturt (1876-1879) and for some time he continued to write articles in the 'Farnhamian' magazine under the name of 'Eram'.

As the Second World War approached Alan applied for a regular commission in the Army and went to France in 1939, only to return to this country via Dunkirk in 1940. At home he was put in charge of 10 Motor Coach Company, which consisted of some 20 civilian motor coaches which

were to be used to move troops from place to place. They were a variety of colours and designs and Alan waited patiently for camouflage paint to enable him to turn the coaches into useable Army vehicles. Eventually he decided to cut short this boring interlude and joined the No 3 Commando and took part in the raid on Lofoton, Norway in March 1941 and Vaagsø, Norway in December 1941. He became Adjutant for the No 3 Commando and by 1942 was a Brigade Major of 1 Special Service Brigade. His Army career continued with time at Staff College, The War Office and then on to South East Asia Command, where he was a member of Lord Mountbatten's staff in Ceylon working on 'Operation Zipper', the planned invasion of Malaya. Before this invasion could take place the Japanese surrendered, and after two years as a Staff College instructor Alan found himself in Germany initially and then on to Fontainebleau with NATO. During the war the family experienced trauma when brother Leslie's wife survived the torpedoing of the Athenia in 1939, when on her way to Canada to join her husband. Unfortunately Leslie lost his life in 1941 while serving with the R.A.F. in Canada Alan decided to leave the Army in 1966 and joined the Imperial Tobacco Company in Bristol. He finally retired and came back to Farnham and began another part of his life in public service. Whilst at Bristol he was a Tax Commissioner, a position where he adjudicated on conflicts between the Inland Revenue and the public and vice-versa, and took up this position in Farnham. He also became involved in 'Talking Newspapers for the Blind', The Red Cross, Probus, Rotary, C.A.B., the Rowledge Parochial Church Council and became the Vice Chairman of the Farnham Society.

As a member of the Farnham Society he became a candidate for the Town Council and was successful in becoming a councillor in 1984. He soon became the Chairman of the Town Council and in 1984 he became the Mayor and held that position until 1986. On retiring as mayor he decided not to stand for re-election and opted out of local politics.

Alan Smallman is not one to stand still and soon became involved in other projects. He became a Governor of the Sixth Form College and when the college changed direction he became Chairman of the Trustees, a position that he proudly holds today. Alan is also a member of the Old Farnhamians Association General Committee and he is still offering ideas, advice at the regular meetings and is clearly committed to the Association and the College.

As you can see Alan Smallman has lead a remarkable life so far and in his 80's is still a very active man. He lives in Rowledge with his wife Nancy and is clearly proud of his five children and in particular his eleven grandchildren.

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

Harding House Captain, School Captain
 President of the Union at Kings College
 Brigade Major in Commandos
 Member of Lord Mountbatten's Staff in Ceylon
 Farnham Town Mayor



OBITUARIES

ALAN FLUCK (1951-1971) who was music teacher at the Farnham Grammar School for twenty years, died on Christmas Eve 1997 from a heart attack at the age of 69 years.

With obituaries in The Times, The Guardian and the local newspapers there is much to be said about this well known and well loved ex schoolmaster. He was born in Tonypany, the son of a tailor, and was an only child and a cousin of the actress Diana Dors. His family moved to Cheltenham when he was a child and he studied organ and composition at the Royal College of Music. During his time at the School many famous composers came and worked with the pupils, including Benjamin Britten, Gian Carlo Menotti and Arthus Bliss. He also involved the pupils from the Farnham Girls Grammar School on occasions, notably in a performance of Britten's 'Let's Make An Opera', with the composer and well known singer Peter Pears in the audience. Many of Alan Fluck's pupils went on to distinguished careers in music, the most famous being the world renowned conductor Jeffrey Tate, who sang the part of the boy Nicholas in the production of St. Nicholas by Alan Fluck.

Concerned about the gulf between school music and the world of music outside, Alan Fluck instigated the Farnham Festival, which he ran biennially between 1961 and 1971. During these first ten years some 50 works were commissioned for the festival, all paid for by sponsorship which included local companies such as Elphicks and The Farnham Herald.

He was also one of the original saviours of the Farnham Maltings, inspired by his friend Benjamin Britten's venture at the Snape Maltings in Suffolk.

In 1971 Alan Fluck took up the position of the director for 'Youth and Music' which is a ticket concessionary scheme for young people. This was at the request of Sir Robert Mayer, who began the scheme in London, and who had attended several concerts at the Farnham Festival. His task was to 'build the audience of tomorrow' and he enthusiastically did this by concessionary tickets to members for musical events, or inexpensive informal concerts like the 'cushion concerts' at the Royal Academy.

Another major project instigated by him was the historic performance in 1987 of Britten's War Requiem by the FUM World Youth Orchestra, on both sides of the wall then dividing the city of Berlin. He also composed a musical, 'Love on the Dole', which was based on the book by Terry Hughes. Alan Fluck, who was a bachelor, lived in Guildford at the time of his death and was buried in Guildford Crematorium on Wednesday 7th January 1998. These were among his many tributes; "Alan Fluck was a man of great visions and saw the potential of the Maltings as a regional centre for music and arts" - Maltings chairman Pat Woodroffe.

"I recognised him as someone quite outstanding - one of those people with tremendous energy who always wanted to do something bigger and better." - George Baxter ex-Headmaster of Farnham Grammar School. "Alan Fluck will be greatly missed internationally, but how fortunate we in Farnham have been to have known him and to have been inspired by the infectious enthusiasm of one of this century's greatest champions of Music for Youth." Julia Wilson - Artistic Director for the Farnham Festival.

Probably one of the most accurate assessments of the ex-teacher was made by the BBC personality Richard Baker in his personal tribute in the Guardian newspaper. "Alan Fluck's consuming enthusiasm was infectious, his sense of humour delightfully mischievous.

There were always new schemes brewing, hinted at in confidential asides. Some of these would come to fruition, others not. Money was always in short supply, and the public purse was too often tightly shut. But if there's still an audience for great music in the Britain of the 21st century, it will be thanks not least to Alan Fluck."



Alan Fluck conducting the instrumental ensemble in Benjamin Britten's "Let's make an Opera" at the Church House, Farnham in February 1952.

P.E.G. (Peg) MOORE; (1923-28). Peter was the eldest of three brothers who attended the school. He spent his early working life in the RAF, where he obtained a commission, and then moved on to British Caledonian as a navigation officer, eventually finishing with British Airways, a job which took him all over the world but which eventually grounded him for most of his time planning routes. At school he particularly enjoyed his cricket and was usually good for the semi-final rounds in the boxing, being of sturdy physique. He was for some years a member of Normandy Cricket Club and more recently Blackheath. There are many Old Boys who will miss his amiable company after the game.

JOHN PUTTICK; (1926-32). John, like his elder brother, travelled to the school on the Haslemere bus. A Chartered Surveyor, he was a member of the association for many years and prominent in the affairs of his home town, where he was a past president of the Haslemere Natural History Society.



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D. Palmer, M. Rochefort, B. Gray, C. Fairclough, A. Everett
 J. Herod, P. Blowfield, A. Fordham (Staff), S. Darnell, V. Hugo, B. Brett,
 C. Foster, R. Reeves, K. Edmonson,
 M. Davies, R. Larby, D. Highton,
 C. Dixon, J. Gibbons, S. Francis,
 T. Ellwood, J. Goebel, K. Simpson, M. Westcott,
 L. Scard, G. Wootton, G. Bristow,
 D. Cranham, A. Green, B. Osborne, A. Cook, G. Sherfield, G. Foot,
Not in photograph; D. Bewley, A. Nicholson, R. Hall.

NEWS OF THE OLD BOYS

JOHN CROTTY/CYRIL TRUST

Since the 1994 magazine we have been regularly in contact with BARBARA WILLS, the widow of the much respected Art Master, JOHN WILLS, who now lives in Lancashire. She advises that the photograph of her husband in the 1997 magazine meeting the Duchess of Gloucester at the opening ceremony of the new hall extension was the third time that he had been presented to her. The first occasion was when he graduated from the Royal College and the second time when the Duchess opened the new building of the Crypt School in Gloucester, where John Wills taught before coming to Farnham Grammar School. Barbara says that her husband liked the lady and always referred to her as 'my Duchess'.

Late congratulations to LIONEL WRIGHT (1925-27) and his wife Peggy who celebrated their Diamond Wedding Anniversary in 1997. Recently seen in Farnham was BRIAN FITZPATRICK, who attended the School in the early 50's and made his career in the Royal Air Force. He retired from the forces only three years ago, having reached the rank of Warrant Officer and ended his time stationed at RAF Odiham. He now lives at Alton and is semi retired, but keeps himself involved with a part time job with the Civil Service. Those who knew him will remember his prowess as an athlete in the school team and his success both at local and county level.

Brian says that his older brother TERRY FITZPATRICK completed his National Service after leaving the School and then joined the police force. He moved to what was then Rhodesia and found that he had to complete a spell in their National Service programme before joining the local police. Apparently he had several narrow escapes over his career in the force, including surviving being blown up in a truck during the problems in that country some years ago. Terry retired from the police and decided to become a lawyer and is working successfully in what is now Zimbabwe. Probably inspired by meeting old friends at the Old Boys Annual Dinners, JOHN COCKLE (1948-53) decided to round up old school friends from St. Peters in Wreclesham and over a dozen of his old classmates joined him at the school he attended prior to coming to the Grammar School. The photograph in the local paper of the group included another Old Boy, GEOFF HOOKER, who was attending the evening with his wife Margaret, who had attended the local school.

LEONARD EVANS (ex Chemistry Teacher) passes on further news of JON WONHAM, who left the School in 1955. Jon has now retired from his post as Professor of Mechanical Engineering at the University of Cardiff and can now spend time on the various consultancy work that we referred to in the 1997 magazine. Also from GEORGE BAXTER we hear that GERALD TOOGOOD has also retired as Professor of Chemistry at Waterloo University of Ontario. Gerald has been made a 'meritus' professor, which means that he retains his title even though he has retired. He will not be idle in retirement and will also undertake consultancy work.

CYRIL TRUST (1948 - 1953) has also joined the ranks of the retired Old Boys and after many years in sales and marketing he can now spend more time on the 'Farnhamian' magazine. In addition to this he is a very active Governor of The Ridgeway School in Farnham, which caters for severely handicapped children.

NEWS OF THE OLD BOYS

In the report on the Southampton Lunch I referred to the welcome attendance by PETER MORICE (1937-1944) after some years and he has now followed this up with a letter offering his personal tribute to Eric Munton (one of our 1998 Old Master Profiles)."

My main contact with 'Mu' Munton was when I was in the science sixth from 1942 - 1944. Maths was always a subject that fascinated me and Munton's teaching encouraged me to make it my special forte. We were, of course, a very small group, perhaps six in all, so we had virtually personal tuition from a man who was totally committed to his subject and the teaching of it. I recall that he had a few mannerisms, the principle one being to use that 'George III sort of expletive 'What, What, What' spoken quickly like a machine gun. I was very inquisitive about science, and particularly cosmology, and used to read the articles in the Encyclopedia Britannica which was shelved at the back of his form room, as well as books by Sir James Jeans and Eddington. He started by admonishing me for spending my time on things which were too advanced but when he saw how fascinated I was he relaxed his view and used to discuss some of the concepts with me. I do remember that in my final report, whilst he hoped and expected I would do well, he said 'I advise more non-scientific reading', a view with which the Headmaster concurred. It was certainly true that at that time I was poorly read in English literature.

My parents having moved away from Farnham, I saw little of Eric Munton during the next few years and only renewed my friendship with him through the Southampton dinners which he came to on a number of occasions. I found that we shared an interest in good wine and I used to select something quite nice, usually a claret, for us to enjoy with our dinner. I think there is little doubt that Eric Munton was one of four men who have had a seminal influence on my career." I am sure that many Old Boys would share the sentiment in the final lines and point to one of their teachers as having a major influence on their life and career.

Recently seen in Farnham was JOHN FALKNER (1948-53) who was in the police force for 28 years, mainly working locally. After he took early retirement he worked as a security officer in industry for a short time and is now working in this capacity at the University of Surrey at Guildford. John operates from the office at the main gate of the university and anyone visiting should keep a look out for him. John says that he has remained in contact with MICK BARHAM (1948-53) as he married a member of the Falkner family many years ago. Mick and his wife emigrated to Australia over thirty years ago and there he started a supermarket and had a very successful time. He has just decided to retire and is due to come to England in the near future. No doubt we will see him in Farnham and obtain a little more news from him.

The local newspapers included an article in December about a former Old Boy DAVID LEA, who was at the School from the late 40's until the mid 50's, and his appointment to a top level Government body aimed at persuading people to buy cleaner cars. Dr. Gavin Strang, the Transport Minister, announced the formation of the group, which will be chaired by Ian McAllister, of The Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders. The Cleaner Vehicles Task Force, as it is called, has been set up "to put environmental factors on the shopping list when choosing new cars" according to the Minister. DAVID LEA went to Cambridge University after leaving the Grammar School and has worked for many years at the TUC. He has been a leading figure in the Farnham Roads Action group and encouraged the creation of the Blackwater Valley Road, and is now working on the Hickley's Corner project on the Farnham by-pass.

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As well as submitting an interesting article for this edition CHRIS SLYFIELD (1955-1962) has advised that as well as being a Godalming Town Councillor he is a Waverley Borough Councillor for Godalming. He is also Finance Director of a family owned forklift company at Brentford, Middlesex. Although a very busy man he still finds time to maintain his interest in Classic Cars and attends rallies and shows with his TVR tourer V6, that he built in 1970 and has recently restored. His son is also interested in the world of Classic Cars and takes his father to the shows in his father's BMW - a sign of the times! Chris feels that second childhood is approaching as he has had his 3 litre Capri restored recently (it was rotting in the garage). Chris says that he was always a boy racer - but it used to be Essex Girls that he chased in the old days!!

We have heard from JOHN LLOYD (1937-1944) in Australia saying how much he enjoyed the article on him in the 1997 magazine. He was particularly interested in the profile on JOHN CADIER and remembers John's euphoria on the 6th June 1944 when the D-Day landings were announced. Apparently John's party piece was to stick needles in his arm without batting an eyelid. However, he was more than useful when helping others with their French translation homework. Another friend at the time was a Belgian boy called Thiery, who caused French master Sidney 'Johnny' Horner a great deal of trouble trying to understand his version of the French language.

One of John's greatest friends was HARRY LEEDHAM who left the school at the same time and took up an apprenticeship in the aeronautical gas turbine division of Rolls Royce in Derby. Harry married a Derby girl and went to Canada to work for Canadair and John often wonders what happened to him.

John is now 70 years of age and talks of marvellous weather, bright sunshine and daytime temperatures of twenty four degrees in Queensland. The sea is calm and ideal for fishing or boating and in June the sugar cane harvest will begin and there will be the usual evening spectacle of the cane trash being burnt off prior to cutting the following morning. From his local port Messrs Tate & Lyle export some three hundred and fifty thousand tonnes of sugar per annum and he suspects that some of it may end up in your cup of tea or coffee in the U.K. John's letter is that of a very happy and contented man enjoying the life in his adopted country.

You will see in this issue the obituary of ALAN FLUCK (1951-1971) and maybe wonder why his profile has not appeared before. In fact we did write to him sometime ago asking for his potted life story and his permission to print it in the magazine and his reply was typically 'Peter Pannish'. He said that his workload was such that he did not have time to write down his memories of the School, but he hoped that he would find the time to do it 'when he grew up'.

Compliments on the 1997 magazine have been received from DAVID ROGERS (left 1936) in Australia. He says that last year he heard from a Squadron Leader in the RAF asking for contributions for a new book called 'The Lancaster Story' and duly forwarded a few pages from Volume Two of his own life story. The book has now been issued and contains much of the information from David. He liked the report on IAN PERKINS and may catch up with him one day, when he has finally completed the volumes on his life story.

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Our latest life member is PETER GARRY, who left in 1967. He is hoping to contact his contemporaries via the association and in particular wonders what became of NICK CHILDS and PHILIP DUNLOP, who, he recalls, wanted to be an architect and a policeman respectively. News from anywhere would be appreciated.

DEREK IVISON has moved house recently and has a dental practice in Haslemere. He supports a wife and three children. Another member on the move is JOHN MUNDAY, who by now is living in Ireland, as is CHRIS GIBBONS, who sent us his collection of school magazines.

ALAN LOVELL retired in September 1996 after 43 years in local government, finishing his stint as Divisional Traffic Engineer for the Guildford and Waverley areas. He has been a J.P. since 1979 and suggests that he may be the only Old Boy serving in that capacity. Perhaps we shall hear from one or two of our faster motorists. Alan follows in the footsteps of his father and grandfather in being a member of Binsted Parish Council, of which he has been the chairman since 1979. Currently he is vice-chairman of the Hampshire County branch of parish and town councils.

We have heard from ROYSTON SNART, who, if his hacienda in Spain is as long as his address, is most comfortably housed. He credits his grounding in languages at FGS for his success as a translator with much of his work coming from researchers at the nearby University of Cadiz. Others who use his services are Gonzalez Byass and a naval defence equipment company. He sees himself as a Jack-of-all-trades but views his economics degree as a weighty entree where business is concerned. He has two children from his first marriage and a son, who has spent half his life in Spain, by his second. Royston, for all his education and experience, confesses that Spanish politics and bureaucracy remain a mystery.

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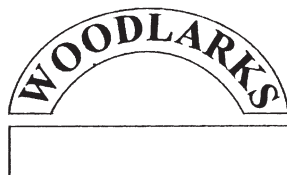
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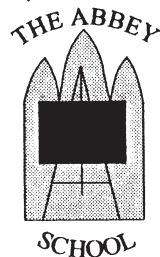
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